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Spatial differentiation of the tourist attractiveness of Roztocze

This article aims at an attempt of evaluation of the geographical environment of the Roztocze area for the needs of tourism. The analysis encompasses twenty one units situated within the borders of Roztocze – the region characterized as a separate unit of mesoregion rank in the physical and geographical division of Poland (Kondracki, Richling 1994). In order to evaluate the geographical environment for the needs of tourism, three elements influencing tourist attractiveness were taken into account: natural tourism features, tourism facilities and transport accessibility. The research encompasses 22 counties of Roztocze within the borders of Lublin and Sub-Carpathian voivodeships (image 1) and the subject of the analysis and the evaluation were 12 features (table 1) which, according to the author allow for an objective estimation of the tourist attractiveness of a region. On the bases of the conducted research it is possible to state that Roztocze is moderately attractive for tourists. The share of the areas classified above the threshold value constitutes 29,9% (8630 km2). The highest results on the synthetic indicator of the tourist attractiveness were achieved for Krasnobród (indicator 0,478). The county stands out among the researched populace because of natural and cultural features but, most of all, the level of development of the tourism material base.