

Abstract

Legal regime of sport and leisure activities in national parks of the Czech Republic

This thesis focuses on the legal regulation of leisure activities in the national parks in the Czech Republic. The first part of the thesis summarises the development of nature and landscape protection, especially in the context of the establishment of the national parks in the Czech Republic. The next section describes the main sources of legislation in the Czech Republic in this area. At the same time, the various legal instruments used for the protection of national parks are also defined. The third part of the thesis elaborates in more detail, how the protection instruments set boundaries for carrying out selected leisure activities in national parks. In the fourth part of this thesis, the institutional arrangements of nature protection are described in more detail, with a particular focus on the role of nature rangers.

The main objective of this thesis is to summarise the legal regulations and provisions that shape nature protection in the territory of national parks in the Czech Republic. An equally important aim of the thesis is to assess the regulatory enforcement in practice. In order to achieve these objectives, the above-mentioned legal regulations and published literature, as well as the case law of administrative courts and the Constitutional Court were researched. An equally important research tool was an interview with a nature ranger in the Krkonoše National Park.

The paper concludes with a description of the key points that emerge from a closer examination of this issue. These include the fact that nature and landscape protection in the Czech Republic is sufficiently and comprehensively ensured, but in many cases the general public is not sufficiently informed of the regulatory framework. Allowing the use of law enforcement by nature rangers could also help to improve the situation by expanding their enforcement powers. However, it is clear that there is now an emphasis on the support of nature protection in national park areas by constitutional stakeholders, where this interest is in many cases placed above the interests of the individuals.