

Vandalism in recreation areas

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Abstract: Vandalism have usually been used for explaining to damage the defenseless thing intentionally and without any purpose. Although it is not a very common word in our daily life, but unfortunately it has become a very commonly encountered phenomenon and usually related with physical and economic deterioration of the environment. However, economic, demographic, social and educational factors have usually effects the intensity of vandalism. It is well known that people who are not sympathetic to the others or unpleasant in society, are usually reveals more aggressive feelings and may not considered no matter how sturdy they are. Hence, the vandalism, which emerged as a complicated behavior and actions target in gall materials in various levels and results. At the present time, demands on recreational activities are increasing especially in cities and near environs. For that reason, the sustainable usage and protection of landscape values has become great importance. However, the concept of protection is ensuring the participation of the public in recreational are a sand integrated with the public. A number of activities could be considered as vandalism; destroying, breaking, cutting, burning, throwing paint, etc. However, vandalism are mostly shown in landscape assets as follows; lighting fixtures, seating benches, floor coverings, garbage cans, information billboards, signs, plants, playgrounds, etc. Moreover, with well designs and protection programs, the effects of vandalism may be minimized. Hence, the ownership of the public may help to care, and prefers for appropriate preservation of assets. Moreover, rapid fix or replacement of damaged equipment, or removal of damages could help prevent against vandalism. In this study, it was aimed to determine the causes of vandalism in the context of user- environment interactions in recreation areas. The vandalism phenomenon, which causes material and asset loss, will be discussed in detail. Some examples in the framework of urban design and recreational areas and some suggestions will be made against vandalism.

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