

Title: Strengthening rural areas with adrenaline sports

Type of action: playgrounds / long term action



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Type of solutions: Sport based solution

Location of the Good Practice: Malatya/Türkiye

Designer/s: Akçadağ Municipality Rural Development Presidency

Investor/s: Akçadağ Municipality has implemented related projects by working with various architects and academicians on the valley by purchasing services from outside.

Cost of works: 1.103.948,00€

Extension of the area: 589 hectares

Rational and overall scope of the intervention: Levent Valley is a geological natural wonder dating back 65 million years. There is a glass terrace where the Canyon can be viewed at an altitude of 240 m over the valley, a 57-meter-long glass bridge connecting the two sides, Giant swing for adrenaline enthusiasts, Mini Slackline platform, 140-meter-long

240-meter-high Zipline Line. Tent Campsite, which was tendered and under construction within the scope of I am watching the enchanting valley project, Caravan Stations, 6 indoor accommodation units, Adventure Stairs, Off road road, Trekking Route that goes down to the valley floor and includes fossil caves on its route, 5 km long Mountain cross-country bike path, There are 6 cave shops of 15 m², the Cruise Way, Cafeteria & Restaurant.

Target groups addressed and related needs:

Nature lovers, Adrenaline enthusiasts, University Communities, Local people visits, National and International athletes, Needs for the whole group.

Community engagement process / Participatory process

In order to increase the participation in the activities held in the valley, Festivals were organized, Concerts were held, various activities were organized by communicating with the communities from the universities. Special designs made and still being made in the valley were brought to life, making it a popular place.

Description of the designing/co-designing process

For the designs implemented in the Levent Valley, Akçadağ Municipality, the Geography Department of Universities and the Faculty of Engineering Department teachers held a total of nearly 100 meetings where ideas, including the people of the Region, were held, and in line with the decisions taken after the meeting, services were purchased from more than one architect who specializes in the field, and the design was ensured.

Description of technologies and material used for works:

Inspired by the early Ottoman architecture, where new technology was synthesized with old practices in the geological structure of the region in the works carried out, construction materials such as Natural Stones, Wood, Basalt, Lokma Iron Railings, Marble, Kufeki Stone

and indoor design. In mechanical applications, construction materials such as Iron Profile and Rope are used.

Impact on the place aesthetics:

Construction activities, as part of the valley, are aesthetically harmonized with the environment and designed to provide integrity.

Impact on the community wellbeing:

Due to the fact that the region is a frequent destination in National and International Tourism and hosting various organizations, it contributes to the increase in the tourism income of the country and the increase of the welfare level of the society. Rural development policy objectives have been achieved.

Impact on the community inclusion:

The impact of the community's inclusion contributed to the spread of nature and adrenaline sports in the surrounding provinces and especially in Malatya. It also offered various job opportunities to people living in rural areas. The people living in the countryside have adopted an active lifestyle by taking advantage of the valley.

Potential of improving people's health: High

Level of creativity: Medium high.

Attention to gender equality and inclusion: Medium low.

Aesthetic impact on the urban environment: Medium-low

Level of sustainability: Very high.



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Links to sources

13- <http://www.leventvadisi.org/>