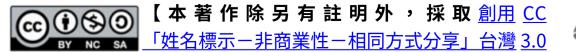


Chap. 12 The Health Benefits of Recreational Activities on Leisure Farms in Taiwan (III)

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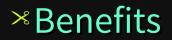
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Natural based recreational activitiesPhysiological well-being of Human

EnvironmentActivitiesExperiences





*This study investigates the health benefits of recreational activities on leisure farms in Taiwan.

>Using an on-site survey to conduct the psychophysical experiment on visitors, this study attempts to explore the relationship between recreational activities and health benefits.



Literature



Environment

Experience

Activity

× Natural Based Activities in Taiwan

- × Ecotourism
- * Rural Tourism
- \times Agritourism
- × Leisure Farm



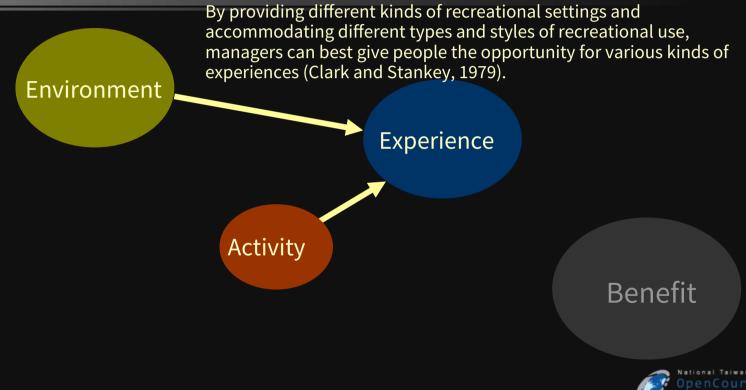








Outdoor Recreation Theories



Benefits of Nature

Benefit

Experience

Environment

* Benefits of Nature Environment

- * The belief that being in a natural environment is good for our mental and physical health is not new. Many medical professionals, among them Florence Nightingale, have encouraged people to go to the country to convalesce after illness. Research studies appear to provide some validation for these views (Regan and Horn, 2005).
- * The findings that exposure to nature stimuli compared to urban stimuli elicits reduced physiological arousal and less attentional selectivity provide an important step in understanding why nature stimuli are experienced as restorative (Laumann, 2003).

× Health Benefits of Recreation Actives

...park-based leisure activity levels on the physical health of park users. Exercise facilities, including parks... have been found to be associated with vigorous physical activity ... that have been positively associated with physical activity include the presence of enjoyable scenery, frequency of seeing others exercise, and access to and satisfaction with recreational facilities (Bedimo-Rung, 2005).

Environment

In addition to the physical health benefits of parks, there may be numerous psychological benefits for park users that arise from the proximity of "natural environments (Bedimo-Rung, 2005)."



Research Design



Environment

Natural Openness Man-made Openness Natural Education Man-made Education

Experience



Natural Openness





Man-made Openness



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Natural Education





Man-made Education





Passive Semi Passive Semi Active Active Relax sitting, Rest, Sight seeing Walking around Planting potted plants Feeding animals

Activity



Passive

- × Relax sitting
- × Rest
- × Sight seeing













Semi Passive

× Walking













×Semi Active

× Planting potted plants

















× Active

× Feeding animals





















Experience

Farm Recreation Experience Scale (FRES)Sense of Controlalpha=0.747Sense of Social supportActivityalpha=0.685Sense of Exercisealpha=0.648Sense of Natural empowermentalpha=0.778

Sense of Achievement Sense of Extraordinary experience



Perceived Restorative Scale (PRS)

alpha=0.765

Hartig et al. (1996, 1997) have developed a perceived environmental restorativeness scale (PRS) with the aim of measuring the restorative components of environments derived from Kaplan and Kaplan's (1989) theory.

Being Away Extend Fascination Compatibility Experience

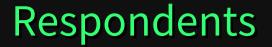
Biofeedback Indicators

Electromyography (EMG): EMG measures muscle response to nervous stimulation, which can be used as an index of muscle tension (Carol, I985). Heart Rate (HR): Heart Rate measures....



Data Collection Procedure

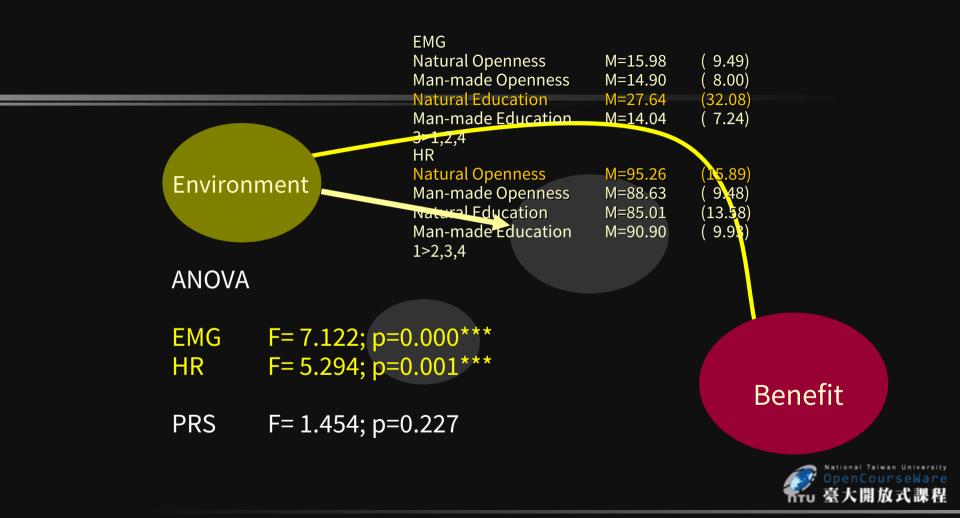




×272 subjects were tested

*61% female; 39% male
*41% respondent between 21-30 years old





Sense of Natural empowerment

Natural Openness	M=95.26	(15.89)
Man-made Openness	M=88.63	(9.48)
Natural Education	M=85.01	(13.58)
Man-made Education	M=90.90	(9.93)
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Sense of Extraordinary experience

Natural Openness	M=4.03	(0.673)
Man-made Openness	M=3.59	(0.798)
Natural Education	M=3.91	(0.750)
Man-made Education	M=3.74	(0.691)
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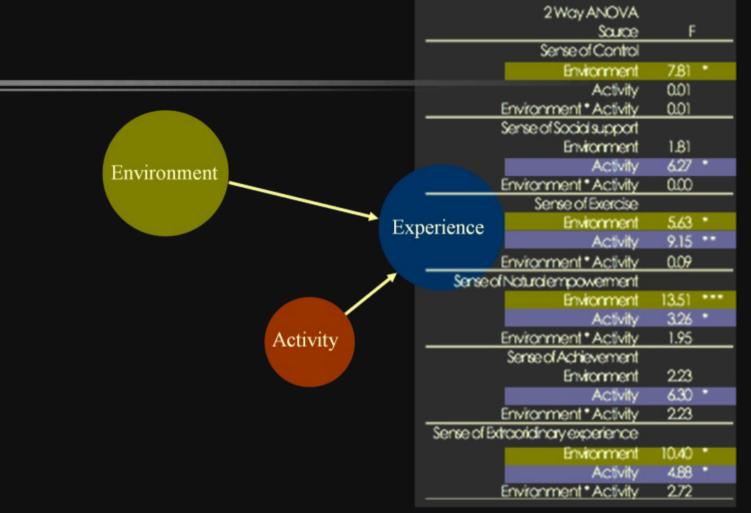
ANOVA

Sense of Control Sense of Social support Sense of Exercise Sense of Natural empowerment Sense of Achievement Sense of Extraoridinary experience

F=1.300; p=0.275 F=0.657; p=0.579 F=2.083; p=0.103 F=2.618; p=0.051(*) F=1.499; p=0.215 F=5.044; p=0.002**

Benefit

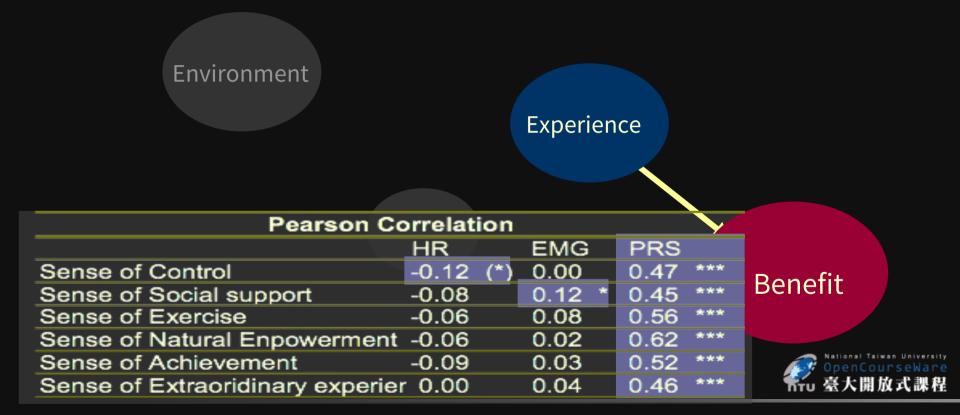


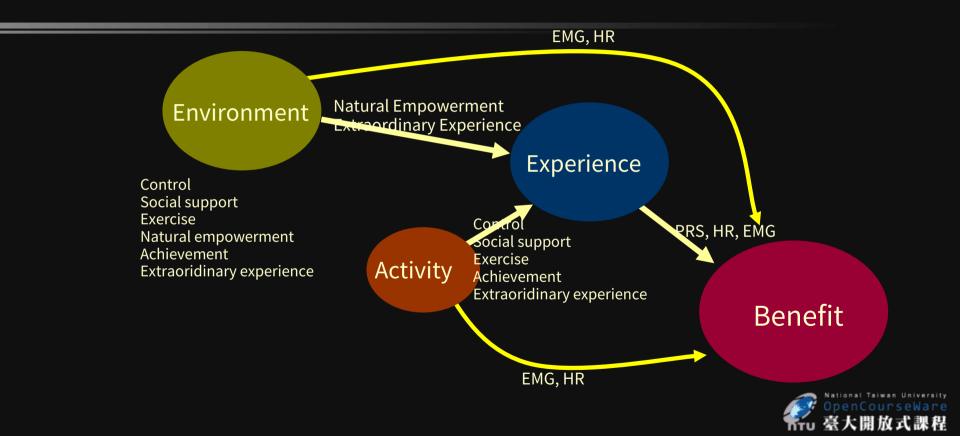




ANOVA			EMG Passive	M=18.35	(15.58)
EMG HR	F= 4.019; p=0.008** F=31.921; p=0.000***		Semi Passive Semi Active M=13.70 Active 1,2>3,4	M=19.23 (9.09) M=12.36	(10.58) (7.62)
PRS	F= 1.811; p=0.145		HR Passive Semi Passive Semi Active M=91.07 Active 2>1,3,4 4>1	M=87.84 M=110.61 (8.86) M=95.50	<mark>(11.75)</mark> (20.36) (9.83)
		Activity		Benefi	t
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ANOVA		Sense of Control Passive Semi Passive M=28.29 (3 Semi Active Active	M=29.41 (2.97) 3.49) M=29.70 (2.94) M=30.37 (2.54)
Sense of Control	F= 2.999; p=0.031*	3,4>2	M=30.37 (2.34)
Sense of Social support	F= 2.844; p=0.038*	Sense of Social Support	
Sense of Exercise Sense of Natural empowerment F=	F= 3.118; p=0.027*	Passive Sarri Passiva M-26 76 /	M=26.83 (2.88)
Sense of Achievement	F= 2.969; p=0.032*	Semi Passive M=26.76 (2 Semi Active	M=27.73 (2.99)
Sense of Extraordinary experience	F= 3.540; p=0.015*	Active	M=28.09 (2.92)
		Experience ^{3,4>1}	
		Sense of Exercise	
		Passive	M=26.16 (2.69)
Sense of Achievement		Semi Passive M=26.38 (2 Semi Active	2.56) M=27.33 (2.98)
Passive M=3.32	Activity	Active	M=27.03 (3.00)
Semi Passive M=3.29 (0.58)	Activity	3>1	
Semi Active M=3.58 Active M=3.54			~t:+
3>1,2		Ben	епт
Sense of Extraordinary Experience			
Passive M=2.82 (0.67)	(0.74)		
Semi Passive M=3.82 (0.67) Semi Active M=4.04	(0.65)		OpenCourseWare
Active M=4.11			ти 臺大開放式課程
3,4>1			





Discussion and Conclusion



Regarding the benefits of recreational activities on health, this study found that different kinds of activities lead to different affective responses.

 * HR indicated that sitting is the most relax condition.
 * EMG indicated that two activities - planting potted plants and feeding animals - resulted in the most relaxing beneficial effect.

Planting potted plants and feeding animals also have higher recreation experience scores.

*Active contact types of farm activities get respondents better health well-being.

*Feeding animals and planting potted plants brought about the greatest sense of control, sense of social support, and sense of extraordinary experience for the respondents.



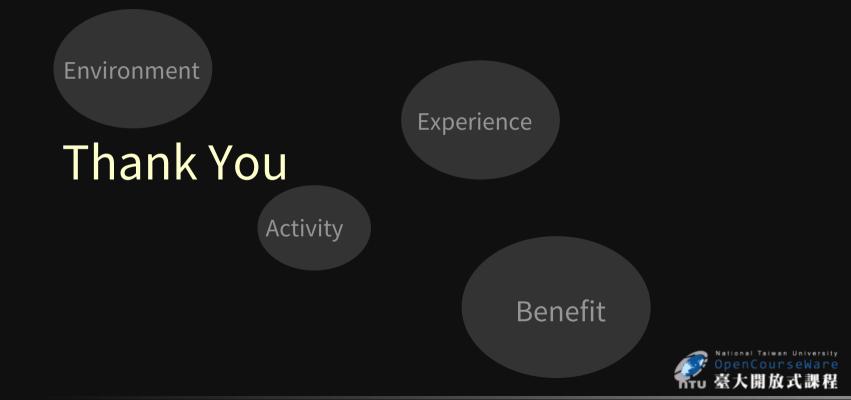
➤Environment

\times Activities

➤Experiences

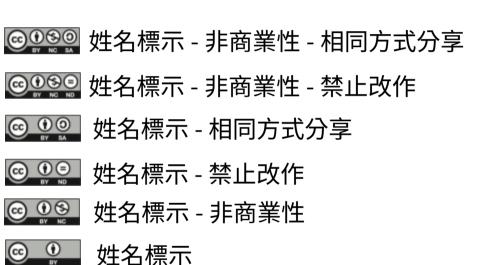
× Health Benefits



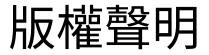




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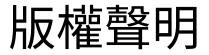






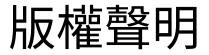
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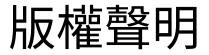
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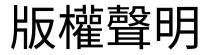
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