

POTENTIAL GEOTOURISM AND GEODIVERSITY IN SERRA DO CADEADO, PARANÁ, BRASIL

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This paper seeks to introduce the concept of geodiversity as a natural resource, the physical elements that make up the landscape, support for the development of biodiversity and use the clipping of the geological and geomorphological features of the Serra do Cadeado, situated in the Northern state of Parana, South of Brazil, to evaluate some potential for tourist use of geodiversity through geotourism, using the survey as a method of possible limitations, content, values, and proposed a set of conditions geosites located in the area. Landforms such as caves or wells, dams and slopes as well as geological outcrops identified provide a rich geodiversity in the region, from the observations may be important products (geo) touristic with different values, such as scientific historic, scenic, tourist and educational. The results indicate a significant potential for geodiversity, however if the effective use and exploitation may be limited by the conditions, frailty, infrastructure and risk of degradation.

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