

## EGU26 media tip sheet: From oysters to trash, swimming to hiking: Geotourism and recreation

Tourism and recreational activities are affected by climate change, human habits and needs, and even umbrellas! This selection of abstracts touches on how humans explore and interact with the world for fun, and why ecology, the environment and climate matter.

### Foodies for Science - the Oyster Hunt

*Denmark's 'Oyster Hunt' connects the community of Limfjorden with gastro-tourists—those willing to travel to learn about regionally important foods. Participants are briefed about the fjord's ecology and sent to take samples in and around an oyster reef. They engage with scientists and chefs, eventually eating their hunt. Based on this example, a team proposes how to develop similar events.*

**Monday 04 May 17:37–17:47 CEST; Room 1.34 [EGU26-18574](#)**

[Session OS3.1: Effects of anthropogenic pressures on marine ecosystems: impacts, development of new cost-effective technologies and citizen science approaches](#) (oral)

### Quantifying Trash from Tourism

*In Laguna Beach, California, community volunteers—concerned citizens and local high school students—were trained in litter sampling and categorization in an effort to quantify tourism-derived trash. An analysis of the garbage found a significant amount came from just a few holiday weeks, with enhanced signage appearing to be ineffective in reducing litter.*

**Tuesday 05 May 10:45–12:30 CEST; Hall A, A.119 [EGU26-15138](#)**

[Session ITS3.14/HS12.4: Advances in plastic pollution monitoring across the Geosphere](#) (poster)

### Don't Swim Near Hydroelectric Structures!

*French hydropower company Électricité De France worries about swimmers and watercraft near hydroelectricity facilities, particularly as water-based activities like paddle-boarding*

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*and canoeing become more popular. In this work, they determined thresholds beyond which swimmers of various profiles (children, adults, athletes) and floating watercraft cannot escape danger with the help of members of the SDIS 81 water rescue team.*

**Wednesday 06 May 16:15–18:00 CEST; Hall A, A.1 [EGU26-3833](#)**

[Session HS1.1.3: Advances in river monitoring and modelling, including UAS and satellite based methods](#) (poster)

### **Reshaping Europe’s Coastal Tourism**

*A new study quantifies how climate change under two emissions pathways will alter tourism along Europe’s coastlines. Rising temperatures, changing winds, and more will impact comfort and beach quality, shifting both the timing and geography of tourist seasons.*

**Thursday 07 May 08:30–10:15 CEST; Hall X4, X4.116 [EGU26-21281](#)**

[Session ITS1.14/GI1: Data-Driven Planning in Changing Environments: From Population Grids to Management of Outdoor Recreation](#) (poster)

### **Nature-based Tourism: Italy’s “Anello della Val di Fiastra” Hiking Path**

*A cultural trekking route in Italy’s Marche region combines slow tourism with unique natural landscapes and local heritage. Participants from six small municipalities on the route engaged in a workshop that considered how climate change will affect the route by 2068.*

**Thursday 07 May 11:40–11:50 CEST; Room 2.17 [EGU26-20623](#)**

[Session ITS1.14/GI1: Data-Driven Planning in Changing Environments: From Population Grids to Management of Outdoor Recreation](#) (oral)

### **How Does Your Umbrella Affect Your Beach Vibes?**

*Sitting under a parasol at the beach is part of many people’s summer vacation. But is the shade helping, or instead increasing heat-related discomfort? Under certain conditions, the answer appears to be the latter. The authors consider this question for summertime conditions at well-known beach destinations.*

**Thursday 07 May 15:35–15:45 CEST; Room E2 [EGU26-8096](#)**

[Session AS2.2: Air-Land Interactions](#) (oral)

### **St. Mark’s Square Underwater**

*Because of Venice’s extreme high-tide events, a storm surge barrier system has been installed that activates when sea level rises by 1.10 meters above Punta della Salute—a comprise between flood protection and economic impacts. By the time this level is reached,*

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*12% of Venice is flooded, including the iconic St. Mark's Square. Additional interventions have been implemented and planned. A new study investigates the effects of restoration and adaptation scenarios.*

**Thursday 07 May 17:28–17:38 CEST; Room D2 [EGU26-12176](#)**

**Session NH9.4: Urban Risk in a Changing World: Dynamics, Disruption & Resilience in Cities** (oral)

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