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Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Use and Perception of Urban Green Space

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It is well acknowledged how important green spaces are for the provision of various environmental services, as well as social and psychological benefits. In 2020, the pandemic generated by the novel Coronavirus led governments to impose restrictive measures to contain its spread and reduce its dramatic effects on hospitalizations and deaths. Urban green spaces represent opportunities to relax and lower the anxiety, but their accessibility is not always good. During the pandemic lockdown, green spaces considered gathering places were closed in some countries, while in other countries it was demonstrated that an urban green space could become an "oasis" for a moment of respite from home confinement. The aim of this Special Issue is to collect studies on the access and perception of green spaces (urban and non-urban) and the natural landscape in general during the time of pandemic, in order to provide governance actors with scientific evidence on which they can base policies for facing and coexisting with dramatic situations such as a pandemic—and for increasing the long-term resilience of the urban and rural landscape.



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