

**RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AND ATTRACTION AT PANTAI BANDAR MERSING,
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CHAPTER 01- BACKGROUND STUDY

1.1 Introduction

Recreational activities are nothing new in today's human life. It is a way for individuals to fill their leisure time, to relieve stress after work, by engaging in activities that bring health and energy recovery. Factors such as time, taste and satisfaction to be found provide an opportunity for individuals to choose their recreation patterns they love to fill their leisure time after being overwhelmed with their daily tasks. S.Shiver (1981)

Furthermore recreational park as a place to socialize with individuals, neighbours and to foster a happy family life and greenery the surrounding area to create a cozy atmosphere (Nur Fateha, 2012). Besides that, her claims that recreational parks are much needed by members of the public today, whether in residential areas, towns and cities. The importance of recreational parks also got the attention from developer's and local authority of housing developers and provided recreational parks. Therefore, the recreational park gets a warm welcome from members of the community who exercise and hang out with friends and family members.

At the same time the local authorities of Mersing district have created a recreation area for the community in Pantai Bandar Mersing that can accommodate a wide variety of community groups including children, adults and the elderly.

This research will examine whether the recreational area of Pantai Bandar Mersing meets the criteria of recreational parks in terms of convenience, beauty, and safety. Therefore, this study will help to further enhance the recreational area of Pantai Bandar Mersing which will create attraction and a harmonious and environment for the community to use it.

1.2 Problem Statement

Pantai Bandar Mersing is one of the recreation area that visitors spend time for their leisure time. So, based on the observation of the Pantai Bandar Mersing there are problems that have been found is:

i. Less attraction of recreation activities at Pantai Bandar Mersing.

The problem statement or issues in Recreation area in Pantai Bandar Mersing is less attraction to locals people. This is because, there is no interesting activity in the area that can attract the locals people come to Pantai Bandar Mersing. Examples, locals people will come on weekend only to spend their leisure time such as hanging out, jogging and horse riding. The reason why this problem need attention because to prevent the recreation area become stranded.

ii. Low maintenance of facilities in recreation area at Pantai Bandar Mersing.

The second issue of Recreation area in Pantai Bandar Mersing is low maintenance of facilities. This is because, the local authorities are less concerned about the problems in recreation area such as the existing surau in the recreation area is idle also a few playground and exercise equipment was damaged. The reason why this problem need attention because to avoid accidents or injuries to children and adults. Besides, to prioritize the safety of users during recreational activities.