Tourism is defined as the largest and the fastest growing sector of the world. Important developments especially in nature-based tourism activities are regarded as the most important contribution which benefits to this sector (Orams, 1995: 81). Luzar et al. (1998: 48) state that nature-based tourism constitutes a rising field of specialization and an important niche market. Supply resources used for nature-based tourism involve all forms of tourism regarding the utilization of natural resources such as relatively undamaged landscape, water, vegetation and wildlife. Nature-based tourism is a growing sector of tourism economy (Küçükaslan, 2006: 15). Also known as ecotourism or nature tourism, nature-based tourism is described as a form of tourism which involves being in touch with nature, wild plants and animals or the existing cultural fabric; admiring or studying these and travelling to relatively undamaged and undisturbed natural areas (Luzar et al., 1995: 544). Nature-based tourism includes recreational activities and extreme sports in rural areas (Kiper ve Aslan, 2007: 166). As is seen, numerous definitions about the concept of nature-based tourism exist. Despite these definitions Orams (1995: 81) states that four important elements should exist to call a form of tourism as nature-based tourism. These are; Nature-based tourism should be a form of tourism which is done in undisturbed natural areas. In nature-based tourism the environment should be undamaged and without a loss in value. Nature-based tourism should contribute directly to the sustainable protection and management of natural areas. Nature-based tourism should adopt and implement adequate and appropriate type of management of the protection of natural areas. Sandwith (2000: 23) states that nature-based tourism should be established on three strategic bases. These are; Managing the constituents of biodiversity. Ensuring the sustainable usage. Creating awareness of protecting the nature in the society. The aim of this study is to identify preservation-improvement strategies regarding the sustainability of natural areas and to identify preservation strategies regarding resource usage in terms of transferring and presenting to the next generations on site.

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