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Arcipelago Toscano National Park

The Protected Area extends for about 177 km² on land and embraces a large stretch of sea (about 615 km²), including all the islands in the Archipelago. In particular, half of the area of Elba and Giglio is protected; in Capraia only the small, inhabited part of town is excluded from the Park's area. Montecristo, Pianosa, and Gorgona are strictly protected, with access being regulated in accordance with sustainability criteria. Lastly, access to Giannutri is free of charge, although for most of the island it is necessary to be accompanied by guides. These islands differ in the geological nature of their lands, in their landscapes, and in the gems of biodiversity they are home to, as well as in their history and the human events that have brought life to these places' past. There are spots for immersing oneself in turquoise water; open spaces drenched in the golden light of sunsets; green landscapes of holm oak woods punctuated by geometric, cultivated terraces; and large expanses of colourful flowers extending towards the sea. Beyond that limit opens the realm of pioneer plants lying on the rocks and rising to the cliffs overlooking the sea, or the sea rocks that are home to small, sandy coves gently scoured by wave action. As we move along the inland pathways we encounter small towns, still well preserved, with ancient, fortified bulwarks that bring to mind the tumultuous events of dominations past.

The seven protected islands

L'ELBA is Italy's third island in terms of area (224 km²), stretching a maximum of 27 km from east to west, and 18 km from north to south. Lying 10 km off the Tuscan coast, it is subdivided into seven municipalities: Campo nell'Elba, Capoliveri, Marciana, Marciana Marina, Porto Azzurro, Portoferraio, and Rio. The territory is prevalently hilly and mountainous: the granite western massif culminates in Mount Capanne (1,019 m), the Archipelago's highest peak. Always known for its deposits of iron ore, the island is characterized by an exceptional variety of rocks, bearing witness to complex geological events that led to its formation.

GIGLIO is the Archipelago's second-largest island (23.8 km²). Lying about 15 km to the west of the Monte Argentario promontory, it is traversed by a chain of reliefs culminating in the Poggio della Pagana (496 m); although prevalently granite, on its western side it presents a fragment of ancient sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with veins of iron ore that were extracted until the 1960s from mines situated in the village of Campese.

Covering an area of 19.3 km² and the Archipelago's third largest island, **CAPRAIA** lies 54 km west of the mainland coastline and 28 km from Corsica. An island of volcanic origin, it is prevalently mountainous, with a backbone of reliefs cutting wholly across it, culminating in Mount Castello (445 m).

MONTECRISTO is the fourth-largest island (10.4 km²) and the one furthest from the mainland (about 63 km). Already frequently visited during the Roman Age, in the fifth century it became home to St. Mamilian, who founded a monastic community on the island that remained active until the sixteenth century. It has been a strict nature reserve since 1971, and a biogenetic nature reserve since 1988. The only mooring is located at Cala Maestra, where the Villa Reale rises.

Covering an area of 10.2 km², **PIANOSA** is the Archipelago's fifth-largest island. It lies 14 km SSW of the Elban coast, about 27 km SSE of Montecristo, and approximately 40 km east of Corsica. Visited by prehistoric humans and ancient navigators, it is home to items bearing witness to the Neolithic, Chalcolithic, and Bronze Ages. Maritime residential facilities were located on the island in the Roman Age, and Augustus's grandson Agrippa Postumus was banished there during the imperial period. Until 1998, it was inaccessible to tourism because of the penitentiary located there.

GIANNUTRI (2.6 km²), with 11 kilometres of rocky coastline, is the southernmost of the Tuscan islands. The only landing points, the Cala Spalmatoio and Cala Maestra bays, have narrow, gravel beaches. All around lie splendid sea bottoms abounding with biodiversity. The archaeological site of the Roman Villa Domitia may be visited in the company of specialized guides.

GORGONA is the smallest (2.2 km²) and northernmost of the Archipelago's islands. Lying 36 km off the coast, it is home to a prison farm, and has just over 5 km of coastline. The mountainous territory on the western side culminates with the Punta Gorgona cape (225 m). The eastern side is riven by three small valleys, the northernmost of which descends to the sea near the small beach and the village/landing of Cala dello Scalo.



Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine

The Arcipelago Toscano National Park is entirely included within the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, a marine protected area of about 87,500 km² between Italy, France, and the Principality of Monaco. It extends into the Corsican-Ligurian-Provençal Basin from Escampobariou Cape (near Toulon) to Capo Falcone and Capo Ferro (Sardinia), and to the boundary between Tuscany and Lazio. The area is home to a high level of biodiversity that, in addition to blue whales, sperm whales, and dolphins, boasts about 8,500 species of marine animals.

2021 – 2030 Decade of Ocean Science

Oceans cover 71% of the planet's surface, and their health is essential for life on Earth and for human well-being. Marine life is suffering due to global warming, pollution, and the overfishing of certain species. For these reasons, the UN decided to proclaim a "Decade of the Sea" starting January 2021. Officially titled the "Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development," the initiative's aim is to raise sensitivity and mobilize people on this topic, and to promote the progress of knowledge about the oceans with a view to developing collective solutions. The purposes include that of fostering international cooperation in the field of ocean science and coordinating research programmes.



A commitment to sustainable tourism

The Park Authority has joined the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism (ECST) promoted by the Europarc Federation, a methodological tool and a certification that allows the management of tourism in the protected areas to be improved. The Charter's central element is collaboration among all the stakeholders interested in developing a common strategy and a plan of action for tourism development, with the common goal of protecting the natural and cultural heritage and the continued improvement of tourism management in favour of the environment, the local population, businesses, and visitors. The Park is currently spearheading a five-year Action Plan (2021-2025) shared with the social partners and consultable using the link and QR code: [ECST](#)



10 ECST PRINCIPLES TO BE FOLLOWED



- 1) To protect the landscape, biodiversity, and cultural heritage
- 2) To support conservation through tourism
- 3) To reduce the ecological footprint, pollution, and waste
- 4) To offer visitors accesses safe for all abilities
- 5) To effectively communicate the area's uniqueness
- 6) To guarantee social cohesion
- 7) To strengthen the local economy
- 8) To offer skills training to operators
- 9) To monitor the performance and results of tourism
- 10) To communicate actions and foster involvement in the Charter

4 LINES OF STRATEGY IDENTIFIED FOR THE PARK'S TERRITORY

A LAND TO BE MANAGED

- Support the activities of protection and monitoring of the natural capital, of geodiversity, of the historical-cultural heritage and of the territory in general, also through control actions of alien species and the optimal management of the beaches and the coastal strip, including the possible identification of sea protected areas.
- Guarantee the maintenance of the path network and the recovery of functional structures for sustainable use.

PROPOSE A DIFFERENTIATED OFFER

- Promote tourism all year round through the variety of experiences (naturalistic tourism, geotourism, cultural and food and wine tourism, outdoor, etc.) and the educational activities proposed by the territory for the conscious tourist.
- Imagine a brand for the Tuscan Archipelago to be conveyed through coordinated communication aimed at promoting a sustainable destination "not just the sea".

A FOOTPRINT TO BE REDUCED

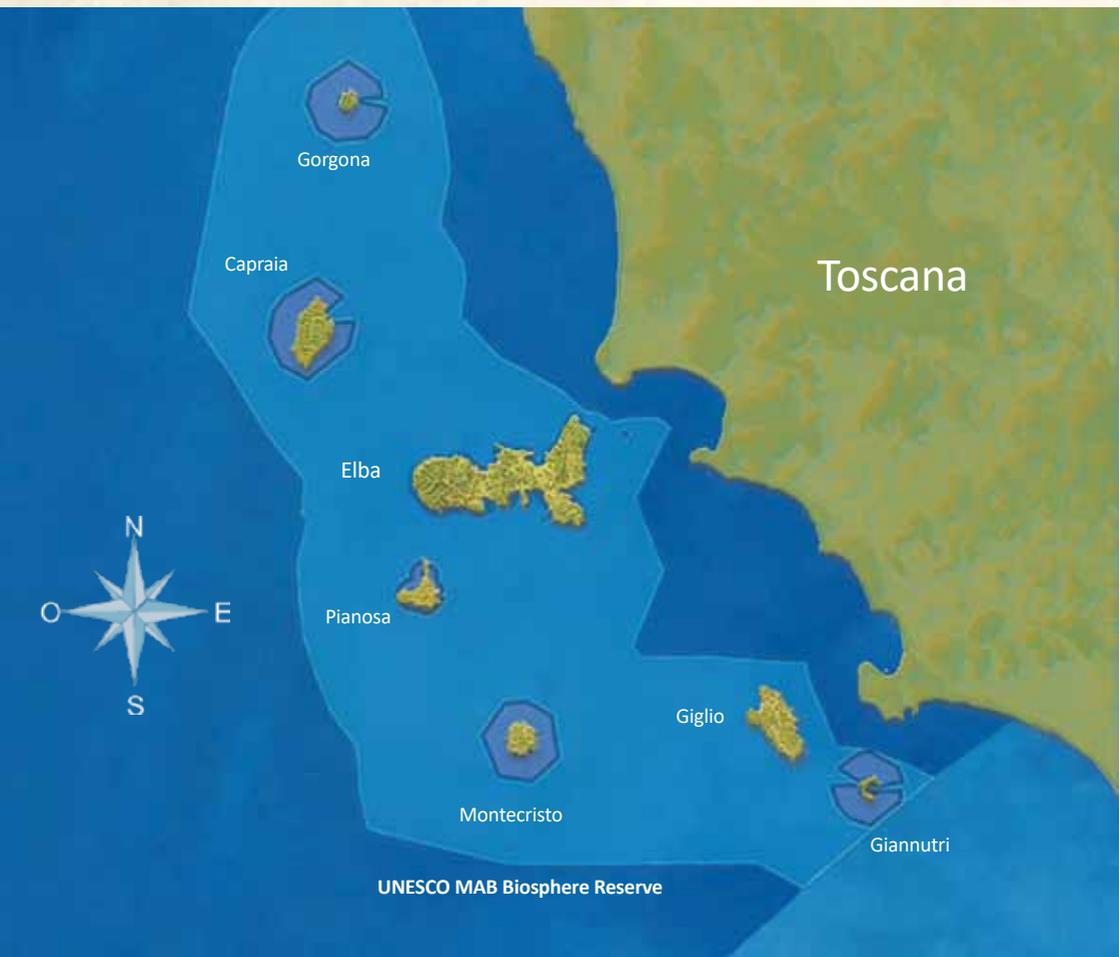
- Reduce environmental impacts by working for a "carbon free" and "plastic free" territory (alternative energy, water cycle, food waste, circular economy, waste management, ...) and take action against the effects of climate change.
- Rethink internal mobility and connections within the Tuscan Archipelago to grow local realities and improve the islands' tourist offer.

A COMMUNITY TO GROW

- Consolidate the role and "presence" of the Park in the area, through listening, collaboration and sharing of management objectives with local actors to make them increasingly aware of the potential of sustainable tourism.
- Promote youth entrepreneurship and an economy complementary to summer tourism (quality agriculture, sustainable fishing, short supply chain, innovative and outdoor services).

UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve

Elba, Pianosa, Capraia, Gorgona, Montecristo, Giglio Toscana, and Giannutri. Recognized in 2003, the UNESCO MAB Tuscan Islands Reserve consists of the Archipelago seven islands, some small islands between the Tuscan coast and Corsica, and the sea that surrounds them – environments containing a large geological and biological diversity representative of the Mediterranean region. The UNESCO MAB (Man and the Biosphere) programme develops the bases within the natural and social sciences for the rational and sustainable use and the conservation of the biosphere's resources, and for the improvement of the general relationship between people and their environment. In keeping with these objectives, the Tuscan Islands Biosphere Reserve promotes projects and initiatives aimed at protecting natural resources and incentivizing a sustainable economic development benefitting local communities. This year, the National Park is celebrating the twentieth anniversary of this prestigious honour.



The UN 2030 Agenda

On 25 September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, identifying 17 Sustainable Development Goals crucial for humanity’s survival: education, health, social protection, work, climate change, environmental protection. Committed to the daily action of protecting what is fragile, precious, and threatened, Arcipelago Toscano National Park (PNAT), in its catalogue of 2023 services, proposes activities, experiences, workshops, and events aimed at promoting behaviours and lifestyles that can contribute towards achieving these ambitious objectives. Of the 17 goals identified by the UN, PNAT is focusing its attention on some of these that are more organic to its own mission, in the conviction that great changes on a global level can be generated by the set of small, individual gestures, and that daily, informed choices can contribute towards the building of a “life on Earth that is sustainable, pacific, prosperous, and fair for all.”

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all

Goal 7. Ensure clean and accessible energy

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Goal 13. Take urgent action at all levels to combat climate change

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development



Arcipelago Toscano National Park (PNAT) on the IUCN's prestigious Green List

Some have called it the “Nobel Prize for nature”; others consider it the global elite of protected natural areas. In essence, it is a list that names and certifies the nature reserves and parks that are the best on a global level in terms of protecting natural resources and of sustainable management of the territory. This is the “Green List” promoted and guaranteed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the leading global body in the matter of protected areas. In 2021, Arcipelago Toscano National Park was added to this prestigious and restricted club of super-Parks. The IUCN's Green List currently names 61 protected areas in 16 countries around the world.



Only three Italian Parks have earned this honour, which certifies the attainment of high management standards for those protected areas that have demonstrated constant commitment to the four strategic pillars defined by governance, programming, management, and the results of conservation. While the global experts that were sent by the IUCN for verification in the field appreciated the extraordinary natural capital characteristic of the Tuscan Archipelago, they also noted and positively viewed the many actions and the various projects that the management body has conducted over these years in order to conserve the formidable environmental values showing respect for the local communities, and in keeping with the objectives for sustainable development promoted by the UN in its 2030 Agenda. The Parks are the crown jewels in the global system of protected areas, and consequently a fundamental reference, both in technical terms and as relates to governance, for the maintenance of the natural resources essential for the health and the economy of all citizens.



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Tips and Rules

During your visit, please follow the principles of good manners and common sense in order to enjoy the Park while listening in silence to the wind and the sounds of nature, and to follow its rhythms, as you discover the place with the aid of Park Guides who will make the experience a unique one. To enjoy nature, you are asked to follow these simple rules:

- take your waste home with you;
- respect plants and flowers, and do not pick them;
- when you spot animals, keep your distance: you risk frightening them;
- do not collect fossils and minerals: they are our history;
- do not light fires. If you see a fire, report it to the competent authorities;
- no camping: you risk harming fragile equilibria.

Understanding our symbols



Information about the National Park and the area



the Agronomist House
Info Park Pianosa



Activities in museums



Environmental education
activities



Activities with naturalistic
themes



Activities with geological or
mineralogical themes



Activities in the historic



Trekking or long journeys
on foot



Cycle tourism activities
or bike trips



Sea kayaking activity



Snorkelling or educational
activities in the sea



Visits to the Pianosa
catacombs



Activities with
paleontological themes



Activities with
archaeological themes



Activities in historical sites:
towers, fortresses, hermitages



Activities with geological
themes on Pianosa



Activities with food and
wine themes



Nature observation or
panoramic activities



Guided visits and
coach tours



Guided tours with carriage
rides



Activities at sunrise or
sunset

Elba island

2022 Calendar



Info Park and Environmental Education Centres

The Visitor Centres on the Island of Elba (Marciana, Lacona, Rio nell'Elba, and Portoferraio) have everything that relates to the protected natural area: information, more complete details, services, merchandise, recommendations on places to discover and activities to be booked. The Environmental Education Centres organize guided tours and educational workshops.



INFO PARK PORTOFERRAIO

Viale Elba 2, Portoferraio - Tel. 0565 908231

From 1 November to 31 March:

Monday to Saturday, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

From 1 April to 31 October:

Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM-7:00 PM

INFO PARK LACONA

SP30, Lacona / beach - Tel. 0565 1930778

From 1 May to 15 June and

from 16 to 30 September:

Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

From 16 June to 15 September:

Monday to Sunday, 9:00 AM-6:00 PM

INFO PARK PIANOSA

Tel. 0565 908231

From 15 March to 30 October:

Monday to Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:30 PM



CEA - ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE - LACONA

SP30, Lacona / beach

Open from 1 May to 1 October

based on the calendar of workshops and activities; consultable at

parcoarcipelago.info



CASA DEL PARCO MARCIANA

Fortezza Pisana, Marciana
Tel. 0565 940110 - 348 7039374

From 31 March to 11 June

and from 1 to 31 October:

Monday 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM;

Friday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM (October only)/ 3:00 PM- 6:00 PM;

Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 3:00 PM-6:00 PM;

Sunday 10:30-1:00 PM

From 12 June to 30 September:

Monday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM;

Tuesday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM;

Wednesday 9:30 AM-1:00 PM / 3:30 PM-6:30 PM; closed Thursday;

Friday 3:00 PM-7:00 PM;

Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 4:00 PM-7:00 PM; Sunday 10:30-1:00 PM

CASA DEL PARCO RIO NELL'ELBA

Loc. Canali, Rio - Tel. 0565 943399

From 31 March to 29 May:

Friday and Saturday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM; Sunday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

From 1 to 30 June and from 1 to 9

September:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 4:00 PM-8:00 PM;

Sunday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

From 1 July to 31 August:

Tuesday 4:00 PM-8:00 PM;

Thursday, Friday, Saturday, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 4:00 PM-8:00 PM;

Sunday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

From 14 September to 31 October:

Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM / 4:00 PM -7:00 PM;

Sunday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM



FORTE INGLESE
PORTOFERRAIO

FORTE INGLESE PORTOFERRAIO (THE ENGLISH FORT)

Via Giagnoni 5, Portoferraio (above the hospital, ascending from Via San Rocco)

From 1 March to 14 June and from 16 September to 31 October,

every weekend from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

From 15 June to 15 September, every day from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

From 1 November to 1 March,

open based on the events calendar.

Information: Portoferraio's Park Information Centre



Centro Educazione Ambientale

MARCIANA



MARCIANA PARK HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (CEA)

The facility, operated with the presence of a Park Guide accompanying visitors on their journey to discover the protected area, is dedicated to the National Park's characteristic environments, with particular reference to the western sector of the Island of Elba, and therefore relating to granite landscapes, chestnut groves, and the cultural heritage represented by the goat pens, or "caprili." Multimedia spaces and interactive applications explain the genesis and geological evolution of the Tuscan Archipelago, providing in-depth analysis of the issues connected to climate change and to the protection of geodiversity and of terrestrial and marine biodiversity – the Tuscan Islands' precious treasures. The facility is home to educational workshops and spaces for entertainment activities. It is the starting point for guided tours along the trails in the surrounding area and visits to the historic centre of Marciana. Admission is free of charge.

Marciana tells its story. From 1 June to 1 November – every Wednesday from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM. Journey to discover Marciana's past. Departure from Casa del Parco with an introduction to the nature of the landscape. We will then immerse ourselves in the island's history thanks to the splendid view from the scenic terrace. From here, we will walk through the lanes and alleyways of the picturesque village of Marciana as we discover its history. Booking required. € 8; reduced price € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Workshops for adults and children. From 25 June to 27 August – every Saturday from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The renovated environmental education centre of Marciana will offer workshops to more deeply explore issues of environmental education, for children and families. The events are offered free of charge; booking required.





RIO NELL'ELBA PARK HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

The Visitors' Centre is located on the eastern side of the Island of Elba, a district that has always been suited to mining activity. Visitors can rely on the Park Guide to acquire information on the protected area and on certain excellent products of this part of Elban territory. With the aid of interactive applications and virtual reality experiences, visitors enter into contact with the district's extraordinary geological and mineral heritage; also of interest are the spaces dedicated to local food and agricultural traditions. The centre organizes conferences, teaching activities, and workshops for adults and children. This is the starting point for guided along the trails in the surrounding area, and for visits to the historic centre of Rio nell'Elba. Admission is free of charge.

History/archaeology-themed workshops

History/archaeology-themed workshops for adults and children, every Thursday in July and August at 5:00 PM. "Esploratori in erba" ("Budding explorers"), "Il tesoro elbano: le risorse metallifere, i minerali" ("The Elban treasure: ore and minerals"), "La pittura nell'antichità" ("Painting in antiquity"), and "La scrittura misteriosa degli Etruschi" ("The mysterious writing of the Etruscans").

Nature painting workshops

Nature painting workshops with watercolour and pencil, for adults and children, every Tuesday in July at 5:00 PM. Nature painting has the special feature of offering a tool that, while instinctive, is elaborated through the capacity for direct observation of the landscape and its components. Participants are responsible for their own materials.





LACONA DUNES ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

Activities for children and adults are organized in the rooms and garden of the facility located in the island's central area. Major topics in environmental education are developed through games and activities: do you know the meaning of the word "biodiversity," and what plants and animals live in our Park? Do you know how to cultivate small vegetables or make a water filter? Would you like to immerse yourself in the Archipelago's seas, discover where the turtles swim and how we can fish responsibly? Protected by the Park, the adjacent dune system becomes the starting point for a set of nature-themed activities led by the Park Guides.

Summer workshops for children 8-11 years of age

Every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, from June to September, 2:00-4:00 PM

Summer workshops for children 5-7 of age

Every Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, from June to September, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM

Snorkelling with Park Guide

Every Monday in July and August, 11:00 AM, duration: 1h30m

Tuesdays from 15 June to 15 September - 2 activities, alternating weeks

- Aperitif with typical products and guided tour of the dune system, with Park Guide, 6:00 PM, duration: 2 h. Booking required. € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

- Evening nature activities for children and families: let's discover the Dune in the company of the Park Guide. Booking required. € 8; reduced price € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.





FORTE INGLESE (THE ENGLISH FORT) - Owned by the Municipality of Portoferraio, this eighteenth-century defensive structure was built by Cosimo III, Grand Duke of Tuscany, to protect the city. Enlarged by Napoleon during his Elban exile, the Fort was used in many different ways until its recent restoration. In addition to the building's historic value, the Fort is also appreciated for its scenic position dominating the city and harbour of Portoferraio.



IL NAT-LAB is the nature laboratory set up in 2019 at the English Fort (Portoferraio) by the World Biodiversity Association in collaboration with the National Park. NAT-LAB holds the most important entomological collection of species presents in the Tuscan Archipelago. Here, nature researchers are working to create more zoological and botanical collections dedicated to the Tuscan Archipelago. NAT-LAB promotes the sharing of knowledge thanks to an educational classroom devoted to valorizing the local environmental heritage. Here, one may, upon booking, carry out laboratory and study activities under the Curator's expert guidance. Workshops and guided tours with small nature observations and experiences during the summer period, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the following dates: **15 and 29 June; 13 and 27 July; 10 and 24 August**. Booking required; participation is free of charge.

PROGETTO ALIENE (LIFE ASAP) - At the English Fort, a special multimedia space is available, making it possible to explore knowledge of our territory's alien species which thus become virtual sentinels of biodiversity: by playing with augmented reality, visitors learn how to recognize the Park's alien species, to sight them in the surrounding environment, and to assess the risks and the environmental threats connected with their spread.



MOSTRA GIORGIO ROSTER - exhibition: Created by collaboration between the National Park and the Municipality of Portoferraio, the exhibition dedicated to Giorgio Roster, a Florentine scientist who was an assiduous visitor to Elba starting in 1875, has opened in the spaces at the English Fort. A physician and hygienist, he devoted himself passionately to Elban mineralogy, to botany, and to photography. Titled “L’Elba di Giorgio Roster. La trasformazione del paesaggio tra Otto e Novecento negli scatti dello scienziato fotografo” (“Giorgio Roster’s Elba. The transformation of the landscape between the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in the scientist-photographer’s snapshots”), the exhibition collects hundreds of photographs of Elba from more than a century ago, offering a journey through the island’s historic, natural, and geological excellence, thanks to images, the scholar’s belongings, and videos on the people in his entourage. A touchscreen display allows separate access to the vast Roster collection in the digital library of Museo Galileo, the university museum system of the University of Florence, and Biblioteca Comunale Foresiana in Portoferraio. The exhibition may be visited during the opening days and hours of the English Fort ([see p. 12](#)).

PROGETTO PRISMA - Thanks to a synergy between the National Park – which supported and in part financed the project – and the Municipality of Portoferraio, which has opted to host the device, Associazione Astrofilii Elbani has installed, at the English Fort, Elba’s first astronomical research instrument. Part of a vast network of all-sky cameras distributed throughout Italy, the PRISMA camera has the purpose of recording the passage of all the brightest meteors, also known as shooting stars: in fact, as the oldest rocks in the Solar System, meteorites can offer us information on what took place when the Sun and the planets – including the Earth – were formed. The live images taken by the English Fort’s PRISMA camera will be freely consultable online.





LEGAMBIENTE
Circolo Arcipelago Toscano



MOLA WETLAND

The Aula VerdeBlu “Giovanna Neri” lecture hall is located in the most important wetland on the Island of Elba, to protect this essential ecosystem. The facility is managed by Legambiente Arcipelago Toscano and by ASD Diversamente Marinai, working together to guarantee an action of supervision over the area and to provide visitors with the information they need to learn about and protect this precious treasure chest of biodiversity. The hall, which has locations equipped to welcome visitors, is enriched with a garden planted with native species like lavender, rosemary, thyme, oregano, and plants that provide nourishment for foraging bees and butterflies. Mainly outdoor activities are offered, suitable for all, aimed at deepening knowledge of the wetland, of the habitats of Community and regional interest, and of the fauna – above all the birdlife connected to marsh environments – that lives or nests at the site or makes the site its temporary home. Località Mola – Luca - 3283085244; Federica - 3393868970.

From 1 October to 31 May: Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM (tours; booking required).

From 1 June to 30 September: programme of activities with opening days and times available on the Aula VerdeBlu and Park Info Facebook page.



Elba island

Winter in the Park



Workshops and activities

Enhancing the territory during winter

SUNDAY, 12 FEBRUARY

Biodiversity in Mola - Bioblitz with iNaturalist

A citizen science project in collaboration with WBA and Legambiente Arcipelago. On the day dedicated to Darwin, all are invited to take part in the bioblitz to document the extraordinary biodiversity present in the Mola wetland. The project, activated on the iNaturalist app, has already amassed more than 160 observations. Moreover, during the Entomology Summer school, the presence of the cricket *Natulaaverni* was confirmed, 150 years after the last sighting! Who knows what and how many other electrifying encounters can still be made in this hotbed of biodiversity?

Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall,

Località Mola – Duration: 3 hours

Free event, Booking required.



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SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY

Visit to the Volterraio Fortress

The island's most ancient fortification, and its majestic view: a perfect pairing for experiencing Elba's nature and history. Upon reaching the peak on your own following trail 255/A, you will find the Park Guide and wait in the Fortress for a guided tour, from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Last visit at 2:30 PM. No booking is required, but visitors are advised to phone ahead to confirm the guided tour. € 8; reduced admission available ([see p. 31](#)).

SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY

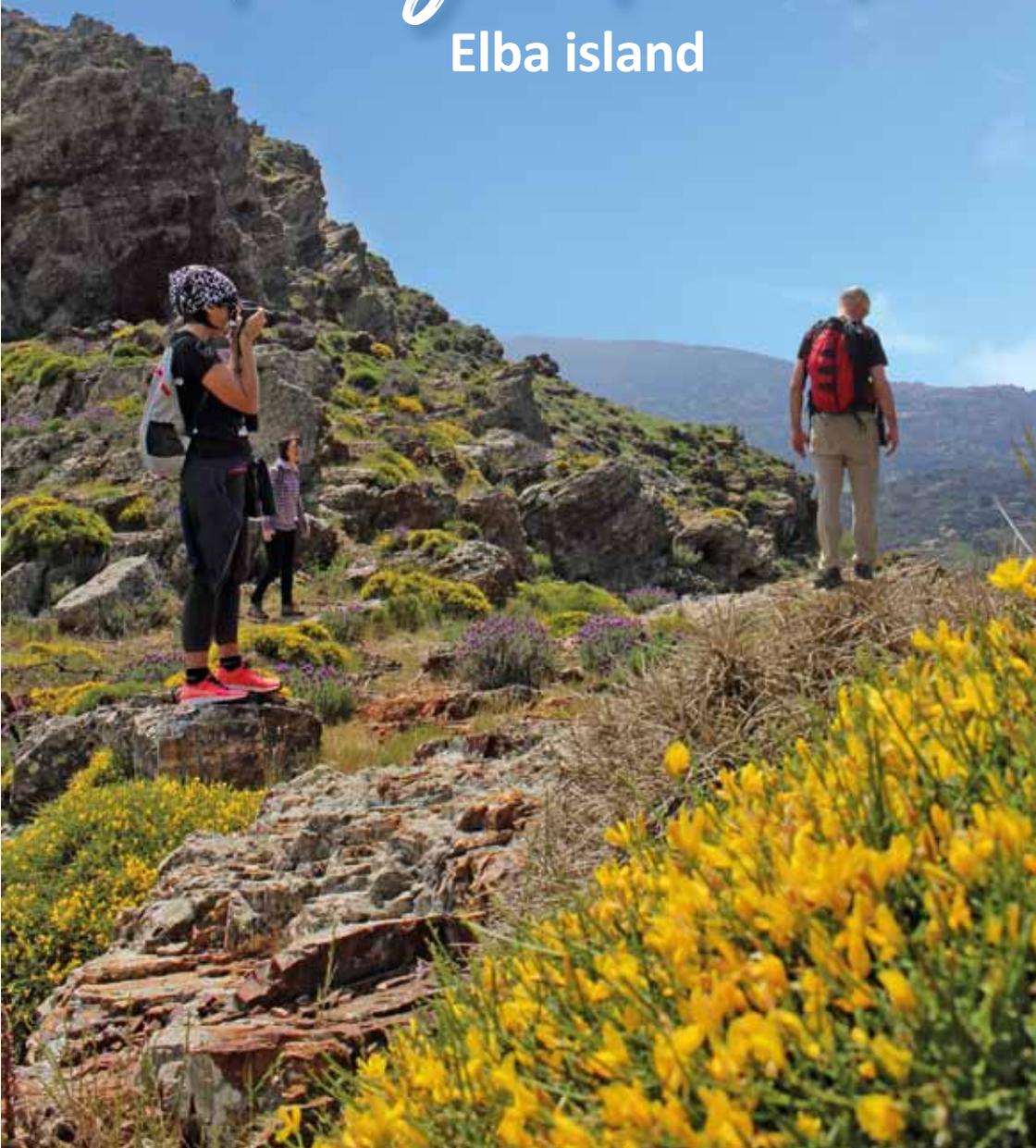
The British and Admiral Nelson in Portoferraio

Conference led by the historian Giuseppe Massimo Battaglini: through the projection of some eighteenth-century etchings, we will relive the moment of the British occupation of the Fort which, although short-lived, was a crucial event in the history of Portoferraio that left its mark in the monument's current name. The conference is followed by a guided tour of the Fort. Appointment: 3:00 PM English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 4.



Spring in the Park

Elba island



Spring Events and Activities

SUNDAY, 19 MARCH

MUMLAB – geology workshop for children and families

In collaboration with MUM – Museo Mineralogico Luigi Celleri di San Piero, small and fun experiments to recognize metals and learn about their use and properties. Appointment: 4:00 PM, MUM, San Piero – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5 -12 years of age; free of charge for children 0 - 4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 26 MARCH

Spring festival

A stroll along the path connecting Porto Azzurro to the Mola wetland, and other activities that will allow us to reflect upon ecological transition and energy savings.

Appointment: 3:00 PM Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola

Duration: 3 hours – Free event. Booking required.



LEGAMBIENTE

Circolo Arcipelago Toscano

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

Galleria del Ginevra: with the geologist at -24 below sea level

The Island of Elba's only underground mine contains the most recent history of the Capoliveri mine. Although the mine closed in 1981, its gates reopened a few years later to allow tourists to immerse themselves in the "iron heart" of Elba. We will visit one of the tunnels below sea level in the company of an expert, discovering the geological history of Europe's largest magnetite deposit. Appointment: 11:00 AM, Museo della vecchia Officina, Capoliveri – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium. Booking required; for visitors at least 12 years of age; admission € 18.

SUNDAY, 9 APRIL

Hiking on the Enfola promontory

A walk around Capo Enfola, one of the gorgeous cliffs overlooking the sea, and views along the island's northern coastline with significant remains from the Second World War. We will discover one of Elba's promontories that is most characteristic for its high scenic value and its natural and historic richness. Appointment: 4:00 PM, Portoferraio, Capo Enfola – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



MONDAY, 10 APRIL

The village of Marciana and its museums

From Casa del Parco, a treasure chest of biodiversity, we discover the ancient village of Marciana: alleyways rich in history will lead us to the museums – Museo Didattico di Numismatica, Museo Archeologico, and the Pisan Fortress. A journey into the history and culture of the Medieval village and of the island. Appointment: 5:00 PM, Casa del Parco, Marciana – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SATURDAY 15 APRIL

The orchids of Elba, a heritage to protect

Trekking to discover a priority habitat of our territory and one of its most precious treasures, the orchids. From the centre of Capoliveri we will move towards the area once frequented by miners, through panoramic views and an overwhelming sequence of colours, admiring the numerous species of wild orchids that colonise the clearings at the edge of the maquis. We will be in the company of Leonardo Forbicioni and botanist Francesca Valentini. Meeting point: Vecchio Municipio, Capoliveri 10 a.m. - Duration: 3 hours - Difficulty: easy. Booking required, € 8, reduced 5-12 years € 4, free 0-4 years.



SUNDAY, 16 APRIL

Conoscere Mola (*Getting to know Mola*)

Sensory workshops, environmental interpretation, nature treasure hunts, conferences, laboratories, and much more! “Conoscere Mola,” was born from the need to explain every facet of an area as rich and complex as the Mola wetland, presenting an opportunity to offer ever-changing events that visitors to discover, each time, a new tessera in the wonderful mosaic that it represents. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola
Duration: 3 hours – Free of charge; booking required.



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Elba island

SATURDAY, 22 APRIL

Hunting and collecting meteorites – Presentation of Progetto Prisma and observation of the canopy of stars

Thanks to a synergy between the National Park and the Municipality of Portoferraio, Associazione Astrofili Elbani has installed, at the English Fort, Elba's first astronomical research instrument. Part of a vast network of all-sky cameras distributed throughout Italy, the PRISMA camera has the purpose of recording the passage of all the brightest meteors, also known as shooting stars: in fact, meteorites are the oldest rocks in the Solar System, and can offer us information on what took place when the Sun and the planets – including the Earth – were formed. Appointment: 9:00 PM English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 4.

SUNDAY, 23 APRIL

Porto Aperto, discover the port of Portoferraio

Free guided tour of the port of Portoferraio in collaboration with Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mar Tirreno Settentrionale (port system authority of the northern Tyrrhenian), as part of the sixteenth edition of the PORTO APERTO Project and of the initiatives organized for Italian Port Days and the European Day of the Sea. The route will wind its way between the wet dock, the pier, the Medici Fortress, and the port's piers, until reaching Torre del Gallo and Torre della Linguella, providing a complete picture of Portoferraio's port and urban fabric. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Gattai Infopoint, Portoferraio – Duration: 2h30m – Booking required for the event, free of charge.

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL

Hiking with an expert: the amphibians of the Tuscan Archipelago

On the occasion of World Frog Day, an easy excursion to Fosso del Moncione for a close-up look at the small *Hyla sarda*, and to speak about all the Tuscan Archipelago's endemic fauna. Appointment: 10:00 AM, San Piero, MUM – Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy - Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



SUNDAY, 30 APRIL

GustoSentiero Lacona: locally-sourced products, ancient rural areas UNESCO MAB reserve

A hike to discover the trail of taste – GustoSentiero – in the southern area of the island near the plain of Lacona. The shoreline is characterized by the presence of the last dune area in the Tuscan Archipelago, and has great importance from the natural standpoint. The area behind was historically used for farming purposes, and today, in spite of the strong tourism development, it plays a strategic role for its presence of quality agricultural activities. At the end, a visit to the Azienda Agricola Regali Rurali farm to learn about locally-sourced products and to enjoy a tasty snack together. Appointment: 4:00 PM, Lacona Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 3 hours - Difficulty: easy -

Booking required. € 10; € 5 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



MONDAY, 1 MAY

Hiking: a glacial relic in the valley of Pomonte

An exploration towards the site where *Pancratium Illyricum* – a lily that thrives in Valle di Pomonte – grows, via a loop that connects this valley with the adjacent one of Valle del Poio. In addition to allowing us to discover the cultivations and the age-old wine pressing vats dug into stone, called palmenti, this trail offers one of the Tuscan Archipelago's most characteristic blooms: the mountain lily. Appointment: 4:00 PM, Pomonte, Piazza della Chiesa – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: medium-easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SATURDAY, 6 MAY

GustoSentiero Rio: Elban onions at the Seed Bank

There is a Regional Bank that holds “ancient seeds,” and there are farmer-custodians who continue to sow them. We discover this important National Park project in the company of Giulia Spada, a farmer-custodian, as we follow Rio's trail of taste – GustoSentiero – to the Azienda Agricola “La Lecciola” farm. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Casa del Parco di Rio – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required for the event, free of charge. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Casa del Parco di Rio – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free for children 0-4 years age.

SUNDAY, 7 MAY

Geoexperience. A BarLume among cotton pillows

From Marciana Marina's BarLume, in the company of geologist Sergio Rocchi, University of Pisa, we will ascend along Via di Cotone to the cliff where the most ancient rocks and the youngest ones in the Apennines' geological history – the pillow lavas that erupted on the ocean floor 160 million years ago, and the magmatic dykes that intruded upon them 8 million years ago – come into contact with one another. Appointment: 10:30 AM at BarLume, Marciana Marina – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

WEDNESDAY, 10 MAY

Shinrin Yoko: a bath... in the forest!

Japanese scientists have discovered that spending a few hours in a natural environment with a large concentration of trees results in increased immune function; the main benefits are seen in a lower concentration of cortisol, with consequently reduced stress. In collaboration with qualified operators, we experience the beneficial effects of the woods, in a project carried out by Hotel Danila – Scaglieri. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Hotel Danila, Scaglieri – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, free of charge.

SATURDAY, 13 MAY

Festival of the swallow: a hike to discover the artificial nests of swallows, swifts, and martins

An event dedicated to safeguarding these birds, precious allies in the protection of ecosystems. Accompanied by experts, we will observe some artificial nests and learn about the ecological importance of these animals, genuine “natural insecticides” that capture thousands of insects harmful to people's health and to crops. The walk will be followed by a small refreshment event hosted by the organizers. Appointment: Pomonte, Piazza della Chiesa, 10:00 AM – Duration: 3 hours – Free of charge. Booking required.

SUNDAY, 14 MAY

Clean beaches and sea bottoms

Iniziata nel 2014, l'indagine Beach Litter rappresenta una delle più importanti iniziative Begun in 2014, the Beach Litter investigation is one of the most important citizen science initiatives on an international level. Along with Legambiente, we will be cleaning Mola's beach and, with the assistance of the Park's scuba guides, the area's sea bottoms: the collected waste will be appropriately registered and catalogued, with the objective of helping to enlarge the beached waste database built by volunteers on a European level. After the experience, participants will enjoy a snack together. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola - Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, free of charge.



LEGAMBIENTE

Circolo Arcipelago Toscano

WALKING FESTIVAL

TUESDAY, 16 MAY

A hike on the Capo Stella promontory and aperitif with typical products

A hike on the Capo Stella promontory and aperitif with typical products. In collaboration with Camping Laconella, Camping Valle Santa Maria, and Camping Appartamenti Tallinucci, a hike on the Capo Stella promontory. A loop on the narrow cape that separates the two bays, offering an evocative view to visitors immersed in the colours and scents of the Mediterranean scrubland: glimpses of the Golfo Stella coastline with its enchanting beaches, from the Margidore beach to the Lido, and Calamita's western coast, Capoliveri, and the Gemini Islands. Appointment: 9:30 AM, Margidore – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required; free of charge.

FRIDAY, 19 MAY

The Mortella trail

Presentation of the book *Il sentiero della Mortella. Tra etnobotanica e folklore* ("The Mortella trail. Between ethnobotany and folklore") with the author Marisa Sardi, and guided hike along trail no. 249 from Viticcio to Forno and back. The excursion is followed by a snack with local products offered by Hotel Scoglio Bianco. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Hotel Scoglio Bianco, Viticcio – Duration: 4 hours – Difficulty: easy. Booking required for the event; free of charge.

SATURDAY, 20 MAY

The bee trails

On the occasion of World Bee Day, in collaboration with the WBA and Acqua dell'Elba, a hike on the trails that have been equipped with some "Domus Mellifera" structures: artificial nests for honeybees, capable of accommodating swarms that autonomously make their homes in them, thereby ensuring the maintenance of natural colonies evolving with the environment and not managed or conditioned by humans in any way. The walk will be followed, at Casa del Parco di Marciana, by a presentation of the project, which also involves placing more Domus Mellifera nests on the island. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Marciana, Casa del Parco Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy.

Booking required for the event, free of charge.



WALKING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 21 MAY

Habitats and flora: a great value for the island immersed in the Mediterranean

On the occasion of European Natura 2000 Day, in the spring the island takes on myriad nuances of colour, and excursionists are accompanied by the scent of the rocks, the scrubland, and the maquis. With the Park Guide, we will learn to recognize the characteristics of the protected habitats in Europe, the rare and endemic species of flora, and the dangers they are exposed to. A fascinating and demanding hike along the slopes of Mount Capanne, ascending to “La Tavola,” amid Mediterranean scrub, Apennine flora, and important endemic plant life, including *Crocus ilvensis* and *Cymbalaria aequitribola*.

Appointment: 10:00 AM, Casa del Parco di Marciana – Duration: 6 hours;
Degree of difficulty: demanding. Booking required, free of charge.



SATURDAY, 27 MAY

European Park Week. The Mausoleum trail, with the colours and scents of spring

Starting from Cavo, we take the GTE road* near Frugoso beach, to reach Mausoleo Tonietti, a funerary chapel built in the early twentieth century, considered by many to be the most significant Elban work by the architect Adolfo Coppedè, master of Italian Art Nouveau. In the springtime, the trail takes on the colours of the flowering rockroses and broom. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Lungomare di Cavo – Duration: 3 hours
Degree difficulty: medium-demanding. Booking required, free of charge.



SUNDAY, 28 MAY

European Park Week. A trail of scents and colours: prunella flowers

We ascend from the Medieval village of Marciana to the Madonna del Monte sanctuary, amid the colours of the blooms and immersed in the scents of Mediterranean scrubland, with breath-taking views over the rest of the Archipelago and nearby Corsica. From the Sanctuary, we continue towards Serraventosa to walk amid yellow cushions of *Genista desoleana* blooms in flower and to admire one of Elba’s most beautiful and fascinating spectacles of nature and scenery, that may be enjoyed for only a few days a year. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Casa del Parco – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: medium – Booking required, free of charge.



A scenic view of the Volterraia fortress ruins overlooking a lake at sunset. The foreground shows the weathered stone walls of the fortress, with a large, flat stone block in the lower center. The middle ground features a large body of water reflecting the golden light of the setting sun. In the background, rolling hills and mountains are visible under a sky filled with soft, wispy clouds. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and majestic.

La Fortezza del
Volterraio

The Volterraio fortress

Visiting the most evocative site of Elba



Restored by the Park Authority, the Volterraio Fortress, one of the most beloved historical sites of Elba, can now be visited again. Thanks to its strategic and panoramic position, Volterraio is the most evocative and magical site on the island, especially if reached at sunset. The fortress stands out from its 395 metres above sea level set in the rock from which it magically emerges. The place was chosen by the Etruscans to build the first sighting post and, again in the Etruscan period, the hill was part of an intelligent and efficient system of fortified hilltop villages which probably communicated among them by lighting fires. The structure took on a definitive appearance at the end of 1200 when the Maritime Republic of Pisa decided to redevelop it. An impregnable fortress yesterday, a suggestive terrace overlooking Elba and the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago today. A breathtaking view shows the profile of the eastern ridge of Elba and on the horizon the slender shape of the island of Pianosa and the austere silhouette of Montecristo. In front of us the central part of the island with the soft hills, the wide southern gulfs and the inimitable morphology of the Gulf of Portoferraio with the imposing massif of Monte Capanne behind it. Further to the right, the wild island of Capraia and, in the background, the snow-capped mountains of Corsica with Capo Corso, stretching towards the north.





MODE AND TYPE OF VISIT

1) Guided tour of the Volterraia Fortress. Trekking and entrance included

The departure time will be adapted to the season and communicated at the time of booking. The excursion will take place on reaching a minimum number of 6 participants. Footwear suitable for rough terrain is required and, for afternoon hikes, lighting equipment such as headlamps or torches.

Reservation compulsory. Ticket € 20, reduced € 10 for residents of the Tuscan Archipelago and over 65s. Reduced price € 5 for residents of the Tuscan Archipelago over 65 and children aged 5-12. Free for the disabled and their carers, students resident in the Tuscan Archipelago (up to 19 years of age). Minimum age 5 years.

Consult the calendar of available excursions on

parcoarcipelago.info

2) During the summer season (15 June-15 September) the Volterraia Fortress will be open every day except Tuesdays, from 17:30 to 20:30 and it will be possible to reach the entrance to the monument on one's own, following the trekking path, and carry out the visit with the help of the Park Guide present.

No reservation is necessary. Ticket € 8, reduced € 4 for over 65s, residents of the Tuscan Archipelago and children 5-12 years old. Free for the disabled and their carers, children 0-4 years old and students resident in the Tuscan Archipelago (up to 19 years old).



seif/ Sea Essence International Festival 2023

Marciana Marina – Island of Elba 30 June, 1 and 2 July

Sea Essence International Festival, quest'anno alla quinta edizione, è il primo festival internazionale dedicato alla salvaguardia e valorizzazione del mare e della sua essenza. Una salvaguardia e valorizzazione da intendersi come protezione del suo ambiente, della sua biodiversità e delle sue specie ma anche della sua bellezza, della sua storia e del suo contributo alla crescita delle culture e delle società. In definitiva, una salvaguardia e valorizzazione del nostro essere umani. La nostra missione è far amare il mare, poiché è solo attraverso una passione vera ed autentica come l'amore che ogni obiettivo, anche quello apparentemente irraggiungibile, diventa possibile. La nostra visione è donare al mare la sua doverosa

centralità, a cominciare da un rinnovato impegno dell'economia, della politica e della società ad adoperarsi a questo fine. Per questa ragione abbiamo pensato ad una manifestazione che spazi dalla ragione all'emozione e che faccia al contempo pensare e sognare. Seif/ Sea Essence International Festival 2023, una manifestazione poliedrica, che sveli la profondità dell'essenza del mare pur mantenendo al centro l'essere umano, i suoi sogni, le sue virtù e le sue speranze. Raccontate con la voce della storia, dell'economia, delle arti, dell'antropologia, della cultura, della politica, della musica, del cinema, della società in un approccio multidisciplinare



quante sono le anime del mare. La manifestazione, che rientra tra i progetti seguiti nell'ambito 'cultura' della Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba, si svolge ogni anno a Marciana Marina, antico borgo marinaro elbano nel cuore dell'Arcipelago Toscano, punto di osservazione privilegiato del mare e delle sue tematiche. La struttura della manifestazione, che si terrà su tre giornate, da venerdì 30 giugno a domenica 2 luglio 2023, prevede attività educative, ludiche, artistiche, scientifiche e divulgative. Nella fattispecie, la struttura della giornata tipica è la seguente:

- Mattina: vivi/seif/ - attività educative e ludiche per i bambini svolte in organizzazione con Legambiente - sezione Arcipelago Toscano
- Tardo pomeriggio: workshop/seif/ seminari di approfondimento su tematiche culturali, sociali e politiche e case

history significative. • Sera: live/seif/ - serate divulgative e a tema.

Il tema di questa edizione di Seif è "Transizioni": al centro del dibattito la necessità di integrare la transizione ecologica in nuovi equilibri ambientali, economici e sociali.

Per rivedere tutti gli interventi dei relatori delle passate edizioni e rimanere aggiornati sul programma 2023 www.seaessence.eu





The Paths of Perfumes

Slow trekking to discover the history and environmental, landscape and historical wonders of the smallest municipality in Tuscany and its surroundings. Between urban routes and ancient streets, country roads, vineyards, abandoned vineyard hops, country churches and surprises, to discover the island's scents, suspended over the coastline and boundless blue sea.

Meet at the Pro Loco in Marciana Marina to sign the release form and the route description, which changes every Sunday. The walks take place alternately in the morning and in the afternoon. The organisers reserve the right to change times and programmes, which will be communicated through the media and on the initiative's Facebook page. Organised by Legambiente Circolo Arcipelago Toscano, Acqua dell'Elba, Parco Nazionale Arcipelago Toscano, Pro loco Marciana Marina.

For information on the programme of free excursions, consult the website/

legambientearcipelago.it



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Villa Romana delle Grotte Foundation

The collaboration between the Villa Romana delle Grotte Foundation and the Tuscan Archipelago National Park, which began in 2016 on the occasion of the Villa's reopening to the public, is being strengthened once again this year with a series of initiatives aimed at enhancing the archaeological complex (1st century BC) as a man-made heritage within the territory of the National Park. Included in the park programme will be a number of excursions to the Roman Villa with guided tours, during which we will be able to discover that, perhaps, the Roman Villa of the Caves was not a... villa! The large presence of architectural elements connected to water - thermal baths, pipes, pools and cisterns - and some artefacts found in the complex and housed in the Linguella Archaeological Museum, have led scholars to hypothesise that it housed a thermal baths and, in a certain historical phase, a sanctuary linked to the cult of water.

Workshops, conferences and guided tours with archaeological experts are organised annually at the Villa Romana delle Grotte. To keep up to date on the initiatives, consult the website

Info:

villaromanalegrotte.it





The Elba Island Mining Park

The Mining Park, established in 1991 with the aim of converting areas degraded by iron extraction and promoting the socio-economic development of local communities, preserves a geological, mineralogical and historical mining heritage of inestimable value. A park within a Park, that of the Tuscan Archipelago, to be explored on foot, by bike, or aboard a train for an adventure out of time, in a fascinating landscape, retracing the old railways and the stories of those men who lived, loved and transformed it. The complete enjoyment of the Mining Park includes a visit to two interesting museums.

The Rio Marina Mining Museum, which is located in the Rio Marina town centre within the historic headquarters of the mine management, Palazzo del Burò, and extends for about 700 square metres. The first section of the museum is entirely dedicated to the collection of minerals, one of the most important on Elba, which includes samples of exceptional beauty. The visit then continues to discover the geological history of the Elba Island and its deposits, exploited from the Etruscan era until 1981. Inside the museum there are also faithful reconstructions of some of the mine environments, including a small section of the tunnel, made by industrial archaeology experts using the original material and work tools found in the old construction sites.

The Archaeological Museum of the Rio nell'Elba Mining District focuses on the history of eastern Elba, a history linked, in large part, to its extraordinary mineral resources, exploited from proto-history up to the contemporary age.

The Tuscan Archipelago National Park has signed an agreement with the Mining Park and the Municipality of Rio for the promotion of the territory with particular reference to the path network and the enhancement of the geological and geo-mineral heritage. The collaboration will also extend to proposals for didactic and dissemination activities at the Civic Archaeological Museum of the Rio nell'Elba Mining District, to the implementation of the installations and dissemination activities offered at the Rio Marina Mining Museum, but also to new activities to enjoy sites of geological and geo-mineral interest inside the Mining Park in Rio Marina:

parcominelba.it





The mines of Calamita

The Capoliveri mines are located on Monte Calamita, which takes its name from magnetite, the iron ore found in these mines. This is one of the wildest and most evocative areas on the entire island, with large sunny beaches, scenic trails and the only underground mines on the entire Island of Elba.

The mineral deposits are Calamita, Ginevro and a small site called Sassi Neri.

For centuries, they were the greatest source of work for the people of Elba, especially for Rio Marina, Rio Elba and Capoliveri. After more than 3,000 years of exploitation, production was suspended in 1980, although the deposits were not exhausted, indeed there is still plenty of iron available in the depths below sea level.

To discover the fascinating and ancient history of iron and retrace the laborious work of the quarrymen, it is possible to take a guided tour of the Ginevro mine and the Museo della Vecchia Officina.

The Calamita and Ginevro mines are located one after the other, about 7 km apart. To reach them, one must take the old miners' road, a road that is now partially unpaved and winds along a remarkably beautiful panoramic front with Corsica, Pianosa, Montecristo in the distance and the tourist resorts of Pareti, Morcone and Innamorata on the coast below.

Information:

minieredicalamita.it



Elba island

Summer in the Park



Summer in the park for everyone

Families, teens and children to discover the nature and history of the islands of the National Park, excursions, guided tours, educational workshops, conferences and citizen science to know and experience the Protected Area intensely.

Summer in the park junior

For children aged 6 to 11, environmental education, didactic games and workshops; activities related to the marine ecosystem and the most significant environments of the Park: animal and plant species, natural history, conservation, sustainability

Summer in the park for everyone

THURSDAY, 1 JUNE

The butterflies' sense for the sea

Conference led by Leonardo Dapporto, University of Florence. Butterflies do not usually cross stretches of sea, even short ones; this is why the islands have become treasure chests protecting them and genetically separating them from other, non-island species. This and other interesting facts will be revealed during the conference by the expert, who will illustrate for us what statistical tools are used to study the distribution of butterflies and to monitor their conservation status.

Appointment: English Fort, Portoferraio 6:00 PM

Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.



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FRIDAY, 2 JUNE

Festa delle Farfalle - *The Butterfly festival*

Legambiente Arcipelago Toscano, along with Arcipelago Toscano National Park and the University of Florence, organizes the traditional guided hike at the "Santuario delle Farfalle Ornella Casnati" butterfly sanctuary. Appointment: 10:30 AM, Monte Perone picnic area – Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required for the event, free of charge.



MONDAY, 5 JUNE

What sound is that? Chiù!

A small bird of prey, weighing just over 100 grams, lives in the natural, sparsely wooded areas, cultivated fields, and olive groves. The scops owl's characteristic call coincides with its local name "chiù." It flies here from Africa and lives, nearly unseen, in our woods. We will look for it in the company of the Park Guide on the occasion of World Environment Day, taking advantage of the nearly full moon. An evening hike for children and families. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Lacona CEA* – Duration: 2 hours – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



**WORLD
ENVIRONMENT
DAY**

THURSDAY, 8 JUNE

World Oceans Day – Whale watching

Discovering the cetaceans that populate the sea around our islands: we will navigate along Elba's southeastern coastline, becoming acquainted with the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals. A marine area within which the National Park is entirely included, the sanctuary, in addition to blue whales, sperm whales, and dolphins, protects about 8,500 species of marine animals. The Park Guide will be joined by an expert to help participants learn more about the undersea world, rare species, and the environments that most require attention and protection, and to open a dialogue on how, throughout Europe, protection is harmonized with the Natura 2000 system, and on the importance of everyone's contribution towards supporting the maintenance and management of these territories. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Marina di Campo, boarding of motorboat "Mickey Mouse" – Duration: 5 hours – Booking required, € 50 and reduced prices available, onboard lunch included. Minimum age: 5.



SUNDAY, 11 JUNE

"In cammino nei Parchi"

On the occasion of the eleventh edition of "In cammino nei Parchi" ("walking in the parks"), CAI and Federparchi propose an event for the pleasure of free walking. The hike will take us through a variety of environments: trails immersed in the Mediterranean scrubland, sections of road, routes flanking ancient dry stone walls, small, wild beaches, ancient rural towns, and sea rocks. A sort of miniature Elba, between wild nature and the presence of humans, which we will explore along with the CAI Guides who will accompany us in this experience.

Appointment: 10:00 AM, Spiaggia La Fenicia, Marciana Marina.

Duration: 2'30" – Degree of difficulty: medium – Booking required, free of charge.



FRIDAY, 16 JUNE

Beware of the turtle!

An event organized by Legambiente Circolo Arcipelago Toscano on the occasion of World Sea Turtle Day, to discover loggerhead turtles (*Caretta caretta*) nesting on our coasts. Inauguration of the beach monitoring season to discover and protect any nests and a theory/practice course on recognizing their tracks, open to the entire population.

Appointment: 5:30 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, località Mola

Duration: 2 hours – Free of charge, Booking required.



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SATURDAY, 17 JUNE

Meet the pollinators!

A conference on pollinators, which play a key role in regulating services to support food production, the safeguarding of habitats, and natural resources, and are also essential for the conservation of biological diversity, the basis for our own and our economies' existence: experts will show us that many species of insects that play this role are seeing major declines. Joined by Leonardo Forbicioni and the WBA, we learn to recognize, map, and protect them. Appointment: 9:00 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio
Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.



FRIDAY, 23 JUNE

The magical Night of St. John

Plants have always accompanied human beings over the course of their evolution: from the gatherer of the Neolithic to the farmer of the present day. The beauty of this co-evolution has created a highly intense bond with plant species – a bond still fully evident today in so many traditions and customs that employ plants. During the shortest night of the year, the Park Guide will accompany us on a walk to recognize and collect the medicinal plants used to create ancient natural remedies. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Marciana, Casa del Parco – Duration: 2 hours. Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 reduced admission for visitors 5-12 years of age; 0-4 years of age free of charge.



SATURDAY, 24 JUNE

So many stars!

How many stars are there in the sky? How far away are they? How do we find our way at night? Where is the North Star? We will find out together with Astrofilii Elbani, in a special event dedicated to children and families. We will observe the Moon in the first quarter and the canopy of stars with the naked eye and through telescopes, in search of the most beautiful constellations, clusters, nebulae, and all of the most fascinating offerings of the June sky. Appointment: 9:30 PM, Lacona CEA* – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced admission for visitors 5-12 years of age; 0-4 years of age free of charge.

FRIDAY, 30 JUNE

Aperitif at Villa delle Grotte

Guided tour of the Roman Villa delle Grotte, one of the most important archaeological remains in the Tuscan Archipelago. The complex rises on the promontory overlooking the Gulf of Portoferraio, dominating the entire stretch of sea between the Piombino shoreline and the Portoferraio landing. Long defined as a “Villa,” it might change its identity in light of the latest excavations: we will explore this topic with the Park Guide, during the guided tour of the complex. The tour will be followed by a small aperitif while enjoying the majestic panorama. Appointment: 6:00 PM, Villa Romana delle Grotte – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required, € 12.

FRIDAY, 7 JULY

Whale watching

On the occasion of the International Day of the Mediterranean Sea (8 July). Discovering the cetaceans that populate the sea around our islands: we will navigate along Elba’s southeastern coastline, becoming acquainted with the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals. A marine area within which the National Park is entirely included, the sanctuary, in addition to whales, sperm whales and dolphins, protects about 8,500 species of marine animals. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Marina di Campo, boarding of motorboat “Mickey Mouse” – Duration: 5 hours – Booking required. € 50 and reduced prices available, onboard lunch included. Minimum age: 5.



SATURDAY, 8 JULY

The ways of iron

The origins of the excavation and processing of the Island of Elba’s iron ore are lost in the mists of times. Elba’s are among the world’s most ancient exploited deposits of iron ore. In fact, since the earliest history, the island has been strategically positioned both for the control of maritime traffic and for its inexhaustible mineral resources coveted by the Mediterranean’s greatest powers. We will relive these fascinating pages of history in the company of the archaeologist Franco Cambi. Appointment: 9:00 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event; € 4.

FRIDAY, 14 JULY

The Magnificent Four: an Elban story of people and minerals

Elba is home to exceptional geological and mineral wealth: elbaite, tourmaline, ilvaite, pyrite, hematite, and magnetite in the iron deposits. These sought-after specimens are present in the world’s most prestigious nature museums, bearing witness to a geological history millions of years in the making. At San Piero is the mineralogy museum dedicated to **Luigi Celleri** who, along with **Giuseppe Pisani**, **Raffaello Foresi**, and **Giorgio Roster**, over the course of the nineteenth century, collected and valorized the science and culture of Elba’s minerals. We celebrate these “Magnificent Four” in a conference. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Portoferraio, English Fort – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; € 4.

MONDAY, 17 JULY

A moonless evening at Volterraio

A double appointment for an unforgettable evening of history, science, and myth. We will climb up the Fortress to enjoy a stupendous view of the sunset over the Portoferraio harbour. We will visit the monument in the company of the Park Guides and, after the sun sets, we will begin to orient ourselves among the stars, the constellations, and their myths. An absolutely can't-miss event for astronomy lovers and photographers. A moonless evening beneath one of Italy's darkest skies. Appointment: 8:30 PM, Le Casermette parking area, Road for Volterraio – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: medium – Hiking shoes and lighting instruments like headlamps and flashlights are required – Booking required for the event. Tickets € 20; € 10 reduced price for residents and visitors over 65 years of age. € 5 reduced price for residents over 65 years of age and children 5-12 years of age. Free of charge for resident students (up to 19 years of age). Minimum age: 12.



THURSDAY, 20 JULY

Conoscere Mola - *Getting to know Mola*

Sensory workshops, environmental interpretation, nature treasure hunts, conferences, laboratories, and much more! “Conoscere Mola,” or “Getting to know Mola,” was born from the need to explain every facet of an area as rich and complex as the Mola wetland, presenting an opportunity to offer ever-changing events that visitors to discover, each time, a new tessera in the wonderful mosaic that it represents.

Appointment: 5:00 PM Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola –

Duration: 3 hours – Free of charge. Booking required.



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Circolo Arcipelago Toscano

SATURDAY, 22 JULY

Aperitif at Villa delle Grotte

Guided tour of the Villa Romana delle Grotte, one of the most important archaeological remains in the Tuscan Archipelago. The complex rises on the promontory overlooking the Gulf of Portoferraio, dominating the entire stretch of sea between the Piombino shoreline and the Portoferraio landing. Long defined as a “Villa,” it might change its identity in light of the latest excavations: we will explore this topic with the Park Guide, during the guided tour of the complex. The tour will be followed by a small aperitif while enjoying the majestic panorama. Appointment: 6:00 PM, Villa Romana delle Grotte – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required, € 12.

SATURDAY, 29 JULY

1875-1883: ten years of Giorgio Roster’s mineralogical passion on the Island of Elba

Conference held by Federico Pezzotta, mineralogist and Scientific Director of Museo Mineralogico MUM, San Piero. Professor of Hygiene at the University of Florence, between 1875 and 1883 Giorgio Roster carried out excavations and research on Elba, joined by Giovanni Battista Toscanelli and the famed miner Luigi Celleri. Between San Piero and San Ilario in Campo, he discovered one of the most precious and spectacular mineralogical specimens for the time, and drew up a genuine “treasure map.” He established a unique collection, documented by manuscripts and catalogues, now wholly conserved at Museo di Mineralogia at the University of Florence. Guided tour of the museum follows. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Portoferraio, Forte Inglese – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.



SATURDAY, 5 AUGUST

Elba from the outside. Observations on the island at the turn of the twentieth century

The Treaty of Florence signed between France and the Kingdom of Naples on 28 March 1801 effectively ceased the age-old tripartite division of Elba. The island’s reunification under the France of First Consul Napoleon brought it a large number of scientist,

naturalists, and geologists who surveyed every possible datum in order to better exploit the territory. This was the first time the island was examined to improve its potential, and the first time that production was intentionally increased and new crops were introduced. Thus began Elba's modern phase, during which the territory was observed through different eyes. This new course was to culminate in the establishment of the steelworks in the early twentieth century. Conference by Gloria Peria and Marina Segnini. Appointment: English Fort, Portoferraio 6:00 PM – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.

TUESDAY, 8 AUGUST

Mount Perone. Observation of the sky with Astrofilii Elbani

The August sky through the telescopes provided by Associazione Astrofilii Elbani. Leaving our cars behind and travelling just a few metres with the aid of headlamps and flashlights, we will have a close-up look at the craters and mountains of the moon during the first quarter, and the rings of Saturn. An evening enriched by science and mythology, in the splendid, natural setting of the western area of Elba. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Mount Perone picnic area – Duration: 2 hours – € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. More information: Park Information Centre.

THURSDAY, 10 AUGUST

Giorgio Roster, a pioneer of science photography

Giorgio Roster (Florence, 1843-1927) was an eclectic scientist: beyond his own work as a physician, hygienist, and professor, he also devoted himself to botany and mineralogy. Laboratory practice led him to the use of photography, which he understood right from its first applications as a fundamental aid to knowledge, teaching, and experimentation in the field of scientific research. Conference led by Stefano Casati, in collaboration with Florence's Museo di Storia della Scienza Galileo. Followed by a guided tour of the Roster exhibition. Appointment: 9:00 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.

WEDNESDAY, 16 AUGUST

Aia di Cacio. Observation of the sky with Astrofilii Elbani

An evening dedicated to observing the sky and stars through the telescopes provided by Associazione Astrofilii Elbani. A moonless evening, perfect for close-up observation of the bands of Jupiter, the rings of Saturn, and the details of the brightest nebulae, beneath one of Italy's darkest skies. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Rio nell'Elba, Località Aia di Cacio – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

WEDNESDAY, 23 AUGUST

Aperitif at Villa delle Grotte

Guided tour of the archaeological site... (event description 22 July).

Meeting point: 6 pm, Villa Romana delle Grotte - Duration: 2 hours - Difficulty: easy. Event with prior booking, € 12.

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SUNDAY, 27 AUGUST

Conference at the “Forte Inglese” with the historian Giuseppe Massimo Battaglini.

Three Tuscan intellectuals in Elba at the turn of the twentieth century. An artist, Telemaco Signorini (1835 - 1901); a man of letters, Renato Fucini (1843-1921); and a scientist, Giorgio Roster (1843- 1927). Followed by a guided tour of the Roster exhibition. Appointment: 9:00 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 4.

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

Whale watching

Discovering the cetaceans that populate the sea around our islands: we will navigate along Elba’s southeastern coastline, becoming acquainted with the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals. A marine area within which the National Park is entirely included, the sanctuary, in addition to blue whales, sperm whales, and dolphins, protects about 8,500 species of marine animals. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Marina di Campo, boarding of motorboat “Mickey Mouse” – Duration: 5 hours – Booking required. € 50 and reduced prices available, onboard lunch included. Minimum age: 5.



SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

In search of the emerald green toad

The emerald green toad, present in the Tuscan Archipelago only on Elba and recently sighted in the island’s southeastern area, is a fascinating and elusive amphibian. On an evening hike led by herpetologist Giulia Corti, we are off on our search along a path that links Mola to Porto Azzurro. Appointment: 8:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola - Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Free of charge, Booking required.

SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

Invitation to Villa Ottone

Villa Ottone’s gates and garden open for visitors: a dive into nineteenth-century Elba along with the Park Guide, who will take us through the events that led to the Villa’s construction by the Countess Vittoria Altoviti, the criteria underlying the creation of the park surrounding the majestic construction, and the aristocrat’s ties with the era’s scientists, artists, and

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people of note – her cultural entourage. Appointment: Villa Ottone, Portoferraio 5:00 PM – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required, € 8; reduced admission for visitors 5-12 years of age; free admission for children 0-4 years of age.



Snorkelling on the Scoglietto with Park Guide

Every Friday, from 30 June to 1 September. Snorkelling led by a Park Guide as part of the “Natura 2000” project: an opportunity to discover the marine biodiversity marina in the strictly protected area of the Scoglietto rock at Portoferraio. Meeting with the Guide at Hotel Airone in Portoferraio. Checking of the participants’ equipment and their technical preparation. Equipment provided upon request. Travel by inflatable raft towards the Scoglietto. Snorkelling activity for about 50 minutes. Booking required, activity and supply of equipment, where necessary, free of charge.

Appointment: 5:00 PM, Hotel Airone at the diving location;
Località Le Terme, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours.



The summer’s “Parco Junior”

Activities for children on the Island of Elba

Free marine biology workshops with Park Guide, right on Elba’s beaches. Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 AM

14 June	Enfola	12 July	La Fenicia	9 August	Straccoligno
16 June	Campo all’Aia	14 July	Chiessi	11 August	Chiessi
21 June	La Foce	19 July	Cala Seregola	16 August	Il Bagno
23 June	Patresi	21 July	Patresi	18 August	Patresi
28 June	Innamorata	26 July	Campo all’Aia	23 August	Nisportino
30 June	Sant’Andrea	28 July	Le Prade	25 August	Barbarossa
5 July	Pomonte	2 August	Secchetto	30 August	Le Ghiaie
7 July	Patresi	4 August	Patresi	1 September	Patresi

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Autumn in the Park



SATURDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER

Harbour walk

On the occasion of World Car-Free Day (22 September), a slow walk for the whole family, leading from the San Giovanni thermal basin to Villa delle Grotte, the luxurious Roman residence from the first century BC. In collaboration with Italia Nostra Arcipelago Toscano.

Appointment: 3:00 PM, Portoferraio, Terme di San Giovanni – Duration: 4 hours

Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event, € 8; reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



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TUESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER

Hiking on the Capo Stella promontory and aperitif with typical products

In collaboration with Camping Laconella, Camping Valle Santa Maria, and Camping Appartamenti Tallinucci, hiking on the Capo Stella promontory. A loop on the narrow cape that separates the two large bays, offering an evocative view to visitors immersed in the colours and scents of the Mediterranean scrubland: glimpses of the Golfo Stella coastline with its enchanting beaches, from the Margidore beach to the Lido, and Calamita's western coast, Capoliveri, and the Gemini Islands. Appointment: 9:30 AM, Margidore – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required, free of charge.

SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

“Conoscere Mola”

Sensory workshops, environmental interpretation, nature treasure hunts, conferences, laboratories, and much more! “Conoscere Mola,” or “Getting to know Mola,” was born from the need to explain every facet of an area as rich and complex as the Mola wetland, presenting an opportunity to offer ever-changing events that visitors to discover, each time, a new tessera in the wonderful mosaic that it represents.

Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Località Mola

Duration: 3 hours – Free of charge; booking required.



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Circolo Arcipelago Toscano

SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER

Elba's donkey farm: “C’era una volta un’isola”

Taking sensory approach to the donkey in its enclosure, trying some donkey riding through the olive grove, and visiting the small museum called *C’era una volta un’isola**. An excursion immersed in the evolution of the Mediterranean scrubland, until arriving at a magnificent forest of holm oak, on a cool trail. Booking required; adults € 20, children 5-12 years of age € 10 – free for children 0-4 years of age.

Two visiting shifts, at 10:00 AM and at 5:00 PM



* Once upon a time, there was an island

SATURDAY, 7 OCTOBER

The ophiolite outcroppings of Mount Fico along Rio's GustoSentiero. Earth Week

About 150 million years ago, the rocks outcropping on the crests of eastern Elba today were a portion of the ancient Piemont-Liguria Ocean, which disappeared after the collision between the European and African plates and the consequent formation of the Apennines. We will observe them in the company of a geologist, following Rio's path of taste – GustoSentiero – followed by arrival at Mount Fico's Azienda Agricola Le Sughere farm, where we will visit the wine cellar and barriquerie. Appointment: 2:00 PM, Casa del Parco, Rio.

Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required for the event. € 8 – € 4 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER

Portoferraio geology hike. International Geodiversity Day (6 October)

The Greeks called it *Porto Argo* (white port); in the thirteenth century it was known as “Ferraria” while in the eighteenth it was nicknamed “Città Rosa” (pink city): all these names have to do with the rocks and the history of Portoferraio, a small, colourful village enclosed within a harbour protected from most of the winds. We will start from the Ghiaie beach and explore the upper part of the city first, followed by the streets in the centre and the Medici wet dock. A geology walk in the historic centre to discover the origin of the rocks that still constitute the town’s foundations, discovering the relationships that can be forged between people and their geological habitat. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Portoferraio Info Park – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: easy
Booking required. € 8; reduced price for 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



SATURDAY, 14 OCTOBER

The sustainable park of a hotel in the UNESCO MAB Reserve

Biowatching in the park of Hotel Fabricia, situated in a complex set of natural environments and in a protected area, surrounded by Mediterranean scrub plants and by an age-old olive grove, close to two wetlands that constitute the ideal environment for the development of biodiversity. Native plant life, artificial nests for swallows and swifts, and rainwater irrigation: the Park Guide, thanks also to the panels placed along the trail, will show us how a hospitality facility can live in harmony with the territory and nature. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Hotel Fabricia, Portoferraio - Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event. € 8; reduced price for visitors 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER

Turtle aperitif

The nesting season comes to a close: a gathering event for all the volunteers committed to monitoring the beaches and the nests, but open to all sea turtle lovers. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu lecture hall, Mola – Duration: 2 hours. Free event, Booking required.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 21 OCTOBER

Walking in a holm oak wood towards Jupiter’s Watchtower

Scrubland and holm oak forest: ancient places where wood was gathered to fuel the smelting furnaces. Trail 259 takes us near the defensive structure built in 1459, which appears as a square tower, now in ruins. The view ranges over the Piombino channel, dotted with the small islands of Palmaiola and Cerboli, the Populonia and Argentario promontories, and the entire western side of Elba. Appointment: 2:00 PM – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium. Free event, Booking required.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 22 OCTOBER

Chestnut festival in Marciana

Walking in the autumn woods with the Park Guide to discover the colours and shapes of the leaves, make a little leaf collection, and create a sensory composition. For children and families. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Casa del Parco, Marciana - Duration: 2 hours - Degree of difficulty: easy. Free event; Booking required.

SATURDAY, 28 OCTOBER

Towards Mount Serra

Walking towards Mount Serra, to discover old mines and the places where iron was forged. Along the way, magnifying glasses in hand, we will analyze the extraordinary rocks found in this area, in order to discover their characteristics and properties. Appointment: 2:00 PM, Rio nell'Elba, Casa del Parco, with trailing car; Duration: 3 hours; Degree of difficulty: medium; Booking required for the event, free of charge.



SUNDAY, 29 OCTOBER

Chestnut festival in Poggio

From Marciana to Poggio along the ancient rights of way, on a hike that will allow us to observe this area's Apennine vegetation along the slopes of Elba's Mount Capanne. The large chestnut groves were exploited in the past for their fruit and, above all, lumber – an interesting example of sustainable economy that we will be able to further discuss during the walk. Along the way, we will make a stop at the San Cerbone Hermitage, build in Saint Cerbonius's honour in 575, followed by our return to Poggio to taste typical products at the festival's stands. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Marciana, Casa del Parco – Degree of difficulty: medium/easy – Duration: 3 hours – Booking required for the event, free of charge.

SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

A walk in the UNESCO MAB reserve

On the occasion of the International Day for Biosphere Reserves (3 November). Starting from Parco delle Terme, we will cross through the San Giovanni wetland, a treasure chest of biodiversity, to reach the Villa Romana delle Grotte, stopping to observe, along with the agronomist, the olive grove surrounding the archaeological complex. An immersion in the UNESCO MAB Reserve, along with the expert and the Park Guide, in contact with its characterizing elements: the protection of biodiversity, habitats, and the landscape, and the valorization of cultural diversity and of the virtuous relationship between people and nature. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Parco delle Terme, Port
Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required, € 8; reduced price free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.





AVENZA MAPS

By downloading the free application, on the Avenza Maps platform, the official map of Elba's paths is available



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Marciana



Sede del Parco





Rio nell'Elba



Zona umida di Mola



Lacona



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LA CASA DELL'AGRONOMO DELL'ISOLA DI PIANOSA



La Casa dell'Agrologo (the Agronomist's House) - Built during the so-called Ponticelli period (referring to the Ponticelli who was Pianosa's prison warden between 1871 and 1881) and certainly completed prior to 1875 as documented by a print bearing this date and showing the finished building, the Agronomist's House was not actually built just for the Agronomist, a person who did in fact reside there, but also to house the prison farm's other employees. This was certainly one of the finest buildings in all of Pianosa, built, according to the taste at that time, in eclectic style, with decorative elements that are found elsewhere on the island, such as at Forte Teglia and Palazzo della Specola. The Agronomist's House was restored and turned into a museum, thanks also to the proceeds from the tickets for accessing the island paid to the Park by its many visitors during the 2000 – 2021 period, amounting to € 1,114,386. Although the project cost far more (about € 2 million), without the visitors' contribution the Park would never have had the resources to complete the work.





THE VISIT ROUTE

The ground floor is dedicated to the history of Pianosa: in the first room, the image of the agronomist Ponticelli appears in a video, welcoming the visitors. A timeline on a large panel guides the guest through the island's history, relating it to its geological, archaeological, and architectural expressions. The upper floors are dedicated to the island's nature. Pianosa's territory is illustrated by a model that can be enjoyed interactively. By pressing different buttons, visitors can listen to a descriptive audio while the corresponding areas on the island light up to display the distribution of the various environments: submerged and surface rocks, beaches, sandy sea bottoms, scrubland, maquis, abandoned pastures. A room is dedicated to the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, an area marked by a high degree of biodiversity within which the National Park is entirely included. The top floor displays panels on Pianosa's animal life and a sort of birdwatching position from which visitors can observe reproductions of various specimens of birdlife and listen to their songs.

Descending back down to the ground floor towards the exits, visitors are greeted by the island's sea bottoms which, thanks to underwater videos, are projected onto the walls, offering a virtual immersion into Pianosa's sea. Touch panels are available throughout the itinerary, written in Braille and with audio to accompany vision-impaired visitors in their enjoyment of the experience.

Bookings at Pianosa's Park Information Centre, admission € 5 – € 3 reduced admission for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

The Park Information Centre is located on the ground floor of the Agronomist's House, welcoming visitors as they disembark on the island. Here, Park Guides provide information on the visits and excursions scheduled every day, and a bookshop offers information material, merchandise, and publications relating to the protected area. Tel.: 0565 908231. **From 15 March to 31 October:** Monday to Sunday, 11:00 AM-4:30 PM. Winter openings based on availability of ferry service.

MUSEO DELLE SCIENZE GEOLOGICHE E ARCHEOLOGICHE DELL'ISOLA DI PIANOSA



MUSEUM OF GEOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES, ISLAND OF PIANOSA

For the first time, specimens of rocks, fossils, and archaeological finds, Pianosa's real treasures, are shown where they were unearthed, thanks to a permanent exhibition on the island. The exhibition reveals Pianosa's history starting from the most ancient rocks dating to about 19 million years ago to the deposits from the last glacial period, and follows human traces from the Upper Palaeolithic to the Roman Age and the Middle Ages. The abundant presence of fossils and of the first inhabitants are closely linked to the geological and palaeographic evolution of the "non-island" as it developed into the island we know today. The history of this precious and fascinating patch of earth is told by explanatory panels, videos, and educational/dissemination workshops. Guided tours: bookings at Casa del Parco Pianosa or online: parcoarcipelago.info. Admission € 5 – reduced admission € 3, children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for disabled persons and those accompanying them, as well as for children 0-4 years of age.



CATACOMBE DELL'ISOLA DI PIANOSA



CATACOMBS OF THE ISLAND OF PIANOSA - Comprising nearly 700 burials dug into the stone, the Early Christian catacomb complex is located in the eastern sector of the island, and within the town of Pianosa. The cemetery has all the morphological and monumental characteristics that are the mark of the other catacombs dug in Late Antiquity in the various centres of peninsular and insular Italy, making Tuscany the northernmost region where funerary monuments with features of this kind have been recognized. The management of the catacomb – which must have been excavated more or less during the second half of the third century AD, with use extending at least into the fifth century – has been entrusted to the Park Authority by the Papal Commission of Sacred Archaeology. Guided tours: bookings at Casa del Parco Pianosa or online at parcoarcipelago.info. Admission € 5 – reduced admission € 3, children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for disabled persons and those accompanying them, as well as for children 0-4 years of age



Isola di Pianosa

SUNDAY, 23 APRIL

The Mediterranean of 150 years ago

Pianosa's sea is particularly abundant with aquatic life: the waters, once under the strict control exercised by the penitentiary police around the island, are now protected for their environmental value and their rich fauna. Here, the bed of posidonia, spared from trawling and from indiscriminate anchorage, is still intact and particularly large. A hike led by the Park Guide and the expert, to more deeply examine the issues of protecting the sea and its sustainable use. The Park Guide will be joined by an expert to help participants learn more about the undersea world, rare species, and the environments that most require attention and protection, and to open a dialogue on how, throughout Europe, protection is harmonized with the Natura 2000 system and on the importance of everyone's contribution towards supporting the maintenance and management of these territories.

Appointment: 11:00 AM, Pianosa - Agronomist's House. Duration 3 hours – Difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8; children 5-12 years of age € 4, free for children 0-4 years of age.



Excursions to Pianosa

Daily excursions along the indicated itineraries, exclusively in the company of an authorized guide. Access to the town and the Cala Giovanna beach is free. No pets or companion animals may be brought in, except for leashed animals in the area of the town ([see p. 65](#)). Excursions are planned every day from 15 March to 31 October. During the remainder of the year, based on availability of ferry service, excursions will be available (hiking, mountain biking, and museum sites), to be booked directly onboard.



VISIT TO THE AGRONOMIST'S HOUSE

Guided tour of the building restored by the Park Authority and of the exhibition itinerary illustrating, with panels, interactive videos, and audio paths, the agricultural biodiversity, the island's natural features, and the historical period that transformed it with the settlement of the prison farm. Duration: 1 hour – € 10; € 5 reduced admission for children 5-12 years of age; free admission for children 0-4 years of age.



VISIT TO THE TOWN

A walk amid the evocative structures of the village of Pianosa, to learn about the history and customs of the communities that have lived here, on a historic itinerary that extends from the Stone Age to the nineteenth-century settlements. Duration: 1h30m. € 5; € 3 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. May be combined with the visit to the Catacombs: € 10; € 6 reduced admission for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



VISIT TO THE TOWN WITH CATACOMBS AND THE MUSEUM

The visit allows guests to discover, beyond the evocative and spectacular Early Christian catacomb complex (fourth century AD), the history of the village's oldest and most beautiful buildings. The itinerary also includes a visit to the Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences, where Pianosa's true treasures – rock specimens, fossils, and archaeological finds – are shown in the place where they were found, in a permanent exhibition. Duration: 2 hours. € 15; € 8 reduced admission for children 5-12 years of age; free for children 0-4 years of age.



GUIDED TOUR BY CARRIAGE

A slow, gentle way to experience the island's nature, beauty, and charm, and particularly recommended for families with children. The excursion traverses the wings of the former prison and the Orti di Pianosa gardens, with some stops during which the Guide will recount the history of the Penal Colony. Adults € 20; children 5-12 years of age € 14; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Duration: 1h30m.



NATURE HIKE

An easy hike in the southeastern area. The partially shaded loop will provide a look at the prison structures, discovering the island's natural expressions and its geological and archaeological history. Duration: 2 hours – Closed shoes or hiking boots required. € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5 - 12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



MOUNTAIN BIKE

Mountain biking along the island's flat roads and trails. There are two itineraries to choose from: the northern one, about 10 km long, visiting the Roman Port at the island's northern end, the Belvedere on the western side, and the spectacular Cala Brisighelli on the eastern side; and the southern one, about 13.5 km long, stopping at the "Agrippa" maximum security wing, the unforgettable Cala della Ruta, and other places along the south-western coastline. Duration: 2 hours. Length: 11 km. € 15. Minimum age: 12 (no children on child seats). Authorization and liability release required for minors, who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Helmets and appropriate footwear must be worn.



SEA KAYAK

Sit-on-top kayaking to discover the island's eastern coastline, starting from the Cala Giovanna beach. An extraordinary opportunity to navigate in the protected area's waters, along the island's rocks and spectacular coastlines. Duration: 2 hours. € 25. Minimum age: 14. A minimum of experience is required. Authorization and liability release required for minors, who must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Safety gear must be worn.



GUIDED TOURS BY BUS

Seated comfortably on the air-conditioned bus along Pianosa's unpaved roads to discover the island's nature and its ancient farming and penal history. The guides' explanations will enrich the experience, along with photo stops, for instance when admiring the splendid view over the Cala del Bruciato cove. Duration: 1h15m. Adults: € 20; children 5 - 12 years of age: € 14; free for children 0-4 years of age.



AT DAWN AND SUNSET

Hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, and snorkelling excursions and visits to the museum sites, at dawn and sunset, for those spending the night on the island: the type of visit is established in accordance with a calendar available at Pianosa's Park Information Centre.



SNORKELING

Donning fins, mask, and snorkel to observe the marine flora and fauna along a stretch of coastline rich with biodiversity. Conceived for small groups of visitors who will be able to admire an intact marine environment as only a protected area can guarantee. Minors must be accompanied by at least one parent or responsible adult. Authorization and liability release required for minors. A fair degree of open-water experience and ability to use the equipment is required. Duration: 1h30m (about 50 minutes in the water). Length: about 1 km. € 15. Minimum age: 14.

Suggestions for safe and pleasant enjoyment of sporting services

Excellent health conditions – good physical shape – suitable clothing (closed footwear for hiking and mountain biking) – adequate water supply – ability to swim (snorkelling and kayaking) – basic experience in using a paddle – height adequate for the gear.

Excursions are booked online; follow the link and QR coder
parcoarcipelago.info/pianosa



Isola di Pianosa

How to reach the Island of Pianosa

Daily ferry service - Aquavision motorbote line

Arriving at Pianosa from the Island of Elba (Marina di Campo) and from Piombino as well during the high season.

Departure: Piombino 8:30 AM – Marina di Campo 10:00 AM – arrival in Pianosa at 10:45 and 5:00 PM – Marina di campo 5:45 PM – arrival in Piombino at 7:30 PM. Appointment and tickets at Marina di Campo 30-45 before departure (Information point, Piazza dei Granatieri, Marina di Campo). Aquavision ticket office. Tel.: 0565 976022

Weekly link (Tuesdays) - Toremar Ferry

Departing from Piombino and stopping at Rio Marina. Departure: Piombino 08:20 AM – Rio Marina 09:20 – arrival in Pianosa at 11:10 AM;
Return: Pianosa 2:10 PM – Rio Marina 4:00 PM – arrival in Piombino at 5:10 PM. Toremar ticket office in Rio Marina tel.: 0565 960131

AUTUMN IN THE PARK

SUNDAY, 8 OCTOBER

Earth Week. Geobiking on Pianosa from east to west

From the town, after a brief geological introduction, we head towards the centre of the island. Here, a brief stop is dedicated to the former maximum security wing and another is devoted to the Torre di Babele, one of the island's highest points (nearly 30 m!), offering an all-round view. Returning to our bikes, we head west: after a look at the Cimitero dei Cronici cemetery, we reach the Spianata dei Fossili. Leaving our bikes behind, a look over the cliff facing Elba and Corsica will be followed by a brief walk on foot along one of the island's most fascinating fossil-bearing outcroppings. From here, we will begin our return, following a stretch of coastline towards the north, to the beds of *Isognomon maxillatus* at the old laundry, then heading towards Sembolello, where a brief and final stop is dedicated to the levels of Brachiopods that may be seen in a cut along the road. From here, we are back in town in less than ten minutes. Appointment: 11:00 AM, Casa del Parco di Pianosa – Duration: 4 hours with packed lunch – Degree of difficulty: medium Reserved for visitors over 12 years of age. Booking required, € 15.



Download the free app on the Avenza maps platform for official maps of [Elba](#) and [Pianosa](#)



Diving in Pianosa



In the protected sea strip, the National Park has provided some mooring buoys to permit diving and the sustainable usability of the underwater itineraries.



Diving within Pianosa's biological protection area is permitted to small groups of divers accompanied by environmental scuba guides authorized by the Region of Tuscany or with diving clubs accredited by the Park Authority. Diving in Pianosa is an evocative and exciting experience. The underwater spectacle is truly unique: groupers, lobsters, sea eagles, yellowtails, moon fish, and barracuda.

Visitors can book dives exclusively at one of the authorized diving clubs, the list of which can be consulted webpage:

islepark-pianosa-immersioni

and using the QR code next to this text.

For information: Park Information Centre 0565 908231.





- 1** Casa dell'Agronomo
*The Agronomist House
Info Park - Info point*
- 2** Museo delle Scienze
Science museum
- 3** Catacombe / *Catacombs*

- 4** Ristorante - Bar
Restaurant - Bar
- 5** Hotel Milena

*Mostra fotografica
Ass.ne Difesa di Pianosa
Photo exhibition
Pianosa Defense Association*
- 6** Forte Teglia
Teglia Fort
- 7** Piazzetta della chiesa
Church square
- 8** Imbarchi molo Teglia
Ferry boarding pier

- 10** Toilette
- 11** Muro Dalla Chiesa
Dalla Chiesa wall
- 12** Spiaggia balneabile
Bathing beach
- 13** Bagno di Agrippa
Bath of Agrippa
-  Area consentita ai cani
Area allowed for dogs

Tuscan Arcipelago

Daily Excursions



Visit the islands in the Archipelago, in low and high season, by purchasing a package including both sea transport and the guided tour service with Park Guide: this service may be purchased directly online at

parcoarcipelago.info



Pianosa Island

Special departures in April and May with exclusive vessel from Piombino, departing at 8:30 AM, returning at 6:30 PM.

25 APRIL - 30 APRIL - 21 MAY - 28 MAY

Guided tour including round trip from Piombino, ticket for entry into protected area and Park Guide service. Sea transport may be combined with 1 excursion, choosing between:

- Guided tour of the town and of the National Park's museum facilities – Agronomist's House, Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences, and Early Christian Catacombs. After disembarking, introduction to the island's natural and human history. The visit will allow us to discover the history of the village's oldest and most beautiful buildings and to visit the Park's new museum offerings, including the recently renovated Agronomist's House. Duration 2h30m (6 hours on the island) – Length: about 4 km– Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: Full price: € 65 – € 50.00 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.
- Mountain biking excursion Arrival in Pianosa, presentation of the island, and delivery of bicycles; brief introduction to the itinerary and warnings on bicycle use. Itinerary along the southwestern coastline, traversing the old prison structures, to savour the island's essence and learn about Pianosa's extraordinary natural history. Duration: 2h30m (6 hours on the island) – Length: about 4 km – Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: € 65. Minimum age: 12.

Giannutri Island

Special springtime departures with exclusive vessel from Porto Santo Stefano, departure at 10:00 AM – returning 5:00 PM.

19 MARCH AND 24 APRIL

Guided tour including round-trip journey from Porto Santo Stefano, entrance ticket to the protected area and Park Guide service.

Departing from Porto Santo Stefano, this tour offering includes a ferry to discover the small island in the National Park. The visit starts from the Cala Maestra bay followed, amid the rocky cliffs and scented trails of the Mediterranean scrubland, by the remains of a Roman Villa built in the first century AD by the powerful Domitius Ahenobarbus family. This is followed by a nature visit lasting about 1 hour, which will lead participants inside the protected area, amid spurge and mastic plants, as they enjoy extraordinary views. Free time after the excursion. Duration: 2h30m (5 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: easy – Cost: € 60 full-price; € 40 reduced price for children 5 to 12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



Giglio Island

Summer departures from the Island of Elba – embarking at Porto Azzurro, 9:30 AM, returning 6:30 PM

21, 28 JUNE – 5, 12, 19, 26 JULY – 2, 9, 23, 30 AUGUST

Guided tour including round-trip journey from Elba and Park Guide service, to discover the island's true soul in the company of the Park Guide.

An experience in contact with the island's genuine essence. After disembarking at Giglio Porto, transfer by taxi to Giglio Castello, situated at an elevation of 400 metres. Carved into the granite and completely surrounded by defensive walls, it is one of the Mediterranean's most evocative and authentic Medieval villages. Upon concluding the visit to the village, return to Giglio Porto is planned, following the ancient mule trail that linked the two towns: an approximately 1 hour walk on an easy, scenic trail, with long stretches in the shade. After the visit, free time before re-embarking. Alternatively, the return to Giglio Porto can be made by public transport, taxis, or bus at the participants' expense, to be paid onsite. Duration: 3 hours (5 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: medium. Cost: € 55 full-price - € 45.00 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Tuscan Arcipelago



Capraia Island

Summer departures from the Island of Elba – embarking at Porto Azzurro, 9:30 AM or at Marciana Marina 10:00 AM, returning 6:00 PM (Marciana Marina) and 6:30 PM (Portoferraio).

16, 23, AND 30 JUNE – 7, 14, 21, 28 JULY – 4, 11, 25 AUGUST

VGuided tour including round-trip journey from the Island of Elba and Park Guide service.

The Park Guide will accompany participants as they discover the aspects of natural history – at the La Salata Environmental Education Centre – and the small village's secrets, from Torre del Porto to Forte San Giorgio and the church of San Nicola. Upon leaving the town, the itinerary continues along the Reganico trail to Cala dello Zurletto bay, amid ancient farm terraces and Mediterranean scrub. A brief stop and an opportunity to swim in the turquoise waters before continuing on to the harbour. After the visit, free time before re-embarking. Duration: 3h30m (5 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: medium. Cost: € 55 full-price - € 45 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Excursions are booked online parcoarcipelago.info



*Montecristo
island*

Calendar 2023

Montecristo island

Discovering the island of treasure

Montecristo is a state nature reserve contained within the National Park. Visits to the island are restricted and are made possible thanks to the agreement between the National Park and the Carabinieri Biodiversity department of Follonica. Excursions are booked directly online at parcoarcipelago.info/montecristo

Getting to the island

Thanks to the links provided by the Park, the island is reached for daily excursions departing from the indicated port based on the calendar available on the booking site. The possibility for access (disembarking and museum visit) by private vessel is regulated and managed by the Carabinieri Biodiversity department of Follonica. Tel.: 0566 40673.



Guided excursions

Daily excursions follow the itineraries indicated below. Visitors must have their own water supply and packed lunch. Appropriate footwear is required: high hiking boots with deep tread, as well as comfortable apparel suitable for the excursion activities. In the absence of appropriate footwear, in the Guides' judgment, participation in the visit may be denied. Swimming is absolutely prohibited. Excursion cost: € 130 (€ 60 residents of the Tuscan Archipelago, 100 available spots every year). Costs include round-trip maritime transport, guide service. Minimum age: 12. In the event of adverse weather conditions, make-up dates will be offered.



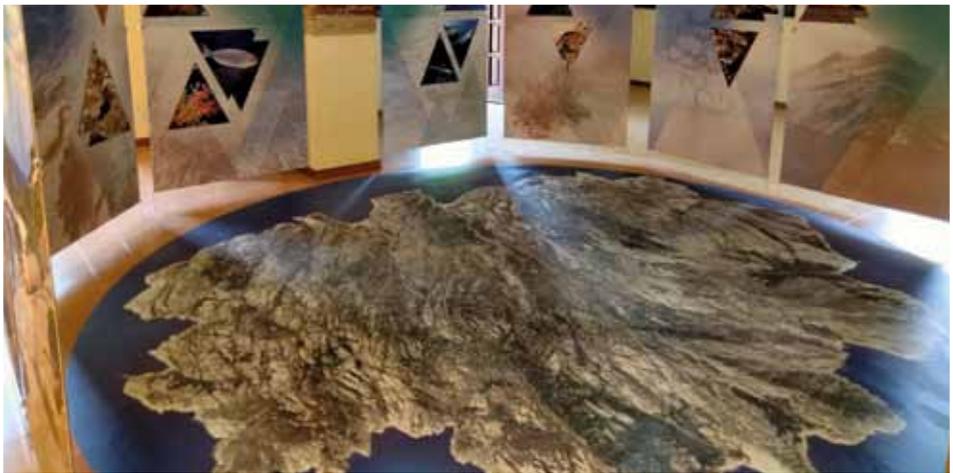
- A** Cala Maestra - Belvedere – Villa Reale; Length: 2,031 m - Degree of difficulty: medium - Duration: 2 hours
- B** Cala Maestra – Monastero – Villa Reale; Length: 3,110 m - Degree of difficulty: high - Duration: 3 hours
- C** Cala Maestra - Villa Reale – EcoMuseo; Length: 2,000 m - Degree of difficulty: easy - Duration: 2 hours

Montecristo island



Casotto dei Pescatori (Fishermen's House)

Within the framework of the Life Projects, the structure called Casa dei Pescatori has been recovered. Manned by the offices of the Forestry Carabinieri, it functions as a visitors' and information centre.



Nature museum and flower collection

The Island of Montecristo also offers, to those who have the opportunity to visit it, the experience of discovery within the renovated Museum. The small educational room, whose arrangement was completed during 2021, provides content relating to the island's flora, fauna, history, and archaeology, using explanatory panels, finds, and multimedia tools offering pleasant opportunities for more in-depth knowledge.

Montecristo island

Calendar of visits

Departure from Piombino with stopover at Porto Azzurro

Marzo
Saturday 18
Sunday 19
Sunday 26

Aprile
Saturday 1
Sunday 2
Saturday 8
Sunday 9

Maggio
Sunday 21
Saturday 27
Sunday 28

June
Saturday 3
Sunday 4
Saturday 10
Sunday 11
Saturday 17

Settembre
Saturday 9
Sunday 10
Saturday 16
Sunday 17
Saturday 23
Sunday 24

Departure from Porto Santo Stefano with a stopover in Giglio Port

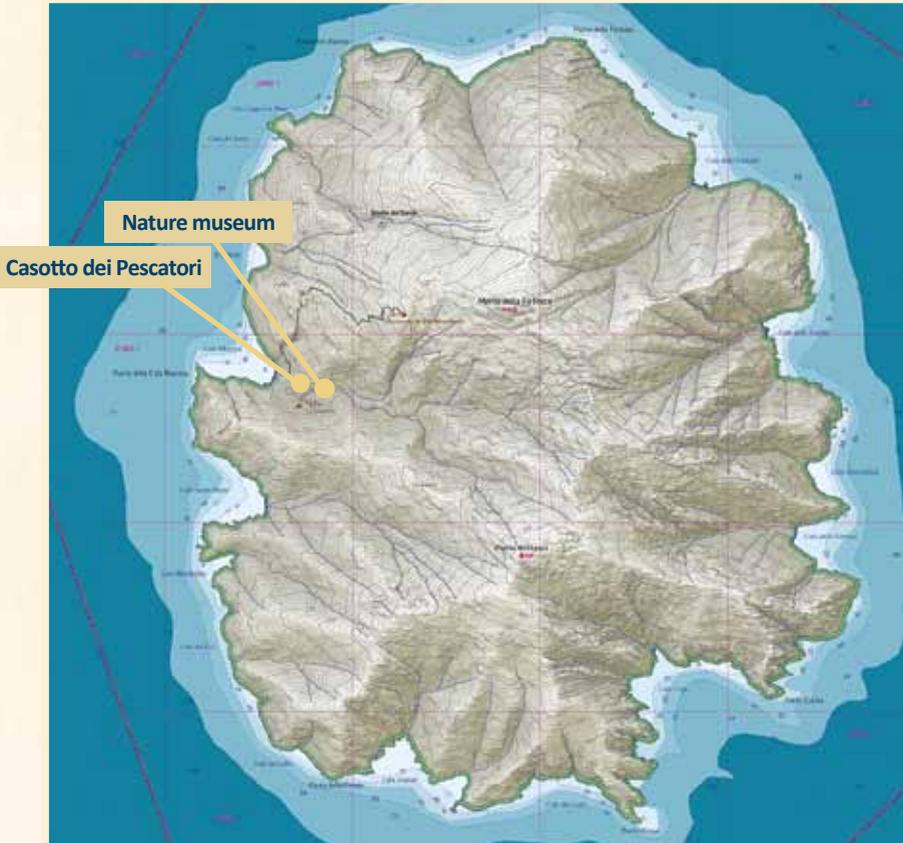
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June
Friday 16



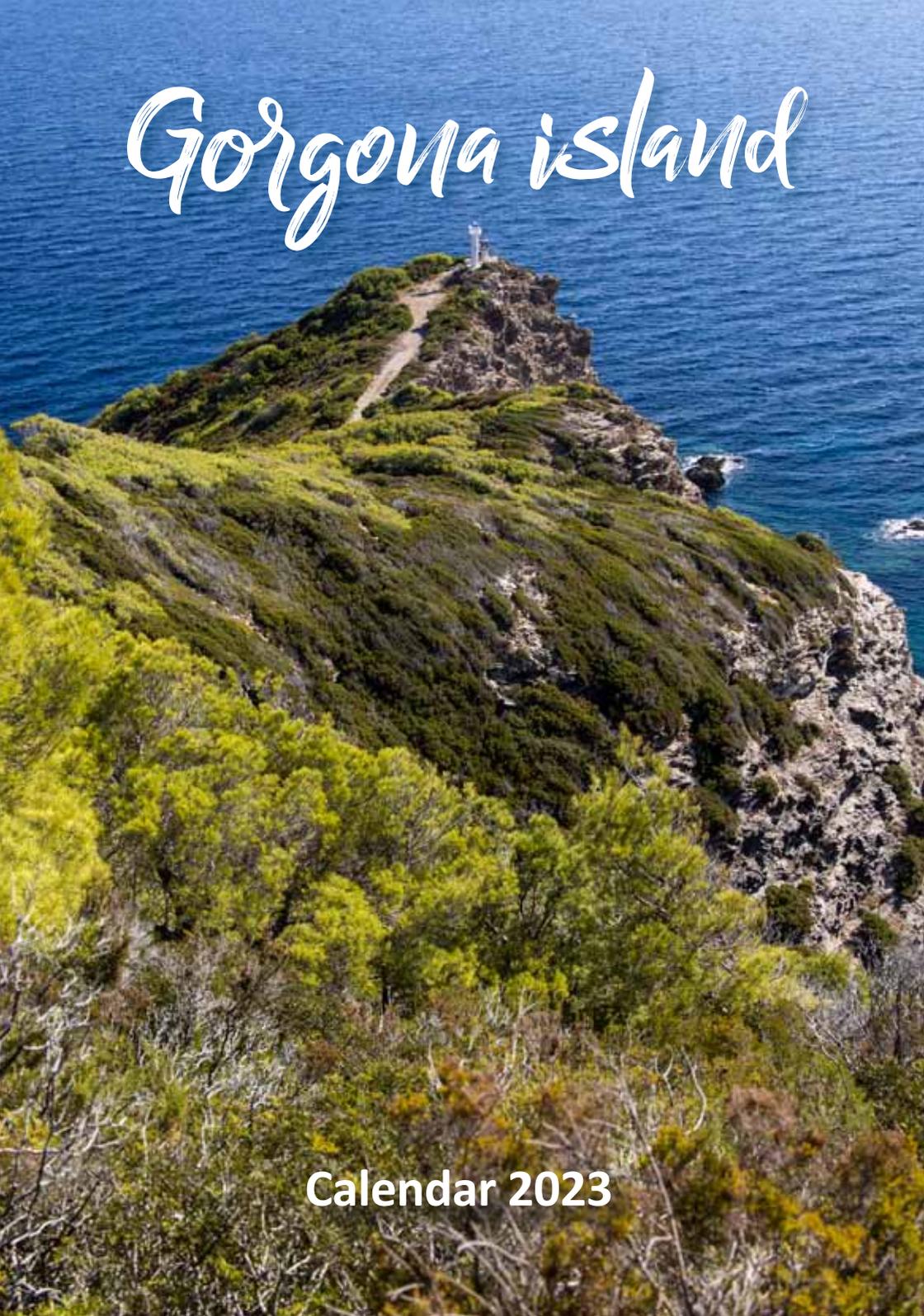
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Montecristo

Gorgona island



Calendar 2023

The Park's forbidden island

Included within the National Park, Gorgona is home to a penitentiary. Visits are therefore restricted and made possible thanks to the agreement between the Park Authority and the Prison Administration. Excursions are booked directly online at: parcoaricipelago.info/gorgona

The Roman Villa

The island is home to the remains of a Roman villa dating to between the late first century BC and the start of the first century AD, unearthed in a dig conducted by Tuscany's Superintendence for Archaeological Heritage: the five adjacent environments conserve some portions of mosaic pavement and walls with painted plaster.

Getting to the island

The island is reached departing from Livorno by Toremar ferry service. For information on costs and the visiting calendar, contact the Park Information Centre: Tel.: 0565 908231.

Guided excursions

Cost: € 45 full price – € 36 for children from 5 to 12 years of age – free of charge for children 0 to 4 years of age. The cost includes round-trip maritime transport, ticket to access the protected area, and Guide service. The hiking excursion starts from the Belvedere terrace and reaches Torre Nuova (a tower of Medici origin, located in the upper part of the town, protecting the harbour) using the unpaved roads built by the Prison Administration. Upon reaching Punta Paratella, a stop may be made to enjoy a magnificent view over Cala Maestra bay. This is followed by the island's small historic cemetery and Rocca Vecchia, the island's oldest fortification, from the Pisan era. The excursion itinerary is partially shaded. Length: 6 km – Ascent: 250 m – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy.

March

Saturday 25

April

Saturday 1

Saturday 8

Saturday 15

Saturday 22

Monday 24

Saturday 29

May

Saturday 6

Saturday 13

Saturday 20

Saturday 27

June

Saturday 3

Saturday 10

Saturday 12

Saturday 17

Saturday 24

Monday 26

July

Saturday 1

Monday 3

Saturday 8

Monday 10

Saturday 15

Monday 17

Saturday 22

Saturday 29

September

Saturday 2

Monday 4

Saturday 9

Saturday 16

Saturday 23

Saturday 30

October

Saturday 7

Saturday 14

Saturday 21

Saturday 28

Calendar of visits

A scenic view of Capraia Island, showing a hiker on a rocky ridge overlooking a steep, vegetated slope and the sea. The hiker is wearing a backpack and a hat, standing on a rocky outcrop. The background features a steep, rocky cliffside covered in green vegetation, leading down to a blue sea. The sky is clear and blue.

Capraia island

Calendar 2023



LA SALATA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE Information Point of the Tuscan Observatory for Biodiversity

The information dissemination structure located in the marina provides all the information visitors need to enjoy the island's beauty. Inside, a tourism information point – managed in collaboration between the National Park, the Municipality of Capraia Isola and the Pro Loco organization – is also an Environmental Education Centre dedicated to learning about the island. Multimedia stagings in virtual reality and interactive apps allow visitors to relive the geological formation of the Tuscan Archipelago and in particular of the volcanic apparatus from which the Island of Capraia was formed, as well as to discover the opportunities for enjoyment through the system of trails. A specific exhibit is dedicated to the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals with images of its extraordinary inhabitants, in-depth discussion of the marine life, and information on the Tuscan Observatory for Biodiversity. Lastly, the courtyard houses splendid, life-size models of the bottlenose, common, and spotted dolphins, and of the monk seal. Here, excursions with Park Guide may be booked to discover the island's trails, geological and archaeological treasures, and extraordinary marine protected area. Free entry. Tel: 320 9606560 - 347 7714601

Open from 1 April to 1 November, based on the calendar:

parcoarcipelago.info/capraia



Capraia island

PALMENTI (millstone)

The Municipality of Capraia, with the scientific supervision of the Superintendence for Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Landscape for the provinces of Pisa and Livorno, and thanks to financing from the INTERREG ISOS – Isole Sostenibili Project carried out by the National Park, has activated a cultural itinerary to rediscover the island's ancient farming traditions. Now the age-old palmenti – vats dug into stone and used for wine production – may be visited. Used at least starting from the sixteenth century, the palmento was where the bunches of grapes were pressed to extract their juices. The three sites that could already be visited – Forte San Giorgio, San Leonardo, and Segalaio – have been joined by others thanks to recent digs, located in Il Piano. A dedicated trail equipped with explanatory panels has enhanced the enjoyment of these sites.



THE MONK SEAL

Around Capraia, within the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, there are frequent sightings of sea mammals like dolphins and blue and sperm whales. After decades of absence, there is now confirmation of the monk seal's presence along the coastline. It is a species endemic to the Mediterranean and the contiguous waters of the Atlantic, where it survives in reproductive units amounting to a few hundred individuals concentrated in the southernmost areas of the Mediterranean and along the coastline of the Atlantic Sahara and the island of Madeira. Arcipelago Toscano National Park organizes special boat excursions along the island's coasts to discover Capraia's marine life. If you choose to use your own vessel, please follow some simple rules so as not to disturb the monk seal or other animals, and consult the map at the link below or use the QR code to find out in what areas you can navigate freely.

[Capraia-warning-vessels](#)



Capraia island

ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

The archaeological exhibition is set up at the church of Sant'Antonio, displaying a series of important archaeological finds discovered on the island and in its surrounding waters. Of these, the most evocative are from what has been called "Tomb 13," discovered by the eastern side of the church of Santa Maria Assunta during the 1983 excavation campaign which, in addition to a series of Medieval and modern-era burials, also yielded a tomb from Late Antiquity, dated to the fifth century AD. The remains of the skeleton and the grave goods allow the burial to be attributed to a soldier probably not of native origin, perhaps a Frank in Avitus's Imperial Army who died during the Battle of Corsica of 456 AD. The exhibition is included in a broader context of initiatives aimed at valorizing the island of Capraia's historical and archaeological heritage, implemented by the Municipality of Capraia in collaboration with Arcipelago Toscano National Park, with the scientific supervision of the Superintendence for Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Landscape for the provinces of Pisa and Livorno.

BOTANICAL TRAIL

Institutions, companies, and citizens have lent their cooperation to this valorization project: the Arura and San Rocco farms, following a commitment taken on in the setting of the ECST (European Charter for Sustainable Tourism) certification, experimentally developed the Botanical Trail, and then completed it thanks to support and financing from the National Park. The main objective is to "learn about, in order to recognize," plants, flowers, and fruits of spontaneous plants in the maquis and more, creating a permanent place for education and experience, and allowing those who traverse it to venture into the island with a greater awareness provided by the recognition of the main botanical species that are present there.

About 300 metres long, the trail extends along the ancient Roman Road that leads from the port to town, passing by the spring and crossing the bridge over the Vado del Porto ford. The port is reached starting from the church of Santa Maria Assunta by following the road for the village called "Le Sughere," or from town starting from the church of San Nicola, following Via San Leonardo, and continuing towards the port with the Palmento di San Leonardo wine vat to one side. The trail is free to use and open to everyone, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Spring is the ideal moment to pay it a visit.



MIGLIO BLU

Swimming, snorkelling, and swimtrekking in an extraordinary natural swimming pool. Capraia's Miglio Blu ("blue mile") is a corridor reserved for safe swimming; freely accessible, no navigation, anchoring, or mooring is allowed within its confines. It extends along a coastal strip that stretches in front of the inhabited area of Capraia – from the Grotto beneath Torre del Porto to Torretta al Bagno. The corridor, 1100 m in length, is marked by 22 buoys. A round-trip swim covers more than one nautical mile.

ISLAND OF CAPRAIA PRO LOCO ORGANIZATION - 2023 EVENTS



Capraia Rock Trail. In the island's suggestive setting, amid breath-taking views, a trail competition suited to expert runners.

Minigiraglia. Sailing between Capraia and Corsica.

Inauguration of the Botanical Trail.

Tango Experience Capraia isola. Milongas and lessons with teachers for all levels.

Capraia Smart Island. A three-day event to present the main experiences available on the market to increase the supply chains' sustainability: energy, waste, water cycle, energy efficiency, port management, and sustainable mobility.

Sagra dei Sapori delle Terre di Mare. The "festival of flavours of the lands of the sea," with the preparation and tasting of typical dishes and products.

Capraia Sail Rally. Competitive sailing organized by Associazione Vele Storiche Viareggio.

Premio Letterario Internazionale del Mare "Piero Ottone" – the "Piero Ottone international literary prize of the sea," dedicated to Italian and foreign narrative works with the themes of "sea, islands, and navigation."

Capraia Musica Festival. Eighteenth edition. An appointment with excellent music in the island's characteristic places.

"Muovasi la Capraia" Festival, between the sea and dreams. Evenings of theatre, cinema, and literature.

Cinema under the stars. In the evenings of July and August, open-air cinema in the cloister of the church of Sant'Antonio.

Biblioteca della Torre del Porto. Library opened for lending services and events calendar.

Capraia Yogathon. Yoga marathon to practise together, benefiting from all the volcanic island's energy.

Festa per la Madonna dell'Assunta. Traditional religious festival of the Assumption, with procession by the sea, fireworks, and the island Palio Marinaro competition.

"Con-centriamoci a Capraia," an event concluding an artistic/relational project promoted by a group of the island's women.

Beer festival

Sagra del Totano: Event attracting thousands of tourists every year, the flying squid festival comprises two main events: the flying squid fishing competition and the festival proper, with stands run by the island's restaurants

Per informazioni: prolococapraiaisola.it

Capraia island

A photograph showing two hikers from behind as they walk along a rocky, dirt trail on a hillside. The hiker on the left is wearing a light blue t-shirt and dark shorts. The hiker on the right is wearing an orange t-shirt, dark shorts, a grey cap, and a backpack. The landscape is rugged with grey rocks and sparse green and yellow vegetation. In the background, the sea is visible under a clear sky.

Spring in the Park

MONDAY, 24 APRIL

The Zenobito loop: the island of Capraia's geotourism itinerary

The guided excursion will allow visitors to discover the island of Capraia's geomorphological history through the reading of the environment. Starting from the town's main square and upon reaching Mount Arpagna, a splendid observation point for a 360° view which will include a stop for a packed lunch, we will descend into the Piana dello Zenobito: an indescribable plain that is impressive for its wild beauty. From here, we will return to town, travelling along the magnificent lost Zenobito Trail. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (2.5 litres per person), packed lunch. Appointment: 9:00 AM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 7 hours – Degree of difficulty: very demanding. Booking required, € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free admission for children 0-4 years of age.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 6 MAY

Vado del Porto, the “Botanical Trail” and the Reganico Trail

The only volcanic island in the Tuscan Archipelago, Capraia is a treasure chest of biodiversity. The loop flanks the enchanting Vado del Porto ford, along which runs the island of Capraia’s Botanical Trail (developed by the Arura and San Rocco farms as part of the local actions for the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism thanks to financing from the Park Authority) which, in a sort of open-air nursery, valorizes the island’s species of botanic interest. Upon reaching the old quarry, the ancient site of extraction of natural lava rock, we will stop for a packed lunch while admiring the view of the island’s ridge. The itinerary will then wind its way in the valley through which the Reganico trail runs: the stops will allow us to discover the island’s surprising habitats and natural diversity, and to recognize the flower species observed previously. Upon reaching the splendid Cala dello Zurletto bay, we will be able to admire the spectacle of the folds, intrusions, and effects of marine erosion that characterize the island. Appointment: 11:00 AM, La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) –Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy – Booking required, free of charge.

SUNDAY, 21 MAY

Excursion to the Tigghielle palmenti: exceptional offerings of the island of Capraia

A fine, guided excursion towards the heart of the island of Capraia will allow us to visit the Tigghielle archaeological area, where we will observe a marvellous nucleus of palmenti, vats for the pressing of grapes in wine production. Although they are also to be found on the other islands of the Tuscan Archipelago, we will discover the exceptional nature of Capraia’s; as we observe the fine vineyards in the Il Piano area, we will be able to imagine the life and productive activities of the past, while appreciating the flavours of today even more! Appointment: 9:30 AM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2.5 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event, € 8 and reduced prices available.i.

SUNDAY, 28 MAY

The former prison farm and Mount Castello: Geotourism itinerary – European Park Week

This beautiful itinerary, which traverses the area of the former penal colony and rises to Mount Castello, the island’s highest peak, will allow us to discover Capraia’s marvellous geological history. Through direct observation of sites and geological landscapes, with the support of the Geotourism Map developed in 2022 by the Institute of Environmental Geology and Geoenvironment of the National Research Council (CNR) in collaboration with the Arcipelago Toscano National Park, we will “read” the environment that surrounds us to understand how Capraia’s volcanic eruptions gave rise, through the profundity of geologic time, to the island we know today. Appointment: 11:00 AM La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 4 hours. Degree of difficulty: demanding – Booking required for the event, free of charge.





Summer in the Park

SUMMER IN THE PARK FOR EVERYONE

Families, teens and children to discover the nature and history of the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park, excursions, guided tours, educational workshops, conferences and citizen science to know and experience the nature and culture of the Protected Area intensely.

SUMMER IN THE PARK JUNIOR

For children aged 6 to 11, environmental education, didactic games and workshops; activities related to the marine ecosystem and the most significant environments of the Park: animal and plant species, natural history, conservation, sustainability.

Every Monday in the summer, the Park offers the experience of seawatching and workshops for children

Seawatching. Boating around the island with observation of marine fauna

The island's small vessels provide an ideal way to discover – with a little luck – the species of animal life that frequent its sea: leaping tunas dolphins, seagulls or falcons in flight, diving pygmy cormorants or a petrel gliding at the water's surface, with the possibility of sighting some exceptional species, like the osprey, or the rare Mediterranean monk seal which after decades of absence has reappeared in the waters of the Tuscan Archipelago. As we gaze at the island's marvellous coastline and the surrounding sea through the binoculars provided by the National Park, the guided tour will introduce us to these surprising creatures; there will also be time for a dip in the crystal-clear water. Appointment: 5:30 PM La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 30 full price; € 20 reduced price (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age).

For children: evening workshop at the La Salata Environmental Education Centre:

From the osprey to the monk seal: superheroes in nature. Evening activity for children, dedicated to some of the species of animal life that frequent the island of Capraia and make it so special! We will discover their “superpowers” and “deeds,” and the value of their presence. Appointment: 9:30 PM, La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA)– Duration: 1h30m – Booking required for the event, free of charge. On Tuesdays, the Park also offers a variety of events to explore the island in all its nuances. For dates and times, contact the La Salata Environmental Education Centre (CEA).

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Night-time hike at the Stefano Protomartire parish church

20 JUNE

20 June: An easy guided excursion will take us to the small, Romanesque church of Santo Stefano Protomartire, situated near the Il Piano area. In the silence of the night, walking beneath a sky made wonderfully starry by the minimal light pollution, we will listen to the call of nocturnal birdlife, breathe in the scents while recognizing the various botanical species that produce them, and discover the history of the island community, as we allow ourselves to be enchanted by the place's beauty. Appointment: 9:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age), free admission for children 0-4 years of age.

Night-time hiking in the former penal colony

18 JULY

An easy guided excursion departing from the La Salata Environmental Education Centre (CEA) will, with the allure of the night time, acquaint us with the former prison farm. Travelling down the unpaved road linking the wings in which the colony was organized, beneath the starry sky, and enjoying the beautiful view towards the port, we will discover the history of the Tuscan Archipelago's penal colonies and the curiosities of Capraia's past. Appointment: 9:30 PM, CEA La Salata (port) – Duration: 1h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age), free for children 0-4 years.

Cooperativa Maricoltura e Ricerca*: the Capraia “sea farm”

1 AUGUST

Cooperativa Maricoltura e Ricerca*, is an extraordinary example of excellence in fish production in Italy. Committed since its creation to achieving the goal of a high-quality product that respects the well-being of animals, it is indicated by the European Commission as a model of sustainable aquaculture. The evening, in the company of the cooperative's founders, will be a meeting open to questions and curiosities, dedicated to history, to the achieved results, and to future objectives, in pursuit of the economy of sustainability and of a great passion: the sea. Appointment: 10:00 PM Environmental Education Centre (CEA), La Salata – Duration: 1h30m – Free admission.



*the Marine Aquaculture and Research Cooperative

And at last, we went out... to measure the darkness!

11 JULY AND 22 AUGUST

Turning our gaze to the night sky, the stars have always been a spectacle that has elicited people's enormous curiosity and wonder. But how does one assess the quality of the night sky, and therefore the impact of light pollution? A brief excursion in the company of Dr. Luciano Massetti, a researcher at CNR-IBE, will allow us to discover what light pollution is, measure its impact with specific instruments, and be thrilled by the magic of Capraia's night. Appointment: 9:30 PM La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age), free admission for children 0-4 years of age.

Capraia island

Dawn by boat

27 JUNE AND 15 AUGUST

A thrilling experience devoted to the transition from night to day, from a special observation point, the sea. Setting sail under a starry sky, we will stop at the beautiful Cala della Mortola bay, reachable only by boat, to admire the dawn and enjoy a daybreak swim. Returning on board, we will have a guided tour around the island to discover its heritage of nature, scenery, and geology. Appointment: La Salata (CEA**), hours vary based on time of sunrise – Duration: 2h30m – Guide service € 10 – Boat service (payment on board) € 30. Number of participants: 8. Booking required.

Sunset by boat

4 JULY AND 29 AUGUST

A thrilling twilight circumnavigation, dedicated to the magic of the setting sun. We will set sail in the late afternoon and have a guided tour around the island of Capraia, observing the coastline and the sea to grasp the excitement of the shapes colours, learn about their origins, and discover the winged creatures and extraordinary marine mammals that come for a visit. Upon reaching Punta della Teglia cape, we will stop to await the sunset, which we will greet with a dive into the island's sea before returning to port as night falls. Appointment: La Salata (CEA**), hours vary based on time of sunset – Duration: 2h30m – Guide service € 10 – Boat service (payment on board) € 30. Maximum number of participants: 8. Booking required for the event.

Market exhibition of Capraia's farms: the island's knowledge and flavours

25 JULY AND 8 AUGUST

The products of the island of Capraia express the relationship between humans and the territory. Wine, honey, cheeses, beer, jams, preserves, and liqueurs are an expression of the marvellous volcanic island and the result of the producers' skilful work, carried out with attention to tradition and with continuous research and innovation, while respecting a territory that belongs to Arcipelago Toscano National Park and the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve. The local produce market exhibition will provide an opportunity to learn about local farming enterprises and to discover the knowledge and flavours of Capraia. Appointment: 10:00 PM, La Salata (CEA**) – Duration: 1h30m – Free admission.

Gazing beyond the stars in Capraia's skies

5 SEPTEMBER

Astronomers from the Arcetri Observatory, Istituto Nazionale di Astrofisica (National Institute for Astrophysics) will be in Capraia to admire the beauty of its night-time sky and meet the island's people beneath the stars. In addition to offering a look through the telescope at some objects present in the sky, from the planets in our solar system to star clusters, from nebulae to the Milky Way and the Andromeda galaxy, Edvige Corbelli and Daniele Galli will answer all the public's questions. They will recount ancient and recent discoveries about the Universe, revealing the secrets of what we can admire and imagine just by looking up. Appointment: 10:00 PM, La Salata (CEA**) – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Capraia island

Capraia's sky: a treasure chest filled with stars

12 SEPTEMBER

The Astronomy Group from Rosignano Marittimo's Museo di Storia Naturale will enliven an evening of astronomical observations beneath the incomparable sky of the island of Capraia. An introductory meeting at the La Salata (CEA**) will allow visitors to learn some basic notions relating to the movements of the heavenly bodies, the main constellations during that period, and the approach to observation using telescopes. In a guided walk, participants will then reach the place where observations will be made through telescopes that will reveal double stars, star clusters, nebulae, and galaxies. Appointment: 10:00 PM, La Salata (CEA**) – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. The Park's Wednesday offerings vary, from geology-based or nature-themed boat rides to hiking to local producers

The proposals on Park Wednesdays are varied, from geological or nature-themed boat tours to treks to local producers

Geowatching: boat ride around the island, dedicated to aspects of geomorphology

28 JUNE, 12 AND 26 JULY, 9 AND 23 AUGUST, 6 SEPTEMBER

Capraia is the Tuscan Archipelago's only island of volcanic origin. Taking a boat tour around the island, through direct observation and relying on the Geotourism Map developed in 2022 through the collaboration project between the Institute of Environmental Geology and Geoengineering of the National Research Council (CNR) and Arcipelago Toscano National Park, we will discover its geological history. By reading the environment, we will be able to understand its shapes, learn about its geological heritage, admire the sites of greatest interest, and enjoy a swim along its wild coastline. Appointment: 09:30 AM – La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required, € 30 full price; €20 reduced price (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age).

Seawatching: boat ride around the island with observation of marine fauna

21 JUNE, 5 AND 19 JULY, 2, 16 AND 30 AUGUST, 13 SEPTEMBER

Appointment: 09:30 AM – La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 30 full price; € 20 reduced price (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age). [Description on p. 85](#)

Hiking for locally-sourced products

Hiking for locally-sourced products. The laborious lives of bees and honey production.

12 JULY, 9 AND 23 AUGUST

A guided excursion along the marvellous Reganico Trail, amid the Mediterranean scrub and maquis, will acquaint us with the pollen and nectar plants that bees love, and their features. Upon reaching the apiary at the Azienda Agricola San Rocco farm, its founder Roberta Bonomo will join us as we discover the fascinating hive macro-organism and the

life of bees. A visit to the farm's extraction workshop will allow us to learn about the tools and the processing phases of the sweets produced as a result of its passion. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply. Appointment: 5:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 15; € 8 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Hiking for locally-sourced products

Hiking for locally-sourced products. The grenache, Local agricultural tradition

28 JUNE, 26 JULY, 16 AUGUST

A fine guided excursion will allow us to traverse the former prison farm and observe the structures and areas that bear witness to age-old farming activities. Upon reaching the Azienda Agricola La Mursa farm in its wonderfully scenic position on the terraces rising towards the peak of Mount Castello, the founder Francesco Cerri will acquaint us with his farm's produce, and to discover its production of grenache, a wine grape cultivated on the island in ancient times, whose flavour we will have the opportunity to appreciate with a tasting in the vineyard. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply, sweater/jacket. Appointment: 5:30 PM – La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 15; € 8 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Goat cheeses on Capraia: Azienda Agricola il Saracello

5 JULY, 2 AUGUST, 30 AUGUST

Along the roads of the island of Capraia's former prison farm. Upon reaching the Azienda Agricola il Saracello farm, which in 2016 brought new life to traditional sheep-farming on the island, we will accompany sweet-natured Chamois Coloured Goats to open-air pasture and learn about the characteristics of this particular breed and the high-quality production of Capraia cheeses, which we will be able to savour as we rediscover all the perfumes of the Mediterranean scrub. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply. Appointment: 5:00 PM – La Salata CEA** (port) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event, € 15; € 8 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

The flavours of the vegetable garden: Agriturismo Valle di Portovecchio

21 JUNE, 19 JULY, 6 SEPTEMBER

A splendid, easy guided excursion through the former prison farm will take us to the Portovecchio prison wing, to become acquainted with the Agriturismo Valle di Portovecchio agriturismo facility. Rossana Chierichetti and Massimo Schiavelli will allow us to discover the island of Capraia's historic farm, organized in accordance with the principle of biological multifunctionality and closely connected to a quality of life bound to the territory – and all available for savouring through an offering of tastings from their vegetable garden. Equipment: treaded shoes, water supply, sweater/jacket, flashlights. Appointment: 6:00 PM – La Salata CEA** (port) – Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy - Booking required for the event, € 33 and reduced prices available.

The Park has chosen Capraia's Thursdays to experience dawn and for deeper knowledge of Natura 2000

PARK THURSDAYS

Dawn excursion with a swim in crystal-clear waters

A hike dedicated to the magical transition from night to day: walking beneath the starry sky, in the silence of nature, we will reach the special observation point from which to enjoy its "reawakening," the spectacle of dawn, and the rising sun. An unforgettable experience of marvellous immersion in the extraordinary environment of the island of Capraia. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply, packed lunch, sweater/jacket, flashlight. Appointment: hours vary based on time of sunrise, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 5 hours – Degree of difficulty: from medium-demanding to easy, depending on the itinerary – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Snorkelling for adults: surprising habitats and marine organisms along Capraia's coasts, immersed in a Natura 2000 site

All we need are fins, mask, and snorkel to discover the extraordinary beauty of the island of Capraia's sea bottoms: amid the dark volcanic rocks and on the sandy bottoms, we will observe the countless species and habitats recognized both in Italy and internationally, that characterize the surprising biodiversity of its sea. This is the time for an unforgettable experience! Mandatory equipment: mask, fins, snorkel. Appointment: 5:00 PM – La Salata CEA** (port) Duration: 1h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required, free of charge.



Fridays devoted to discovering the island's products, with an eye on history. The evening is reserved for observation of the night sky

PARK FRIDAYS

The island of palmenti: a guided tour of the Tigghielle archaeological area

30 JUNE, 7-14-28 JULY, 1-8-15 SEPTEMBER

Capraia might be called the island of palmenti! But what are palmenti, how were they made, and where can they be found? An easy excursion on a gentle mule trail and a brief path immersed in the Mediterranean scrub will allow us to reach the part of the island called Le Tigghielle, where we will explore the small and surprising archaeological area to discover a fascinating grouping of age-old wine pressing vats dug into stone, called palmenti, and to understand the significance of these structures in the environmental setting of the island, of the archipelago. In the archaeological area, we will be able to imagine long-ago Capraia and its community at work. With this in mind, we will pay a visit to Il Piano, the ancient site of the island's colonization, where we will admire the magnificent view overlooking the splendid, vineyard landscape. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Capraia island

Hiking for locally-sourced products

The properties of the plants of the Mediterranean scrubland and Capraia's tradition

23 JUNE, 21 JULY, 25 AUGUST

A guided excursion of the town at the port and along the new Capraia Botanical Trail will allow us to observe and become acquainted with the island's plant life, from the most characteristic to the rarest species. After the excursion, Susanna Casini, founder of the Arura Azienda Agricola farm, will, with her passionate experience, acquaint us with the tradition of the popular customs of Capraia's flora heritage, exploiting this extraordinary treasure of the Mediterranean scrubland for their aromatic properties and their uses in dye-making and medicine, and to survive on as food. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply. Appointment: 5:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 15; € 8 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years.



Green heroes a Capraia: Azienda Biologica La Piana

4, 11, AND 18 AUGUST

This easy, beautiful excursion will allow us to discover the marvellous Il Piano, one of the island's agricultural production sites, frequented in ancient times. Here, within the National Park, in the UNESCO MAB Tuscan Islands Reserve, is the historic vineyard of the Azienda Biologica La Piana organic farm. Alice Bollani will accompany us on a walk among the vine rows; she will introduce us to her winemaking concern, recognized as among the "Green Heroes" of the sustainability economy, and will guide us on a tasting of its wines, an expression of passion, research, sustainability, and employment for the future. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply. Appointment: 5:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required for the event. € 15; € 8 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

For children and families: every Friday, the stars tell their stories

Observing the night-time sky is like reading a big storybook: stars, constellations and planets are the protagonists of fascinating stories, ancient myths, and faraway legends. Just a short walk outside of town, we will discover the "darkness" in Capraia, and with our eyes turned skyward we will admire the wonder of the night-time sky, learn to recognize the main stars, the constellations, and the visible planets, and will become acquainted with myths, stories, and legends about the starry sky. Equipment: blanket for lying on the ground. Appointment: 9:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: Easy – Booking required, free of charge.

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On Saturdays, we are off to discover the marine creatures and visit the village of Capraia

Seawatching: Boating around the island with observation of marine fauna

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Appointment: 08:30 AM, La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required for the event, € 30 full price; € 20 reduced price (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age).

Tour of the village of Capraia with aperitif

The little village of Capraia has a lot to tell about itself: its position and the dating of its buildings are, in and of themselves, indicators of a history that is in part “elsewhere,” and still mysterious. As we stroll through the evocative, stone-paved streets, from Piazza della Chiesa to Forte San Giorgio and Torre del Porto, we will learn about the most fascinating and recent events in the island’s history, while a visit to the beautiful and awe-inspiring archaeological exhibition will allow us to discover some more ancient and surprising pages of history, bearing witness to a past that still has a great deal to be revealed. It will also be pleasant to conclude this “worldly” appointment with a small, optional aperitif featuring the flavours of Capraia. Appointment: 5:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: Easy - Booking required, € 4; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age + admission ticket to the exhibition, to be paid onsite. Optional aperitif to be ordered when booking and paid for onsite.

Sundays on Capraia: a sunset on a cliff over the sea

A hike dedicated to sunset: in the former penal colony and arriving at the Il Dattero area

A guided hike perfect for the excitement of discovering the island of Capraia. Traversing the former prison farm and observing the structures and environment, we will become acquainted with a little-known but highly important page of history: that of the presence of prison farms in the Tuscan Archipelago. Upon reaching the Il Dattero area, a magnificent, natural cliff towering over the western coast, we will admire the enchanting sunset. From the marvellous observation point, we will walk the path in reverse, enjoying the spectacle of the night-time sky lit by the Milky Way and by the countless stars visible in the darkness of Capraia. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply, packed dinner, sweater/jacket, flashlight. Appointment: hours vary based on time of sunset – La Salata (port) Environmental Education Centre (CEA) – Duration: 5 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy – Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Capraia island

Autumn in the Park

Capraia island

SATURDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER

Excursion to Punta della Teja

Characterized by its unpaved road and a highly scenic trail with beautiful views of the port, the coast, and the sea, the path allows the island's beauty to be enjoyed, allowing visitors to get to know its invaluable historic and natural aspects. From the La Salata Environmental Education Centre to the port and traversing the former prison farm, we will reach the Portovecchio wing, from which we will take the trail that, high on the coast, following the morphology of the terrain and exploiting the island's marvellous terraces, arrives at Capraia's northern cape, dominated by Torre delle Barbici soaring over the sea. The return will follow the same route. Appointment: 12:00 PM, La Salata CEA (port) – Duration: 5 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium - demanding. Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 15 OCTOBER

Excursion to Patello and the Cala del Ceppo bay

The guided excursion will allow us to discover the enchanting Vado del Porto, the surprising Botanical Trail, the historic mule trail that traverses the island, and the Il Piano area, where we will visit the ancient Santo Stefano Protomartire parish church. From here, we will take the beautiful, lost Zenobito trail reaching the marvellous Patello promontory, which will offer us a spectacular view towards the island's southern tip and over the sea, from the Tuscan coast to Elba, Montecristo, and Pianosa, and even Corsica. Following the trail that descends along the steep slope of Mount Macinaiolio, we will then reach the enchanting Cala del Ceppo, a rocky bay enclosed by the majestic Punta della Civitata cape and by the Patello promontory, and once a landing site of use for the inhabitants of Capraia who has settled the Il Piano area. Appointment: 11:00 AM, La Salata CEA (port) – Duration: 5 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium. Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER

The rock is an ally of the people: excursion dedicated to the dry stone walls of the island

Countless dry stone walls, from the coast to the inland areas, characterize the rocky slopes of the island of Capraia. Rock has always been an ally to people who have used it since antiquity in the art of dry stone walls, allowing them to practice agriculture, protect their crops, mark property, and build dwellings and defence structures. Inscribed on the UNESCO list of the intangible cultural heritage of humanity in 2018, dry stone walls are the subject of a research project promoted by Arcipelago Toscano National Park. We will discover them thanks to the guided excursion along the ancient mule trail linking the port and the old quarry, near the San Rocco area, and travelling the Reganico Trail. Appointment: 12:00 PM, La Salata CEA (port) – Duration: 4 hours – Difficulty: medium-easy. Free event Booking required.

Capraia island

SATURDAY, 4 NOVEMBER

A hike at Sella dell'Acciatore

Flanking the Vado del Porto and travelling down the path of the ancient mule trail that traverses the island, immersed in the maquis, we will arrive at Il Piano, a beautiful, natural basin occupied by vineyards surrounded by reliefs covered with Mediterranean scrub. Continuing along the mule trail, which at this point begins to rise, cutting through the terraced slopes of Mount Pontica and taking the direct trail towards Lo Stagnone, we will reach the enchanting Sella dell'Acciatore, where a fantastic natural overlook high over the western coast will offer us a view that extends all the way to the highlands of Corsica. Appointment: 9:00 AM, La Salata CEA (port) – Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium-demanding. Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 5 NOVEMBER

The Botanical Trail: the good and the beautiful of the island of Capraia's plants

The Arura and San Rocco farms, following a commitment taken on in the setting of the ECST (European Charter for Sustainable Tourism) certification, experimentally developed the Botanical Trail, and then completed it thanks to support and financing from the National Park. The guided excursion will provide a special opportunity to discover the most well-known species of the Mediterranean scrubland and of the island's plant life, and to observe and learn about their characteristics in order to understand the value of nature in a more informed way, while making a contribution towards protecting it. Appointment: 2:30 PM, La Salata CEA (port) – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: Easy. Booking required for the event. € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age); free for children 0-4 years of age.

Excursions are booked online parcoarcipelago.info/Capraia

Getting to the island of Capraia

The island of Capraia may be reached year round, lying at approximately 2 hours and 45 minutes by boat from the port of Livorno. There is no need to ferry your car to visit the island, since the only vehicular road, 800 metres in length, is served by bus links, and there are limitations during the periods of increased tourism. The ferry for Capraia is run by Toremar, tel. 0586 896113.



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GIGLIO HARBOUR PARK INFORMATION CENTRE

Via Provinciale, 9 - Giglio Porto - Tel. 0564 809400.

Now active at the main office of the Island of Giglio Pro Loco association – thanks to a strong collaboration between it, the Municipality, and the Park Authority – is the new information point that allows visitors to discover all the offerings for using the National Park, and in particular the islands of Giglio and Giannutri. There, a variety of promotional and dissemination materials is available, as well as official maps in order to enjoy the trail network in Giglio and Giannutri. The information point coordinates with the Park Information Centre for the booking of scheduled excursions. The facility is enriched with an exhibition space (“Casa del Parco,” with entrance on the ground floor) where visitors can view images of the extraordinary natural and archaeological beauty characteristic of the protected area, but also videos dedicated to the trail network and to the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, as well as more in-depth explanations of the environments and the cultural values of the islands of Giglio and Giannutri.

March to October: every day from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM and from 2:00 to 6:00 PM.

November to February: Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



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Giglio island

Spring in the Park

Giglio island

SATURDAY, 8 APRIL

Sunset at Capel Rosso

Evening excursion to admire the sunset at Capel Rosso. Departure from Giglio Castello, transfer by own or shared vehicles to the end of the scenic road: from here, visitors continue on foot to the rocks at Punta di Capel Rosso cape, from which to admire the sunset to the west and the rising moon to the east. Afterwards, return to Giglio Castello. Appointment: 5:00 PM, Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8, reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

MONDAY, 24 APRIL

Crystals and minerals, treasures of beauty

A hike that starts from Giglio Castello to reach the Scopeto area, followed by a loop around the Poggio delle Serre hill; afternoon return also by regular public transport or taxi. Identification and recognition of the minerals that are present, stories, and beliefs on the curative properties of minerals. Packed lunch and return to Giglio Castello by 4:00 PM. Appointment: Giglio Castello, Piazza Gloriosa - Duration: 6 hours. Degree of difficulty: medium. Booking required. € 8, reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age), free of charge children for 0-4 years of age.

MONDAY, 1 MAY

Colours and scents of spring

Excursion along the crest of the island of Giglio, with modest rises and spectacular views over the coastline and the Tuscan Archipelago, immersed in the scents of the springtime blooms and of Mediterranean perennials. The Park Guide will accompany participants in a sensory immersion focused on sight and smell, for a full experience of the benefits of physical and mental contact with nature. Packed lunch. Appointment: 10:00 AM Giglio Castello, bus stop – Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium. Booking required. € 8, reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 21 MAY

Walking builds an appetite!

From Giglio Castello to Cala degli Alberi bay, heading southeast, in the island's wildest area. After a 2-hour walk, we will arrive at the Azienda Agricola Biologica "Barbara Arienti" farm, reachable only by sea or hiking trail. Upon arrival, lunch with products from the establishment, which raises a variety of farm animals. The produce is all organic, and the wheat is raised entirely using ancient cultivars. After lunch, a tour of the farm. 4:30 PM departure from Cala degli Alberi for Giglio Porto, with the aid of a taxi boat. Upon arrival, free time before the ferry's departure. Appointment: 10:00 AM Giglio Castello, Piazza Gloriosa. Duration: 7 Hours – Difficulty: medium. Cost for lunch (upon request), all inclusive, € 35. Cost for boat trip, 3 person minimum, € 10 per person. Excursion free of charge. Booking required.



Giglio island

Summer in the Park

SUMMER IN THE PARK FOR EVERYONE. Families, teenagers and children discovering the nature and history of the islands; excursions, guided tours, educational workshops, conferences and citizen science to intensely experience the nature and culture of the protected area.

SUMMER IN THE PARK JUNIOR. Free workshops for children aged 6 to 11, environmental education, educational games, workshops; on the marine ecosystem and the Park's environments: animal and plant species, minerals, conservation, sustainability.

Tuesday is the day dedicated to geology

Granite: its beauty and its mysteries. Following the traces of the stone animals.

Transfer by own vehicles to the Le Porte area: here, before the landscape extending all the way to Giannutri, the Park Guide will cast light on all the known possible features of the rock that characterizes 90% of the island of Giglio: granite. We will observe the various geological manifestations and recognize, in the granite rock eroded by the wind, the shapes of a host of animals. We will then ascend Poggio della Pagana, the island's highest point, to enjoy a 360° view over the territory and the sunset. Appointment: 4 hours before sunset, Giglio Castello, Piazza Gloriosa. Duration: 4 hours – Difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 8; reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

Every Wednesday, summer is for the youngest visitors

For children: an appointment with nature

An appointment to discover the island's natural riches, dedicated to its youngest visitors: weekly appointments on Wednesday mornings, alternating a walking excursion to hunt the island's minerals with a stroll in the woods, in order to become acquainted, through play, with the world of trees and plants. Appointment: 10:00 AM Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration: 2 hours. Free event. Booking required. Maximum 10 participants.

Saturday stargazing

Hiking beneath the stars, Poggio della Pagana

An evening excursion that, in less than a half-hour of walking, will take us to Poggio della Pagana at 496 metres above sea level, the highest point on the island of Giglio, to admire the all-round landscape and the sunset to the west. Participants pack their own dinner. As soon as darkness falls, visitors will admire the starry sky and its constellations in one of the island's areas where the light pollution is lowest. Participants will appreciate personal contributions both in terms of technical material (e.g. binoculars or telescopes) and of sharing accounts about the starry sky. Appointment: two hours before sunset, Giglio Castello, Piazza Gloriosa – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: medium. Booking required. € 8; reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free for children 0-4 years of age.

Hiking for locally-sourced products

During the summer, hikes will be offered with tastings at farms that develop local productions: wine, honey, vegetables, and other tasty products that encapsulate all the island's scents and flavours, and bear witness to the profound relationship between people and nature in these ancient agricultural areas in the heart of the MAB Tuscan Islands Reserve. See the Park Information Centre for information.



Giglio island

Autumn in the Park



Giglio island

SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

Sunset at Capel Rosso

An evening excursion to admire the sunset at Capel Rosso. Departure from Giglio Castello, transfer by own or shared vehicles to the end of the scenic road: from here, visitors continue on foot to the rocks at Punta di Capel Rosso cape, from which to admire the sunset to the west and the rising moon to the east. At the end, return to Giglio Castello. Appointment: 19:00 PM, Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration 4 hours – Difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8, reduced price € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free for children 0-4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 17 SEPTEMBER

Hiking amid agriculture and nature

An excursion into the northern part of Giglio, accompanied by the scent of the cultivated and spontaneous September fruits that characterize this area of the island. Ancient and newer cultivars highlight this territory's extraordinary biodiversity: the Ansonica grape, blood peaches, sorb, white and black figs, hawthorn, Rosa Canina... a jubilee of scents, colours, and flavours. Participants bring their own packed lunch. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Piazza Gloriosa - Giglio Castello – Duration: 6 hours – Difficulty: medium. Booking required € 8, reduced price € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

SUNDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER

Following the tracks of donkeys

A south-to-east nature excursion towards the Azienda Agricola "Barbara Arienti" farm, which raises the last donkeys present on the island. Called "Micci Amiatini," over the centuries they were used for their labour. After a 2-hour walk, arrival at Cala degli Alberi, a bay that can be reached only by sea or on foot. Optional lunch based on the farm's organic products. After lunch, return by boat by 4:30 PM to Giglio Porto. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Giglio Castello, Piazza Gloriosa – Duration: 6h30m – Degree of difficulty: medium/high. Booking required. € 8, reduced price € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free for children 0-4 years of age. Optional lunch, booking required, € 35 per person, to be paid on site, return boat € 10 per person.

WALKING FESTIVAL

SUNDAY, 1 OCTOBER

Bosco del Dolce

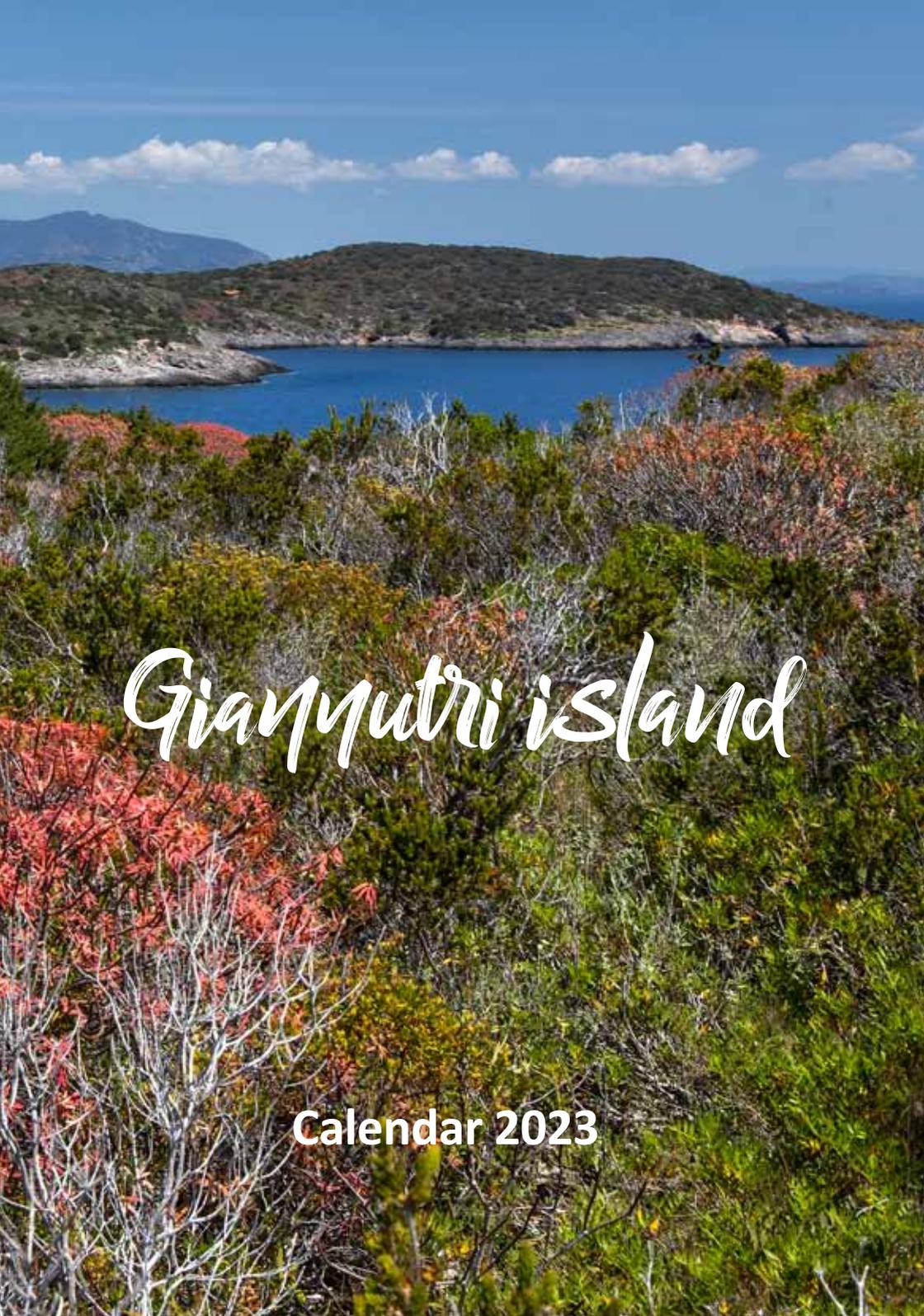
Free excursion to the central part of the island of Giglio, from Giglio Castello to Giglio Campese, through Bosco del Dolce, one of the island's most beautiful woods, where it feels like time stands still, and one can touch with one's own hands the richness of an intact and protected nature included within the territory of Arcipelago Toscano National Park. Very scenic itinerary. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Giglio Castello bus stop – Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium.

Booking parcoarcipelago.info/giglio

Giglio island



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Gianmutri island

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Archaeological trail

In Giannutri, amid the rocky cliffs and scented trails of the Mediterranean scrubland, visitors may admire the remains of a Roman villa: an ancient residential complex with a maritime landing, and once a headquarters for ships stopping by and for otium, built in the first century AD by the powerful Domitius Ahenobarbus family, from which Emperor Nero descended. The visit is enriched with new archaeological elements, subject of recent restorations: following the operations to consolidate three rooms adorned with mosaics, the environments of the tabernae, decorated with geometrical mosaics, are once again on view in all their splendour. The admission price helps finance their care and maintenance. Duration: approximately 40 minutes – Difficulty: easy - Ticket € 8; free for children and youths 0-18 years of age, disabled persons, and those accompanying them.



Nature path

Giannutri, a green and windy island, is completely comprised within Arcipelago Toscano National Park, including the adjacent sea. Mediterranean scrub prevails over rock, but the island is also home to maritime and Aleppo pines. Spurge, juniper, and rosemary are in flower. A small paradise: 500 metres wide, about 5 kilometres in length, it can be fully enjoyed in a pleasant walk. Accompanied by the qualified guides, visitors can leave the “corridor” – the road linking Cala Spalmatoio to Cala Maestra, and the only one that can be travelled independently – and discover the island’s trails and its majestic nature. Tickets: € 10; reduced price € 5, children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age, disabled persons, and those accompanying them. Duration 1h30m.



Visits are possible from spring to autumn based on the yearly calendar available at the booking site parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri.

Giannutri island



Daily excursion – Tour with history and nature tour, boat from Porto Santo Stefano included



Departing from Porto Santo Stefano, a tour offering including ferry, to discover the National Park's small island. Appointment at 9:30 AM with the guide at the port, Banchina Toscana, embarking 9:45 AM by Maregiglio ferry. Arrival in Giannutri after an hour at sea. Day dedicated to discovering the island's nature and history; there will in fact be a guided tour of the Roman Villa archaeological complex and a nature excursion. The tour begins from the Cala Maestra bay, to be followed by the remains of a Roman Villa amid the rocky cliffs and scented trails of the Mediterranean scrubland. This is followed by a nature tour that will take the participants inside the protected area and will have a duration of about one hour. The itinerary will be adjusted to the season and the weather conditions. A lunch break, with packed lunch to be brought by the participants, will be scheduled at the end of the historic tour or along the nature trail, based on the day's timing. At the end of the excursion, free time with the possibility of having a swim at Cala Maestra or Cala Spalmatoio. Duration: approximately 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Ticket € 60 full price; reduced price € 38 for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Visits are possible from spring to autumn based on the yearly calendar available at the booking site parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri



Daily excursion – History tour, boat from Giglio Porto included

Departing from Giglio Porto, a tour offering including ferry, to discover the history of the National Park's small island. Appointment at 10:00 AM with the guide at the port of the island of Giglio, departure at 10:30 AM by Maregiglio ferry. Arrival in Giannutri after an hour at sea. Day dedicated to discovering the island's history; there will in fact be a guided tour of the Roman Villa archaeological complex. The tour begins from the Cala Maestra bay, to be followed by the remains of a Roman Villa amid the rocky cliffs and scented trails of the Mediterranean scrubland. The ancient residential complex with a maritime landing, once a headquarters for ships stopping by and for otium, was built in the first century AD by the powerful Domitius Ahenobarbus family, from which Emperor Nero descended. The archaeological site was reopened in 2015. At the end of the excursion, free time with the possibility of having a swim at Cala Maestra or Cala Spalmatoio. Duration: approximately 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Ticket € 45, reduced price € 28 for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Visits are possible from spring to autumn based on the yearly calendar available at the booking site parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri.

Spring in the Park

WALKING FESTIVAL

Trip to the lighthouse

SUNDAY, 21 MAY

In the spring and autumn, temperatures permitting, the Park offers, on defined dates, a “special” hike, which leads to the Faro di Punta di Capel Rosso lighthouse located on the southern end of the island. The evocative itinerary will take us through a stretch of dense Mediterranean scrubland, amid spurge and mastic plants, while enjoying extraordinary views. Duration: approximately 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Excursion booking required, free of charge, which may be combined with the tour of the Villa Romana archaeological complex (at a charge). Online booking at parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri.



Geo Experience: Giannutri Nord-Sud

SUNDAY, 4 JUNE

A geology hike in the company of geologists Luca Foresi and Gianluca Cornamusini. Giannutri consists completely of carbonate rocks from the Triassic period (200-250 Mya), relating to a single formation, cavernous limestone, with a prevailing aspect of pebbly and fractured material, often accompanied by the presence of faults with large grottoes opening in various stretches of the coastline. The itinerary will traverse the island from north to south, until reaching the Faro di Capel Rosso lighthouse, making three main stops. From Cala Maestra, we will travel northeast along a section of coastline until reaching a small, karstic amphitheatre that is also home to a rich deposit of vertebrate bones. Returning along the main road, we continue south towards the lighthouse. When halfway there, we will descend to Cala Brigantina to observe the cavernous limestone and its effects on a fault that cuts across the island. Upon reaching the lighthouse, in the Grottoni area, we will be able to observe the imposing actions of the karstic process: large sinkholes, grottoes, and arches of unexpected size. Duration: 5 hours, with brief stop for packed lunch – Difficulty: medium. Excursion, booking required, € 8; reduced admission € 4 (5 - 12 years of age); free for children 0-4 years of age. Online booking at parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri

Autumn in the Park

WALKING FESTIVAL

Trip to the lighthouse

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Online booking parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri.

Admission tickets to protected area

For those disembarking on the island by their own transport, tickets for admission to the protected area collected by the Park Authority may be purchased (€ 4) at the bars at Cala Spalmatoio and Cala Maestra or online at

parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri.

Getting to the island

The island is linked from Porto Santo Stefano based on the calendar available at maregiglio.it (departing 10:00 AM; returning 4:00 PM). During the summer season, there is also a weekly link (Thursdays) from the island of Giglio.



AVENZA MAPS

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ECST hospitality facilities

The certification of the hospitality facilities under the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas (ECST) Phase 2 is a useful tool for orienting visitors in their choice of the excellent things the territory has to offer. Many facilities have adhered to the regulations developed under the supervision of Europarc Federation and Federparchi, with the involvement of the operators in the local tourism supply chain. These pages list the hospitality facilities that have obtained certification and the right to bear the ECST mark. The operators have signed a series of commitments with the Protected Area, in the awareness of offering better hospitality in a territory comprised within the perimeter of Arcipelago Toscano National Park and the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve. The goals are as follows:

To improve its tourism offerings and to strengthen collaboration with the Park Authority:

- 1 to offer quality service, provide information on the National Park and on the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve, develop activities for customer on the discovery of the protected territory, develop effective and responsible promotion, work jointly with other tourism enterprises operating within the district of the Park and of the UNESCO MAB Biosphere Reserve;
- 2 to pay attention to its own environmental behaviour: to implement water- and energy-saving actions, reduce waste, consume more responsibly, manage the structure while respecting the surrounding environment, and involve personnel and customers in environmental management;
- 3 to support local development and protection of the territory: to support the local economy and products, influence tourism flows towards lesser-known areas or to the vicinity of the activity, and contribute to local projects and initiatives.



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