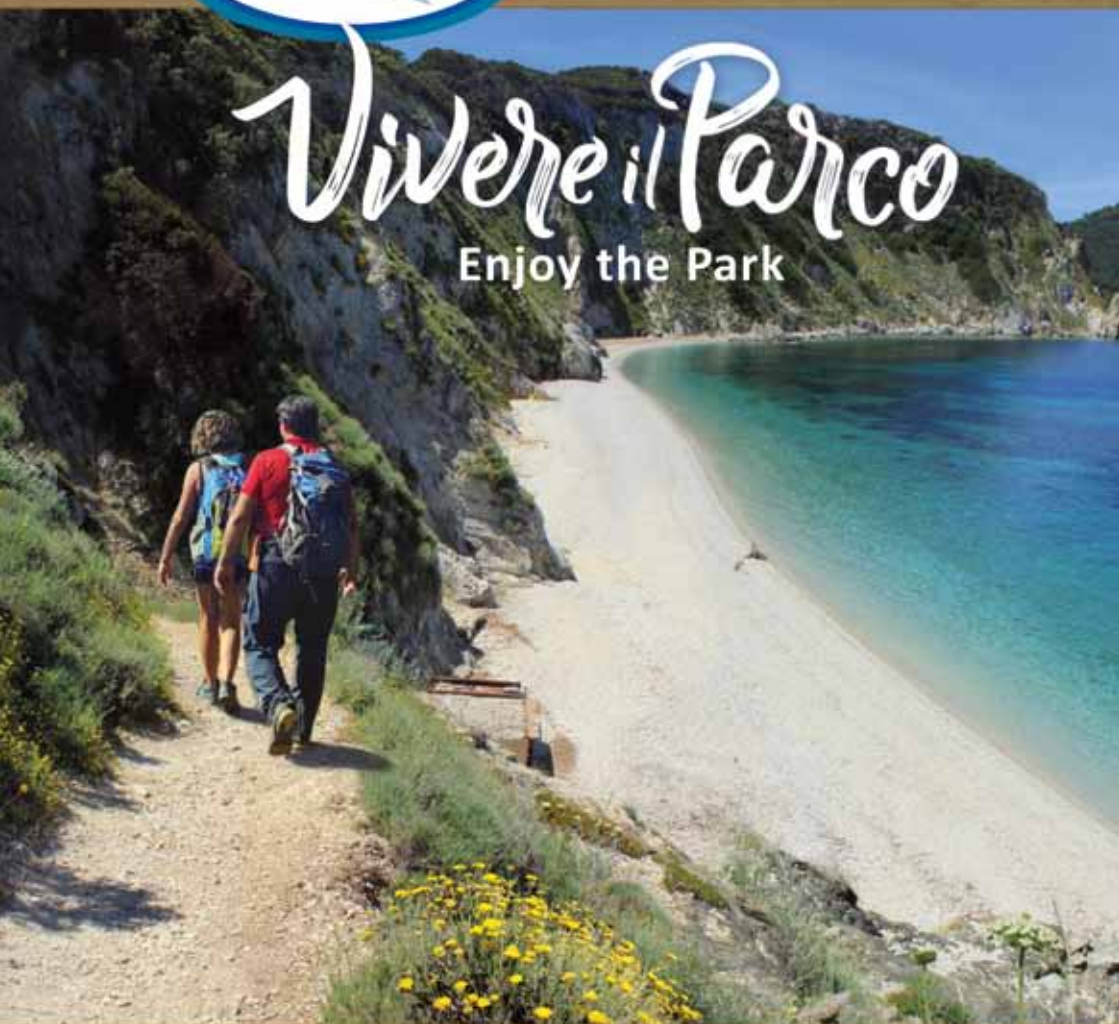




# Vivere il Parco

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E DELLA SICUREZZA ENERGETICA



## Gaining bearings among the symbols



Environmental education and nature-themed activities



Wellness in nature activities



Biowatching, Birdwatching, and Seawatching activities



Meet the expert to discover Biodiversity



Activities relating to geological or mineralogical theme



Meet the expert to discover Geology



Activities with aperitifs or tastings



Activities for children



Night sky observation activities



Activities at dawn or sunset



Bike tourism or excursions involving biking



Hiking and outings with long walks



Guided tours with travel by carriage



Guided tours with travel by bus



Activities by boat or motor vessel



Discovering marine mammals in the Pelagos Sanctuary



Snorkelling or educational activities in the sea



Sea kayaking activities



Activities in museums



Activities in historic sites: towers, fortresses, retreats, towns



Activities on archaeological themes



The Agronomist's House, Pianosa Park Information Centre



Visits to Pianosa's catacombs



Guided tours in the former prison areas

Dear readers,

*Safeguarding the Tuscan Archipelago National Park means facing every day the fragility and extraordinary beauty of its landscapes, which demand care, attention, and respect. This calendar is not merely a list of activities; it is tangible evidence of the work we are carrying out to protect the environment, safeguard biodiversity, and promote our natural and cultural heritage.*

*Serving the Park means working to build a genuine balance between people and nature. It means listening to local communities, understanding the needs of those who live on the islands, engaging with visitors, and collaborating with researchers, guides, associations, and businesses so that every action helps safeguard these places and make your experience authentic and meaningful.*

*By reconciling different perspectives and turning differences into strengths, we develop strategies capable of truly protecting the area and realising its potential. The “Vivere il Parco 2026” programme offers over 800 experiences, from trekking to educational workshops, from geological excursions to marine trails, and much more. Each activity is also designed to bring you closer to the flora and fauna with respect, to help you discover the secrets of geology, and to recognise the value of every corner of the coast and woodland.*

*The younger generations are at the heart of this journey: educating them today means training the mindful custodians of tomorrow. I invite you to walk, explore, listen and marvel. To feel the power of the sea, the majesty of the cliffs, the silence of the woods, and the millennia-old history of these places. To experience the Park not as spectators, but as active participants: your respect, your curiosity and your presence are an integral part of the conservation and future of these islands. Let yourself be surprised, be curious and feel part of a unique heritage. Safeguarding this treasure is a commitment we can share, because only together can we ensure that the magic of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park continues to enchant the world today and for generations to come.*

Matteo Arcenni

Special Commissioner of the Parco Nazionale Arcipelago Toscano  
(Arcipelago Toscano National Park)

## Arcipelago Toscano National Park

The Park comprises seven islands, each unique in terms of climate, geology, flora, fauna, and history. They are characterized by the diversity of their natural environments, shaped by a rather complex geodynamic evolution, featuring predominantly Mediterranean vegetation and a flora rich in endemic species. The fauna is also extraordinarily biodiverse both on land and at sea, particularly with regard to birdlife: the Tuscan Archipelago is, in fact, a resting and nesting site for many migratory birds. The geodiversity of the islands is also exceptional, with all major geological processes well represented and observable, and the mineralogical variety is striking.

The protected area of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park covers approximately 177 square kilometers on land and includes a stretch of sea of about 615 square kilometers, encompassing all seven islands of the archipelago. About half of the land area of Elba and Giglio is protected; on Capraia, however, only the small area of the village is excluded from the park. Montecristo, Pianosa, and Gorgona are strictly protected, with access regulated according to sustainability criteria. Finally, access to Giannutri is unrestricted, although visitors must be accompanied by guides in most parts of the island.

**ELBA** is Italy's third-largest island, covering 224 square kilometres, and lies 10 km off the Tuscan coast. It is divided into seven municipalities: Campo nell'Elba, Capoliveri, Marciana, Marciana Marina, Porto Azzurro, Portoferraio, and Rio. The terrain is predominantly mountainous and hilly: the western granite massif rises to its highest point at Monte Capanne (1,019 m), the highest peak in the Tuscan Archipelago. The island, long known for its iron ore deposits, is characterised by an exceptional variety of rocks and minerals, evidence of a series of complex geological events that led to its formation.

**GIGLIO** is the second-largest island in the Tuscan Archipelago (23.8 km<sup>2</sup>). It lies 15 km west of Argentario. Crossed by a chain of hills culminating in Poggio della Pagana (496 m), it is predominantly granitic, but on its western side it features a fragment of ancient sedimentary and metamorphic rocks with veins of iron ore that were mined until the 1960s at the mines located in the village of Campese.

**CAPRAIA**, with an area of 19.3 km<sup>2</sup>, is the third-largest island of the Tuscan Archipelago. It lies 54 km west of the mainland coast and 28 km from Corsica. An island of volcanic origin, it is predominantly mountainous, with a ridge of hills running across its entire length, culminating in Monte Castello (445 m).

**MONTECRISTO** is the fourth-largest island (10.4 km<sup>2</sup>) and the furthest from the mainland (around 63 km). Already inhabited in Roman times, it welcomed Saint Mamiliano in the 5th century, who founded a monastic community on the island that remained active until the 16th century. It has been a State Nature Reserve since 1971 and a Biogenetic Nature Reserve since 1988. The only landing place is at Cala Maestra, where the Villa Reale stands.

**PIANOSA**, with an area of 10.2 km<sup>2</sup>, is the fifth-largest island in the Tuscan Archipelago. It is situated 14 km south-southwest of the coast of Elba, approximately 27 km northwest of Montecristo, and about 40 km east of Corsica. Inhabited by prehistoric humans and the earliest seafarers, it bears evidence of the Neolithic, Eneolithic, and Bronze Ages. Home to Roman-era coastal settlements, it was also the place of exile for Agrippa Postumus, Augustus's grandson, during the Imperial period. Until 1998, the island remained closed to tourism as it housed a prison.

**GIANNUTRI** (2.6 km<sup>2</sup>), with 11 kilometres of rocky coastline, is the southernmost of the Tuscan islands. The only landing points are Cala Spalmatoio and Cala Maestra. All around lie stunning seabeds teeming with marine biodiversity. The archaeological site of the Villa Romana dei Domizi can be visited with specialist guides.

**GORGONA** is the smallest island in the Archipelago, with an area of 2.2 km<sup>2</sup> and a coastline just over 5 km long. It lies 36 km from the mainland and is home to an agricultural penal colony. The mountainous terrain rises to its highest point on the western side at Punta Gorgona (225 m). The eastern side is furrowed by three small valleys, the northernmost of which descends to the sea at the small beach and landing village of Cala dello Scalo.

# Pelagos Sanctuary for Marine Mammals

The Arcipelago Toscano National Park is entirely included within the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, a marine protected area of about 87,500 m<sup>2</sup> 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 degree 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 by which to improve management of tourism in the protected areas. The Charter's central element is collaboration among all the stakeholders in order to achieve a common strategy and a plan of action for tourism development, with the common goal being the protection of the natural and cultural heritage and the continued improvement of tourism management to the benefit 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:

[www.islepark.it/visitare-il-parco/carta-europea-turismo-sostenibile](http://www.islepark.it/visitare-il-parco/carta-europea-turismo-sostenibile)



## 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 TERRITORY TO BE MANAGED

- Sustain the activities to protect and monitor the natural capital, geodiversity, the historical and cultural heritage and the territory, also through actions for monitoring alien species and optimal management of beaches and of the coastal strip, including the possible identification of marine protected areas
- Guarantee the maintenance of the trail network and the recovery of the structures functional to the sustainable exploitation of the Tuscan Archipelago.

### AN OFFER TO BE DIFFERENTIATED

- Deseasonalize tourism through the variety of experiences (nature tourism, geotourism, cultural and wine & food tourism, outdoor tourism, etc.) and of educational activities that the territory offers to the informed tourist.
- Imagine a brand for the Tuscan Archipelago to be conveyed through a coordinated communication aimed at promoting a sustainable destination that is "not just the sea."

### A FOOTPRINT TO BE REDUCED

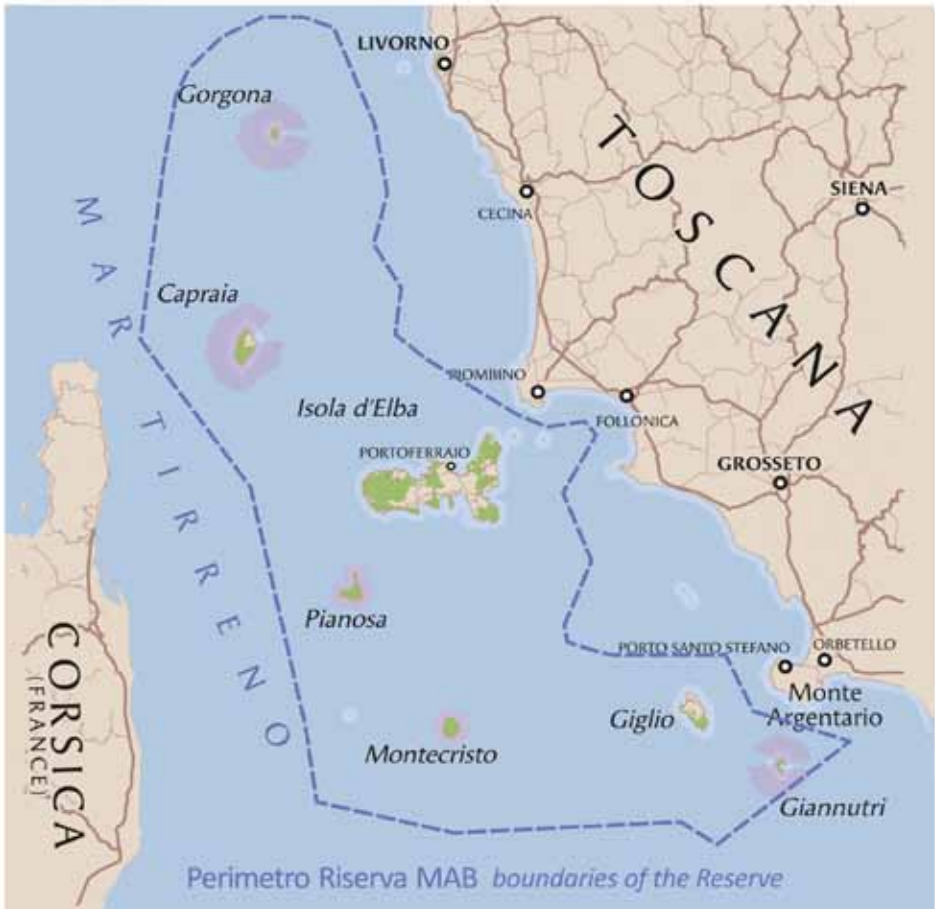
- Reduce environmental impacts by operating towards a carbon-free and plastic-free territory (alternative energies, water cycle, food waste, circular economy, waste management, ...) and take action against the effects of climate change.
- Rethink internal mobility and links in the setting of the Tuscan Archipelago, in order to grow local businesses and improve the islands' tourism offerings.

### A COMMUNITY TO GROW

- Consolidate the Park's role and "presence" on the territory, through listening, collaboration, and the sharing of management objectives with local players, in order to make them increasingly informed about the potentials 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

Recognized in 2003, the UNESCO MAB Tuscan Islands Reserve consists of the Archipelago's 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.



# 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 2026 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



## PNAT on the 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 87 protected areas 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 four strategic pillars: governance, programming, management, and the results of conservation. While the global experts 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 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, 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.



## Rules and recommendations



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 the nature, you are asked to follow these simple rules:



- DO NOT stray from the marked trails



- If you see animals, keep your distance and DO NOT disturb them



- DO NOT light fires; if you see a fire, report it by calling 800 425 425



- DO NOT pick plants and flowers, or collect fossils and minerals



- Take your waste home with you; LEAVE NOTHING on the territory



- If you have brought your dog with you, keep it on its leash at all times



# Hiking Elba

The island of Elba is the ideal place hiking tourism, thanks to the National Park's extensive network of paths covering about 375 km – in most cases, age-old roads linking the towns to once-cultivated areas now reclaimed by the sweet-smelling, colourful Mediterranean scrub. The best way to enjoy the island's wild heart, from the scenic highlands to the coasts soaring over the sea, is to dedicate a few days to two interesting paths: the GTE (Grande Traversata Elbana) road, and Via dell'Essenza.





## GTE (Grande Traversata Elbana) road

GTE (The Great Elban Crossing) – Known among hikers who generally cover it in 3-4 days, this path follows the mountain ridges, providing breathtaking views while displaying the island's natural, historic, and archaeological characteristics. The GTE starts from Cavo and forks near Mount Capanne into two branches: the northern one to Patresi (GTE Nord) and the southern one to Pomonte (GTE Sud), for a total of 56 km and 48 km respectively. The itinerary – which can be taken in reverse, from west to east – connects to several trails, allowing visitors to choose the variant most suited to their needs. The Park has identified more than 30 points of interest that may be consulted [on line](#).



## Via dell'Essenza

The Via dell'Essenza (The Way of Essence) was recently developed thanks to an interesting collaboration between the National Park and Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba. Stretching for about 67 km around Mount Capanne, the coastal path is subdivided into 8 stages, each of which named for a plant typical of the Mediterranean scrub (mastic, heather, lavender, rockrose, juniper, rosemary, holm oak, and myrtle). For each stage, 5 points of interest have been identified; their descriptions may be consulted [on line](#).



See the trail map on [p. 46](#)

# Park Information 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.

**GENERAL PARK INFORMATION CENTRE:** Tel. **0565 908231**

The Environmental Education Centres organize guided tours and educational workshops.

## **PARK INFORMATION CENTRE 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

## **PARK INFORMATION CENTRE LACONA**

SP30, Lacona / spiaggia - Tel. 0565 1930778

**From 1 May to 15 June and from 16 to 30 September:**

Tuesday to Sunday

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

**From 16 June to 15 September:**

Monday to Sunday

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

## **PARK INFORMATION CENTRE PIANOSA**

Tel. 0565 908231

**From 15 March to 31 October:**

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

## **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE (CEA) - CASA DEL PARCO MARCIANA**

Fortezza Pisana, Marciana

Tel. 0565 940110 - 348 7039374

**From 30 March to 15 June and from 1 October to 31 October:**

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

Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM  
and 3:00 PM-6:00 PM

Sunday 10:30 AM-1:00 PM

Monday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

**From 16 June to 30 September:**

Monday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Tuesday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Wednesday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and  
4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Friday 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Saturday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM and 4:00 PM-7:00 PM

Sunday 10:00 AM-1:00 PM

Information on the activities of the Marciana Environmental Education Centre (CEA): p. 16

**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION  
CENTRE (CEA) – CASA DEL PARCO  
RIO NELL'ELBA**

Loc. Canali, Rio - Tel. 0565 908231

**From 30 March to 31 May**

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

**From 1 to 30 June and from 1 to 14**

**September:**

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

**From 15 September to 31 October:**

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

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**ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE  
(CEA), DUNE SYSTEM, LACONA**

SP30, Lacona / spiaggia

**Open from 1 May to 1 October**

based on the calendar of workshops and activities  
consultable at [parcoarcipelago.info](http://parcoarcipelago.info)  
Information on the activities of the Environmental

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**FORTE INGLESE ENGLISH FORT,  
PORTOFERRAIO**

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

Information on the Fort: p. 18

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Centro Educazione Ambientale

## MARCIANA - LACONA - RIO NELL'ELBA

### CEA\* - CASA DEL PARCO MARCIANA (VISITOR CENTRE) "FORTEZZA PISANA"

Operated with a Park Guide accompanying visitors on their journey to discover the protected area, the facility is dedicated to the environments characteristic of the National Park, with particular reference to the western sector of the Island of Elba: granite landscapes, chestnut groves, and the cultural heritage of the sheepfolds called caprili. Multimedia installations and interactive apps explain the genesis and geological evolution of the Tuscan Archipelago, while examining issues connected to climate change and the protection of land and sea biodiversity and geodiversity – precious treasures that the Tuscan islands preserve. The facility hosts educational workshops and includes spaces for entertainment activities. Guided tours along the paths in the surrounding area and visits to the historic centre of Marciana start from here. Admission is free of charge.



Musei—  
Arcipelago  
MUSEO MUSEALE  
DELL'ARCIPELAGO TOSCANO

CEA Casa del Parco Marciana



CEA Casa del Parco  
Rio nell'Elba

CEA Lacona



## **CEA\* - CASA DEL PARCO DI RIO (VISITOR CENTRE) "FRANCO FRANCHINI"**

The Visitors' Centre is situated on the eastern side of Elba, a district that has always been suited to mining activity. A Park Guide is on hand to provide visitors with information on the protected area and on some of the excellent offerings in this part of Elban territory. Aided by interactive applications and virtual reality experiences, visitors enter into contact with the district's extraordinary geological and mineral heritage; interesting spaces are dedicated to local food and agriculture traditions. Conferences, educational activities, and workshops for children and adults are organized inside the centre. This is the starting point for guided tours along the trails in the surrounding area to learn about the territory of eastern Elba. Admission is free of charge.

\*CEA: ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE



## **CEA\* LACONA (INFO POINT) "RAFFAELLO FORESI"**

Activities for children and adults are organized in the rooms and gardens of the facility located in the island's central area. The Environmental Education Centre is equipped with microscopes and other optical instruments, audio and video digital supports, educational panels, fact sheets, profiles, sensory games, and natural discoveries. Aided by a Park Guide, visitors can observe the small details and comprehend the fragile equilibria that support marine eco-systems and allow the Pelagos Sanctuary to host a precious community of cetaceans. Important issues in environmental education are developed through games and activities. Protected by the Park, the adjacent dune system becomes the starting point for a set of nature-themed experiences. All activities are free of charge; booking required.



# FORTE INGLESE

PORTOFERRAIO



Owned by the Municipality of Portoferraio, the **English Fort (Forte Inglese)** is an eighteenth-century defensive structure 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. Today, the facility's evocative settings host exhibitions and educational workshops. Much of the main floor is devoted to **Giorgio Roster**, the Florentine scientist and photographer who was an assiduous visitor to Elba starting in 1875, leaving an important documentary heritage. The exhibition collects the scholar's photographs and objects for a "journey through time" amid the excellent offerings of Elba's history, nature, and geology from more than a century ago. The exhibition may be visited during the English Fort's opening days and hours ([vedi pag. 15](#)). The Fort's ground floor houses a multimedia installation on our territory's alien species – part of the **Life ASAP** project – and **Luciano Regoli's** large painting *Lo sbarco di Napoleone all'Elba* ("Napoleon landing on Elba"). The facility's second storey is dedicated to the **NAT-LAB** nature laboratory, while the Fort's terrace houses an instrument of Progetto **PRISMA**, installed by Associazione Astrofili elbani. The PRISMA camera is part of a vast network of all-sky cameras distributed throughout Italy for the purpose of recording the passage of all the brightest meteors.





**NAT-LAB** is the nature laboratory at the English Fort (Portoferraio), set up 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 expert guidance of the Curator Leonardo Forbicioni. Workshops and guided tours with small nature observations and experiences are held during the summer period, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, on the following dates: **11 and 25 June – 9 and 23 July – 6 and 20 August**. Booking required, participation is free of charge.



Forte Inglese - NAT LAB - Portoferraio





**LEGAMBIENTE**

Arcipelago Toscano



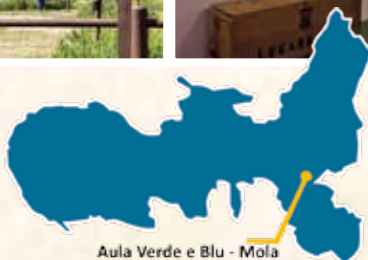
## **MOLA WETLAND**

Housed in a recovered farmhouse in the National Park, 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 spaces equipped to welcome visitors, is enriched with a garden planted with native species 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** – For information and bookings: Lisa - 370 328 3801; Luca - 3283085244.

From 1 October to 31 May: Saturday from 2:30 to 4:30 PM (tours; booking required).

From 1 June to 30 September: open by appointment or for special events included on the calendar.



Aula Verde e Blu - Mola

## The “La Natura al centro” (“Focus on Nature”) Festival



Protecting nature is certainly the core business of the Arcipelago Toscano National Park, which has activated many significant protection projects in keeping with its institutional mission: to guarantee the conservation of biodiversity and safeguard the territory's geological and geo-mineral heritage. In terms of conservation, a great number of projects are currently being carried in the enormous district of the protected natural area, in both the land and sea environments: to some of these projects, the Park's 2026 programme will dedicate the “La Natura al centro” (“Focus on Nature”) Festival': events and conferences aimed at disseminating to the public the results of its own research, monitoring, and protection actions through the experiences gained in the field. See the appointments on the calendar.

## Geo-Experience in the Tuscan Islands



The island of Elba has been defined as a “grand, open-air, geo-mineralogical museum.” Nearly 250 minerals have been identified on the island, with a very high average per square kilometre. The rocks there – sedimentary, magmatic, metamorphic, and hydrothermal – range between 5 million and 450 million years of age, and formed in both oceanic and continental contexts. All the main geological processes are well represented and observable here. Equal abundance is found on the Archipelago's other islands: sedimentary on Pianosa; the ancient volcano on Capraia, and the limestone half-moon on Giannutri. The island's resources have been known and exploited since Antiquity, and their territories have seen a variety of mining and extraction activities, from the iron mines and granite quarries on Elba to the pyrite deposits on the Island of Giglio, which are among the most important in Europe. Making the most of this invaluable heritage is one of the National Park's institutional duties: to do this, the Park, in synergy with the Miniere di Calamita mine, Parco Minerario di Rio mining park, MUM – Museo Mineralogico Luigi Celleri, holds geology- and mineralogy-related events – called “geo- experiences” – on all the islands, offering geology hikes, geo-excursions by boat, and conferences. Look for the icons and discover all the events!

Island of Elba

# 2026 activities calendar



## Winter in the Park

### SUNDAY, 1 FEBRUARY

#### World Wetlands Day

On the occasion of **World Wetlands Day** (2 February), a guided tour with the Park Guide of the wetland of the last basin of the ancient salt pans, near the San Giovanni thermal complex – an area frequented by resident and migratory birdlife, a refuge providing shelter for important bird species, and a bulwark of marine and land biodiversity. Appointment: 10:00 AM Terme di S. Giovanni, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours. Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required; free of charge.



### SATURDAY, 14 FEBRUARY

#### Darwin Day: evolution at work

Evolution is not an abstract concept, confined to books or to natural history museums: it is a dynamic, unceasing, and extraordinarily creative process that shapes every life form we encounter today. To celebrate Darwin Day, you are invited to an immersive experience with Leonardo Forbicioni (WBA) and the Park Guide for close-up observation of nature's "workshop" and to learn how evolution continues to shape the world around us. Appointment: 3:30 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio. Booking required; free of charge.



DARWIN DAY

### SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

#### Via dell'Essenza - Via dell'Erica from Sant'Andrea to Colle D'Orano

In collaboration with Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba. Rising amid dry stone walls and lush Mediterranean scrub of tree heather, strawberry trees, and holm oaks, the sea springs suddenly into view, with the islands of Corsica and Capraia on the horizon. We reach the coastal villages, the Punta Polveraia lighthouse, the Patresi beach, and Cala delle Buche. Return by dedicated bus from Colle d'Orano to starting point. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 10:00 AM La Zanca, crossroad for Sant'Andrea – Duration: 4h30m – Degree of difficulty: demanding. Ascent: 372 m. Booking required; free of charge.



## Spring in the park

### SATURDAY, 21 MARCH

#### "Digital Roster: a bridge between Elba and the Continent..."

Florence's Museo Galileo and Biblioteca Foresiana of Portoferraio will present the results of the digitization project of the prestigious "Fondo Roster" holding, an archive that includes thousands of slides, photographs, scientific notes, and minerals. Starting from this work, the prospect of a science museum on Elba, dedicated to the figure of Giorgio Roster, will be assessed with institutional counterparts. Upon its conclusion, the conference will be followed by a guided tour of the permanent exhibition dedicated to Roster and recently expanded with new materials in order to admire part of this heritage in digital form. For information contact the Park Information Centre. [Info Park](#).



**SUNDAY, 22 MARCH**

**Guided tour at Volterraio, hiking, and admission included.**

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**FRIDAY, 27 MARCH**

**Welcome Spring! Let's read... and then let's play with flowers**

In collaboration with Legambiente Arcipelago Toscano and the Libri in Piazza bookshop of Marciana Marina, a lively reading of an illustrated album, to be followed by a creative activity for children 5-12 years of age as they discover spring flowers. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Mola, Aula VerdeBlu Lecture Hall – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.

**SATURDAY, 28 MARCH**

**Via dell'Essenza - Via dei Ginepri from Seccheto to Marina di Campo**

We take trail 195, in the Granito district, traversing an area that offers interesting geological observations. A brief stretch of asphalt separates us from trail 138 for Colle Palombaia: a coastal itinerary at times soaring over the sea, amid ancient terraces and sections of woodland. We come down to above the Galenzana beach before descending near the oldest neighbourhood in the village of Marina di Campo. Return by dedicated bus provided by the organization scheduled for about 3:00 PM. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 8:30 AM, Seccheto sports field – Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: demanding. Ascent: 368 m. Booking required; free of charge.

**SATURDAY, 4 APRIL**

**E-bike excursion to Porto Azzurro with final tasting**

A countryside itinerary to the slopes of the reliefs framing the town of Porto Azzurro. Riding comfortable e-bikes, visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate a unique territory's variety of nature and scenery. The red of the radiolarites and the turquoise of the ophiolitic rocks provide the backdrop for a multiform vegetation, from tilled countryside to Mediterranean scrub, amid pine forests and holm oak woods. Followed by a tasting at Azienda Agricola Arrighi. Appointment: 9:30 AM, Conad supermarket car park, Porto Azzurro – Duration: 5 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium; minimum mountain biking experience required. Booking required. € 60.



**SUNDAY, 5 APRIL****Easter hike on the Trekking di Pasqua on the Enfola promontory**

A walk around Capo Enfola, amid the beautiful rocks overlooking the sea and glimpses of the island's northern coastline, with important remnants from the Second World War. We will discover one of Elba's most characteristic promontories, marked by scenic value and a wealth of nature and history. Appointment: 4:00 PM, Portoferraio, Capo Enfola – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

**MONDAY, 6 APRIL****Easter Monday at Volterraio. Guided tour**

Opening of Fortress from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Visitors can reach the entrance on their own (from trail 255) and visit the monument in the company of the Park Guide. No booking required. Tickets € 8, € 4 reduced price for visitors over 65 years of age, residents of the Tuscan Archipelago and children 5-12 years of age. Free of charge for disabled persons and those accompanying them, children 0-4 years of age and students who are residents of the Tuscan Archipelago (up to 19 years of age).

**SATURDAY, 11 APRIL****Via dell'Essenza – Hiking on Via dei Cisti**

Taking trail 135, we ascend quickly amid rich vegetation of broom and myrtle, enjoying spectacular views over the gulf delimited by the white sand beach to the Sughera area, a plain featuring rockrose scrub. From here, trail 137 will take us to the inhabited area of Seccheto. Return journey by public bus. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 9:30 AM, entrance of trail 135, Fetovaia – Duration: 4 hours – Difficulty: demanding. Ascent: 300 m. Booking required; free of charge.

**SUNDAY, 12 APRIL****Hiking in the pasture**

A visit to the Santa Lucia area, to walk with the sheep and discover the vegetation of the Mediterranean scrubland. Joined by Sara Esposito (Regali Rurali), we will become acquainted with how these animals live and interact with nature, and how the farm's local production is developed. Followed by a snack with typical products. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Colle Reciso, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



**SATURDAY, 18 APRIL****In the dark on the GTE\*\* road**

On the occasion of **International Dark Sky Week**. From Le Panche, we will head toward Mount Capannello for a brief hike in the dark along the GTE\*\* road. At the summit, aided by a small telescope provided by Associazione Astrofili Elbani, we will observe the starry sky, rediscovering the charm of the night and reliving humankind's ancestral relationship with the heavenly vault. Appointment: 9:00 PM Le Panche car park – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

**SUNDAY, 19 APRIL****Guided tour at Volterraio, hiking, and admission included.**

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**SATURDAY, 25 APRIL****Porto Aperto (Open Port). Villa delle Grotte and the Portoferraio harbour,**

in collaboration with the Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mar Tirreno Settentrionale (port system authority of the northern Tyrrhenian Sea) and Fondazione Villa Romana delle Grotte, as part of the 18th edition of the Progetto Porto Aperto project and the Italian **Port Days** initiatives. Guided tour of Villa Romana delle Grotte, an archaeological complex that dominates the Portoferraio harbour and the sea passage between the Piombino coastline and Elba. An exceptional terrace for observing Portoferraio and understanding its strategic importance. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Villa Romana delle Grotte – Duration: 2h30m – Booking required; free of charge.

**SATURDAY, 25 APRIL****Opening of Volterraio Fortress for guided tour**

Opening of Fortress from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See 6 April.

**SUNDAY, 26 APRIL****Tour of Pianosa.****Excursion and motorboat included**

Departing from Piombino or from Marina di Campo, the tour includes motorboat ride and an excursion, choosing between a nature hike, a geo-archaeology hike, and mountain biking with admission to the Agrippa prison. See [p. 59](#)

**FRIDAY, 1 MAY****Opening of the Volterraio Fortress for a guided tour**

Opening of Fortress from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See 6 April.

**SATURDAY, 2 MAY****Excursion to Volterraio, hiking, and admission included.**

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## Agricultural biodiversity: the Seed Bank

An appointment at the Lacona CEA\* with **Giulia Spada**, an agriculturalist and guardian of the island of Elba's Seed Bank. We will discover how the National Park safeguards agricultural biodiversity by protecting seeds; then, in a laboratory, we will learn how to recognize the seeds of different species kept at the bank and will sow the hanging tomatoes called pomodori d'appiccà. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Lacona (CEA\*) – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.

### SUNDAY, 3 MAY

#### The nest at the end of the journey

Some migrating birds make very long journeys to reach the Arcipelago Toscano National Park: a perfect place to nest. Each species uses different spaces, materials, and strategies to offer their eggs the greatest likelihood of survival and growth. On the occasion of **World Migratory Bird Day**, we celebrate the new spring by playing with shapes, colours, and fun facts about nests and eggs. Appointment: Lacona CEA\* 3:00 PM – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge



### SATURDAY, 9 MAY

#### Piazzale dell'Astronomia at San Piero. Observation of Jupiter

An evening of astronomy, with a historical and geological walk in the village. Traversing ancient granite extraction sites, we will reach Piazzale dell'Astronomia where, using telescopes, we will be able to observe Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system. Reading of the sky and constellations guided by Astrofilii di San Piero. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Church of San Niccolò, S. Piero – Duration: 2 hours. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### SUNDAY, 10 MAY

#### Fireflies... and shadows. Laboratory walk at Enfola

To savour how poetic and exciting nature and science can be, you are invited to discover the fireflies on the Enfola promontory. Before leaving for a brief walk suitable for all ages, a small theatre of lights and shadows will help us learn a few secrets about these nocturnal insects. Appointment: 9:00 PM Località Enfola, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required; free of charge.



**SUNDAY, 10 MAY****Tour on island of Pianosa****Excursion with motorboat included**

Departing from Piombino or from Marina di Campo, the tour includes motorboat ride and an excursion, choosing between a nature hike, a geo-archaeology hike, and mountain biking with admission to the Agrippa prison. See [p. 59](#)

**SATURDAY, 16 MAY****Excursion to Volterraio, hiking and admission included. See [p. 42](#)****SUNDAY, 17 MAY****Walking in the holm oak forest towards Torre del Giove****In the occasion of European Parks Week.**

Between scrubland and holm oak forest, where wood for fuelling the melting furnaces was gathered, we follow trail 259 which takes us to the defensive structure built in 1459: a quadrangular tower now in ruins. The view ranges over the Piombino, the small islands of Palmaiola and Cerboli, the Populonia and Argentario promontories, and the eastern side of Elba. Appointment: Casa del Parco di Rio, 3:00 PM – Duration: 2h30m – Support car – Degree of difficulty: medium. Free of charge; booking required.

**Tour on island of Pianosa****Excursion with motorboat included.**

Departing from Piombino or from Marina di Campo, the tour includes motorboat ride and an excursion, choosing between a nature hike, a geo-archaeology hike, and mountain biking with admission to the Agrippa prison. See [p. 59](#)

**SATURDAY, 23 MAY****When aliens land... on the Dune!****UN World Biodiversity Day – 22 May.**

A walk suited for everyone along the Lacona Dune to discover, along with the Park Guide, which plants are characteristic to the place and which ones are aliens “invading” this delicate and protected ecosystem. Laboratory for children on the topic. Data gathering to contribute to the “Biodiversità della Duna di Lacona” project via the iNaturalist platform. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Lacona Park Information Centre – Degree of difficulty: easy – Duration: 2h30m. Booking required; free of charge.

**SUNDAY, 24 MAY****The dry stone walls of San Cerbone**

**European Day of Parks.** Hiking in the lush nature of the western side to discover how the National Park is taking action on some of these ancient wall structures, with the aim of preserving them. Dry stone walling is recognized by UNESCO as Intangible Cultural Heritage and is an essential feature of the territory’s landscape, ecology, and stability. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Marciana, Parcheggio Cabinovia – Degree of difficulty: medium/easy – Duration: 3 hours. Booking required; free of charge.



**Tour on island of Pianosa****Excursion with motorboat included**

Departing from Piombino or from Marina di Campo, the tour includes motorboat ride and an excursion, choosing between a nature hike, a geo-archaeology hike, and mountain biking with admission to the Agrippa prison. See [p. 59](#)

**SATURDAY, 30 MAY****Hiking on the "Trail of Love" to the Le Sughere farm**

The itinerary starts from the scenic road over the sea behind Torre degli Appiani, in the area of the port of Rio Marina. After travelling down a part of the Sentiero dell'Amore, or the "trail of love," we begin to ascend towards Mount Fico as we head to the Le Sughere farm, where the walk will end with a locally-sourced aperitif. Appointment: Rio Marina 4:00 PM – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 15

**SUNDAY, 31 MAY**

**Excursion to Volterraio – hiking and admission included.** See [p. 42](#)

**TUESDAY, 2 JUNE****Butterfly festival – Guided hike**

Legambiente Arcipelago Toscano, along with the 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.

**SATURDAY, 6 JUNE****Nature hike with tasting**

A walk in the Le Prade wetland in Portoferraio, a nature area of great value for migrating and nesting birdlife, an important Site of Regional Interest that plays a crucial role for the conservation of local flora and fauna. The hike is followed by a stop at the Montefabbrello farm for an encounter with producers (aperitif featuring typical products). Appointment: 5:00 PM, Le Prade beach – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 15; € 8 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



**SUNDAY, 7 JUNE****Laboratories for children for World Oceans Day**

Workshop for children and families to discover the area dedicated to the protection of marine mammals in the Mediterranean Sea. We will discover the world of Cetaceans through sensory explorations, games, and creative activities, observing the morphological and biological differences between dolphins and whales populating the Pelagos Sanctuary, an international marine protected area that is home to an exceptional marine biodiversity. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Lacona \*CE. Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.

**SATURDAY, 13 JUNE****Hiking excursion *In Cammino nei Parchi* Walking through the Parks**

In collaboration with CAI Elba (Alpine Club). From the small chapel along the road for Portoferraio, we will take trail 245, a steep descent to the “wild” beaches of Lamaia and Porticciolo. Shaded by holm oaks, we will head back up the coast to observe these trees in the company of the Guide, discovering their uses in the tradition. After reaching the Procchio beach, a brief section on the road closes the loop. Appointment: 9:30 AM Procchio, near the small chapel on the provincial road SP 24 – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age and for CAI members.

**SUNDAY, 14 JUNE****Scops owls, barn owls, and bats...The English Fort's nightlife**

After a brief visit to the 18th-century fortress, we will stop in the dark silence in the meadow in front of the monument in order to hear and recognize the songs of the various nocturnal birds living in the vicinity. We will also use the bat detector to identify the presence of bats. A listening experience that will allow us to discover the richness of this urban biodiversity and will better acquaint us with these invisible presences. Appointment: 9:30 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.

**TUESDAY, 16 JUNE****Beware of the turtle!**

An event organized by Legambiente 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 the nests, and a theory/practice course for recognizing their tracks. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Aula Verde Blu lecture hall, località Mola – Duration: 2 hours – Free of charge; booking required.

**SATURDAY, 20 JUNE****Mount Perone. Observing the sky with Astrofili elbani**

The June sky through the telescopes of Associazione Astrofili Elbani. In the Perone park, aided by headlamps and flashlights, we will orient ourselves among the constellations and observe the most beautiful objects in the sky on this late-spring evening. An evening of science and mythology in one of the darkest locations in Elba. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Mount Perone picnic area – Duration: 2 hours – € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



# Summer in the Park

## MONDAYS in the Park

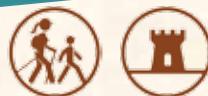


### Whale watching in the Pelagos Sanctuary FROM 15 JUNE TO 14 SEPTEMBER

The Arcipelago Toscano National Park is entirely included in the **Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals**, and to allow this extraordinary natural heritage to be discovered, the Park organizes Whale Watching excursions in collaboration with Motobarca Mickey Mouse. We will navigate along Elba's southeastern coast in the company of the marine biologist and Park Guide, who will help us get the most out of this extraordinary experience. Appointment: 8:45 AM, Marina di Campo harbour, 'Mickey Mouse motorboat' - Duration: 5h30m. Booking required. € 55, € 35 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age. Onboard lunch and swimming stop included. No pets allowed.

### GUIDED TOUR OF THE VOLTERRAIO FORTRESS

Every day except Tuesday, evening hours. See [p. 42](#)



### ACTIVITIES AT CEA\* LACONA

A variety of activities will alternate around the CEA Lacona:

- **Aperitif with typical products and guided tour of the dune system, 20 July and 31 August**, 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. Booking required; free of charge:**

15 June. The song of the scops owl	27 July. As bats do
22 June. Hiking at Capo Stella	10 August. Cinema under the stars
29 June. As bats do	17 August. The animals of the night
13 July. The animals of the night	14 September. How dark?

- **Activity in collaboration with mindfulness instructor Antonella Vitacca**

**6 July and 24 August - Mindful eating**

"Mindful eating," a practice that helps people find a healthy relationship with food. Followed by a mindful aperitif.

From 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Booking required. € 10. Reserved for participants over 15 years of age.

**3 August, 7 September – Hiking and Yoga**

Brief hike on the beautiful Capo Stella promontory for breathtaking views, to a clearing where we will stop to practise listening and conscious body movement.

From 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. Booking required. € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age.



## TUESDAYS in the Park

### FREE SNORKELLING WITH PARK GUIDE AT THE LACONA CEA\*

Every Tuesday in July and August

Appointment: Lacona Park Information Centre, 11:00 AM – duration: 1h30m.

Participants are responsible for their own equipment



### FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN 8-11 YEARS OF AGE AT LACONA CEA\*

**2:00 PM - 3:30 PM.** The Environmental Education Centre (CEA) hosts workshops developed through games and activities. Booking required.

16 June. Turtles of our seas

23 June. Cetaceans in all their varieties

30 June. Sharks: predators or victims?

7 July. Watch out for jellyfish!

14 July. Fantastic animals and where to find them

21 July. Fish and the shapes they take

28 July. Shelling

4 August. Turtles of our seas

11 August. Cetaceans in all their varieties

18 August. Sharks: predators or victims?

25 August. Watch out for jellyfish!

1 September. Fantastic animals and...

8 September. Fish and the shapes they take

### FREE WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AT THE RIO CEA\*

**Every Tuesday in July, 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM.** Booking required; free of charge. Learning and using techniques like watercolour and pencil; an occasion to observe nature and to memorize characteristics and details of the species, while depicting them on paper. Participants are responsible for their own materials.



### HIKING AND GUIDED TOUR AT THE VOLTERRAIO FORT

Every Tuesday, Booking required. **15 June - 30 September** See [p. 42](#)



### THE PARK'S HERBS AND PLANTS ON ST. JOHN'S EVE

**Tuesday 23 June** - Plants have accompanied humans throughout their history, from the Neolithic to today. This co-evolution has created an intense bond between us and plant species, a bond that is still clear in the traditions and customs that employ plants. A walk with the Park Guide on the shortest night of the year, to recognize 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. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



## WEDNESDAYS in the Park

### THE SUMMER'S "PARCO JUNIOR"

Free marine biology workshops with Park Guide.

For children 6-11 years of age, on Elba's beaches from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Booking required.

17 June – ENFOLA

15 July – LA FENICIA

12 August – BARBAROSSA

24 June – LA FOCE

22 July – CAMPO ALL'AlA

19 August – LE GHIAIE

1 July – LE PRADE

29 July – STRACCOLIGNO

26 August – NISPORTINO

8 July – ENFOLA

5 August – LA PAOLINA

2 September – CAPOBIANCO



### FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LACONA CEA\*

Booking required; environmental education workshops developed through games and activities. For children 5-7 years of age (11:00 AM-12:30 PM) and 8-11 years of age (2:00 PM-3:30 PM).



17 June. What does a whale eat?

24 June. Let's change

1 July. Claws

8 July. Doing and re-doing

15 July. The microcosm of the sea

22 July. Sea stories

29 July. What does a whale eat?

5 August. Let's change

12 August. The superheroes of the dune

19 August. Guess who lives in the sea

26 August. The world's biggest turtle

2 September. Let's change

9 September. The superheroes of the dune

### EVENING ACTIVITIES IN COLLABORATION WITH LEGAMBIENTE ARCIPELAGO TOSCANO

#### Wednesday 8 July – What do I do with the posidonia?



LEGAMBIENTE

On the occasion of **International Day of the Mediterranean** (7 July), a workshop for children and families to discover posidonia. Participants will discover how to protect this important marine plant, and will have an opportunity to create a sheet of "posidonia paper" to make good use of a natural element often considered waste. Booking required; free of charge. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Mola, Aula VerdeBlu. Duration: 2 hours.

#### Wednesday, 22 July – A swim ... in the woods

A walk amid holm oak and chestnut trees.



An immersion in nature with the environmental educator **Ida Goglia**, to experience a "forest bath": a practice for improving mental and physical well-being through slow walks, deep breathing, and listening to nature. During the rest stop/snack, we will experience eating with greater mindfulness (Mindful Eating). Equipment: towel or mat. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Pieve di San Giovanni, Campo nell'Elba. Duration: 2h15m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 10.

#### Wednesday, 29 July and Wednesday, 5 August – the cinema of the sea

Viewing of a film or documentary on the sea that will allow us to discover the richness and beauty of our "blue brother" and to understand the value of the precious ecosystem protected by the Pelagos Sanctuary. Info: Park Information Centre. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Aula VerdeBlu, Località Mola – Duration: 2 hours. Free of charge; booking required.



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### GIGLIO PARK EXPERIENCE

Guided tour of Giglio Island  
Tour including round-trip journey from Elba  
and excursion with Park Guide. See [p. 59](#)



## THURSDAYS in the Park

### FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LACONA CEA\*

The Environmental Education Centre host workshops developed through games and activities. For children 8-11 years of age – 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Booking required.

18 June. The botanist's apprentice

25 June. The treasure of Cosimo

2 July. The miraculous peach

9 July. The osprey

16 July. The return of the monk seal

23 July. The botanist's apprentice

30 July. The treasure of Cosimo

6 August. The miraculous peach

13 August. The osprey

20 August. The return of the monk seal

27 August. The botanist's apprentice

3 September. The treasure of Cosimo

10 September. The miraculous peach



### WORKSHOPS AND GUIDED TOURS AT NAT-LAB

At the English Fort, Portoferraio, workshops and guided tours are held with small nature observations and experiences in the company of the curator **Leonardo Forbicioni**. From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on the following dates: 11 and 25 June; 9 and 23 July; 6 and 20 August. Booking required; participation is free.



### FREE WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AT THE RIO CEA\*

**Every Thursday in July and August, 5:00 PM -6:30 PM.** Booking required.

“Let’s discover the sea of the Pelagos Sanctuary and the animals that inhabit it” - “Let’s discover the Mediterranean maquis” - “Elban treasure: ore and minerals” - “Alien invasions: exotic alien species” - “Let’s navigate! The winds, knots, and bearings” – “Let’s colour with natural earths.”



**GUIDED TOUR OF THE VOLTERRAIO FORTRESS**Every day except Tuesday, evening hours. See [p. 42](#)**NIGHT-TIME BOAT EXCURSION  
TO OBSERVE THE STARRY SKY****Thursday, 6 August**

Aboard a small motorboat, we will head off the southern coast in search of the perfect sky: an occasion to admire the starry vault far from the lights on dry land, in the company of the Astrofili Elbani, who will help us gain our bearings amid the wonders of the summer sky. Using special instruments, we will measure light pollution and discover how important protecting the night sky is for the well-being of humans and many other species. Appointment: 8:30 PM, Porto di Marina di Campo – Duration: 3 hours. Booking required. € 55. Minimum age: 12.

**FRIDAYS in the Park****THE SUMMER'S "PARCO JUNIOR"**

Free marine biology workshops with Park Guide for children 6-11 anni years of age, on Elba's beaches from 9:30 alle 11:30 AM. Booking required.



19 June – CAPOBIANCO

26 June – INNAMORATA

3 July – PATRESI

10 July – CHIESSI

17 July – SANT'ANDREA

24 July – PATRESI

31 July – POMONTE

7 August – CHIESSI

14 August – SANT'ANDREA

21 August – PATRESI

28 August – POMONTE

4 September – PATRESI

**FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LACONA CEA\***

At the CEA, booking required, environmental education workshops developed through games and activities are held. For children 5-7 years of age, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM / For children 8-11 years of age 2:00 PM-3:30 PM



19 June. The dance of the pollinators

26 June. Where are you? Mission: mimicry

3 July. Birds: nature's architects

10 July. The factory of natural colours

17 July. Eco-bubbles: the game of natural detergents

24 July. Birds: nature's architects

31 July. The factory of natural colours

7 August. Eco-bubbles: the game of natural detergents

14 August. Birds: nature's architects

21 August. The factory of natural colours

28 August. Eco-bubbles: the game of natural detergents

4 September. The journey of seeds

11 September. The dance of the pollinators

**GUIDED TOUR OF THE VOLTERRAIO FORTRESS**Every day except Tuesdays, in the evening, See [p. 42](#)

**MARCIANA TELLS ITS STORY: A WALK IN THE ANCIENT VILLAGE****From 19 June to 25 September, every Friday 9:30 to 11:00 PM.**

Appointment in Marciana, in front of the pharmacy. A stroll through the village's quaint alleyways, discovering its history. Amid religious and military buildings and museums housing interesting archaeological finds, we will grasp the Medieval village's importance as a refuge from the pirates' coastal raids. A break from the more frenetic Elba, amid extraordinary natural landscapes, in the heart of the National Park. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

**CAPRAIA PARK EXPERIENCE****Guided tour of the Island of Capraia including round-trip journey**Departure from Elba + excursion with Park Guide. See [p. 60](#)**SATURDAYS in the Park****FREE WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN AT THE LACONA CEA\***

Environmental education workshops based on games and activities. For children 5-7 years of age, 11:00 AM-12:30 PM / For children 8-11 years – 2:00 PM-3:30 PM. Booking required.

20 June. Between the sky and the sea

27 June. How beautiful bats are

4 July. The superheroes of the dune

11 July. Guess who lives in the sea

18 July. The world's biggest turtle

25 July. How beautiful bats are

1 August. Between the sky and the sea

8 August. Claws

15 August. Doing and re-doing

22 August. The microcosm of the sea

29 August. Sea stories

5 September. Between the sky and the sea

12 September. Sea stories

**APERITIF AT VILLA ROMANA DELLE GROTTE****Saturday, 27 June; 18 July; 8 and 22 August**

Guided tour of the Villa Romana delle Grotte, one of the most important archaeological remains in the Tuscan Archipelago. The archaeological site stands on the headland overlooking the Gulf of Portoferraio, commanding a sweeping view of the sea. 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. The tour will be followed by a small aperitif. In collaboration with Fondazione Villa Romana delle Grotte. Appointment: 6:00 PM, Villa Romana delle Grotte – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 12.

**SUBTERRANEAN ELBA – CONFERENCE****Saturday, 4 July**

Conference led by **Marco Isaia** (University of Turin) and **Leonardo Forbicioni** (World Biodiversity Association). The scholars will illustrate the results of the "Elba Sotterranea" Project, which studies the island's underground environments and animal life – natural caves, artificial cavities, and the surface subterranean environment – that have been little explored but are of great value for learning about local biodiversity. Appointment: 9:30 PM, English Fort – Duration: 2 hours – Difficulty: easy. Booking required; free of charge.



## GUIDED TOUR OF THE VOLTERRAIO FORTRESS

Every day except Tuesdays, in the evening, See [pag. 42](#)



## A MOONLESS EVENING AT VOLTERRAIO

**Saturday, 11 July**



A special evening of history, science, and myth. We will climb up to the Fortress to witness the sunset. We will visit the monument with the Park Guides and learn to orient ourselves among the stars, the constellations, and the myths associated with them. An absolutely can't-miss event for astronomy lovers and photographers, for a moonless night beneath one of Italy's darkest skies. Appointment: 8:30 PM, Le Casermette parking area, Road for Volterraio – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium – Hiking shoes and lighting instruments are required – Booking required. Tickets € 20, € 10 reduced price for residents and visitors over 65 years of age. € 5 reduced price for residents over 65 years of age. Free of charge for resident students (up to 19 years of age). Minimum age: 12.

## THE BIODIVERSITY OF THE ENGLISH FORT

**Saturday, 1 August**



Conference with **Leonardo Forbicioni**, curator of **NAT-LAB**, and other expert naturalists, during which we will discover how monuments can become treasure chests and bastions of biodiversity where architectural elements and nature coexist in harmony. Appointment: 9:30 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours. Free of charge.

## VIA DELL'ESSENZA – HIKING ON VIA DEI LECCI

**Saturday, 19 September**



In collaboration with Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba – In Lacona, near Via dei Vigneti, the itinerary begins by following trail 215 which rises to Serra del Pero. We will traverse a dense holm oak forest and, with the Park Guide, we will explore this plant's role in the life and culture of Mediterranean civilizations for which it was an important resource. Coming upon the GTE (Grande Traversata Elbana) road, we will proceed east towards Poggio del Molino a Vento, re-entering Lacona to close the loop. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 9:00 AM, Lacona – Duration: 4 hours – Degree of difficulty: demanding. Ascent: 250 m. Booking required; free of charge.



## SUNDAYS in the Park

### GUIDED TOUR OF THE VOLTERRAIO FORTRESS

Every day except Tuesdays, in the evening, See [pag. 42](#)



### SUBTERRANEAN ELBA – HIKE

Sunday, 5 July

#### Subterranean Elba: exploratory hike

Joined by **Marco Isaia** (University of Turin) and **Leonardo Forbicioni** (World Biodiversity Association). Activity included in the “Elba Sottterranea” Project, which studies the island’s underground environments and animal life that have been little explored but are of great value for learning about local biodiversity. The excursions will offer the opportunity to visit one of the project’s sites and observe the activity of recovering and monitoring the underground fauna, in order to learn about the extraordinary life forms that have adapted to surviving in the darkness of the caves. Appointment: 5:00 PM, Monte Perone picnic area picnic – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required; free of charge.



### AGRICULTURAL BIODIVERSITY: THE SEED BANK

Sunday, 19 July and 6 September

An appointment at the CEA\* with **Giulia Spada**, an agriculturalist and guardian of the island of Elba’s Seed Bank. We will discover how the National Park safeguards agricultural biodiversity by conserving protecting seeds; then, in a simple laboratory, we will learn to treat and conserve the seeds of the pomodoro d’appiccà, a traditional variety of tomato on the Island of Elba that the Seed Bank has conserved. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Lacona CEA – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.



### AIA DI CACIO. THE STARS WITH ASTROFILII ELBANI

Sunday, 16 August

An evening dedicated to observing the sky and stars through the telescopes provided by Associazione Astrofili Elbani. A perfect evening for observing the crescent moon, Saturn’s rings, and the details of the brightest nebulae, beneath one of Italy’s darkest skies. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Rio nell’Elba, Loc. Aia di Cacio – Duration: 2h30m. Degree of difficulty: easy. Booking required € 10. € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### HIKE IN THE PATRESI VALLEY WITH TASTING

Sunday, 13 September

A hiking loop starting from the farming village of Patresi, amid Mediterranean plant life, granite rocks, and sweeping panoramas. Followed by a small tasting with typical products at Hotel Belmare. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Hotel Belmare – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium. Booking required. € 15; € 8 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age.



## E-BIKE TOUR OF CAPOLIVERI WITH WINE TASTING

**Sunday 20 September**

From Lido beach to the village of Capoliveri and along the Costa dei Gabbiani. The old road through the mining area, partly tarmac-surfaced, is flat and easy to walk along, yet offers stunning views, including glimpses of the islands of Montecristo and Pianosa. The route is a loop and takes us back to the starting point. At the end, a tasting session at Elba Magna. Meeting at 9.30 am, Lido di Capoliveri – Duration: 5 hours – Difficulty: moderate; a minimum level of mountain biking experience is required. Booking required, €60.



## Autumn in the Park

**FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER**

**Concert by the pupils of Livorno's Conservatorio P. Mascagni**

In collaboration with Autorità di Sistema Portuale del Mar Tirreno Settentrionale and Associazione Amici del Festival Elba Isola Musicale d'Europa. The concert will be followed by a small aperitif and toast with local products. Appointment: 6:00 PM, English Fort, Portoferraio – Duration: 2 hours. Free of charge; booking required.



**SATURDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER**

**Hiking Rio's GustoSentiero, the "flavour trail"**

From Casa del Parco, we descend into the historic Valle dei Mulini, the "valley of mills." Along the trail, we will see the remains of some mills and their basins – called bottacci – which, thanks to the area's available irrigation, were used to farm family vegetable gardens. A stop at the "La Lecciola" agritourism facility, an agriculturalist and guardian of Elba's Seed Bank, for a visit to the vegetable garden and agricultural biodiversity laboratory. Appointment: 2:00 PM, Casa del Parco di Rio – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required; free of charge.



**FRIDAY, 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 OCTOBER**

**Nature print workshops at the Rio CEA\***

From 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Workshop with hand printing technique to make bookmarks using autumn leaves. Free of charge; booking required.



**SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER**

**Via dell'Essenza - Via dei Lentischi**

In collaboration with Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba. A scenic walking excursion overlooking the sea, amid ancient mule trails and coastal villages. A trail between the Mediterranean scrub and the woods: Mastic, myrtle, broom, heather, holm oak and rockrose have taken over the terraces that were once used for growing vines. After reaching the coastal town of Sant'Andrea, return to the starting point by dedicated bus provided by the organization, scheduled for 2:30 PM. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 9:00 AM, Marciana Marina – Duration: 5 hours – Difficulty: demanding. Ascent: 269 m. Booking required; free of charge.



\*CEA: Environmental Education Centre

**SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER****Turtle aperitif**

The nesting season comes to a close: a gathering for all the volunteers committed to monitoring the beaches and the nests, but open to all sea turtle lovers. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Aula Verde e Blu, Mola – Duration: 2 hours. Free of charge; booking required.

**Piazzale dell'Astronomia at San Piero.****Observation of Saturn**

A historical and geological walk through the village and ancient granite extraction sites to reach Piazzale dell'Astronomia where, aided by the telescopes and guide provided by Astrofili di San Piero, we will be able to observe Saturn. After "reading" the starry sky, we will raise a toast to greet the arrival of the autumn constellations. Appointment: 9:00 PM, Church of San Niccolò, S. Piero – Duration: 2 hours. Booking required. € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

**SUNDAY, 11 OCTOBER****Hiking the mining beaches with the geologist**

**Planet Earth Week.** Excursion in the mine's eastern area to discover the mining beaches: Naregno, Straccoligno, Ferrato, Malpasso, Calanova, and Buzzancone. Along trail 230, we will discover the history of Elba's most ancient rocks, a fragment of African continent dated to 570 million years ago. A picnic on the beach, enveloped in silence and surrounded by scrubland. Appointment: 11:00 AM, Naregno – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: medium. Booking required € 10. € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

**FRIDAY, 16 OCTOBER****Welcome Autumn! Let's read... and then let's play with leaves**

In collaboration with Legambiente Arcipelago Toscano and the Libri in Piazza bookshop of Marciana Marina, a lively reading of an illustrated album, to be followed by a creative activity for children 5-12 years of age as they discover the autumn leaves. Appointment: 3:00 PM, Mola, Aula VerdeBlu – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required; free of charge.

**SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER****Via dell'Essenza – Hiking on Via dei Rosmarini**

In collaboration with Fondazione Acqua dell'Elba. We follow the scenic dirt track overlooking the Gulf of Marina di Campo, which winds its way through the scent of rosemary until it reaches the port of Ischia. Here, the trail narrows with steep climbs and descents that take us past some streambeds to reach the Fonza beach. Return via the same trail. Packed lunch to be brought by participants. Appointment: 10:00 AM, La Foce, Campo nell'Elba – Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: easy. Ascent: 150 m. Booking required; free of charge.

**SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER - SUNDAY, 25 OCTOBER****Chestnut week in Marciana and Poggio**

In collaboration with the Municipality of Marciana and pro Loco Marciana. Hiking, conferences, and workshops on the occasion of Chestnut Week. Programme at [Info Park](#).



# Volterraio Fortress

## Visiting Elba's most evocative site

Strategically and scenically positioned, Volterraio Fortress, restored by the Park Authority, is Elba's most evocative and magical site, especially when reached at sunset. Emerging as if by enchantment from the rock it is set into, the fort soars to a height of 395 metres above sea level. The place was already chosen by the Etruscans as a lookout post and was part of an efficient system of fortified hill villages. The structure took on its final appearance in the late 13th century when the Maritime Republic of Pisa began to repurpose it. An impregnable fortress yesterday, today Volterraio is an evocative, scenic terrace overlooking Elba and the islands of the Tuscan Archipelago. The panorama ranges from the island's eastern ridge to the Tuscan coastline, to the austere silhouette of Montecristo and the faint of Pianosa, including the gulf of Portoferraio and the massive Mount Capanne. On the clearest days, Capraia can be made out, with Corsica with Capo Corso in the background.



## MODES AND TYPES OF VISITS

### 1) Guided tour of the Volterraio Fortress.

#### Hiking and admission included

The departure time will be suited to the season, and announced at the time of booking. Footwear suitable for difficult terrain is needed, as well as lighting instruments, like headlamps or flashlights, for afternoon excursions. Booking required. Ticket € 20, € 10 reduced price for residents of the Tuscan Archipelago and visitors over 65 years of age. € 5 reduced price for residents of the Tuscan Archipelago visitors over 65 years of age. Free of charge for disabled persons and those accompanying them, and students who are residents of the Tuscan Archipelago (up to 19 years of age). Minimum age: 5. Consult the calendar of available excursions at: [parcoarcipelago.info/la-fortezza-del-volterraio/](http://parcoarcipelago.info/la-fortezza-del-volterraio/)



**2) During the summer season (15 June - 30 September),** the Fortress will be open every day but Tuesday, at the following times: from 15 June to 15 July: 5:30 to 8:30 PM;

16 July – 15 August: from 5:00 to 8:00 PM;

16 August – 15 September: from 4:30 to 7:30 PM;

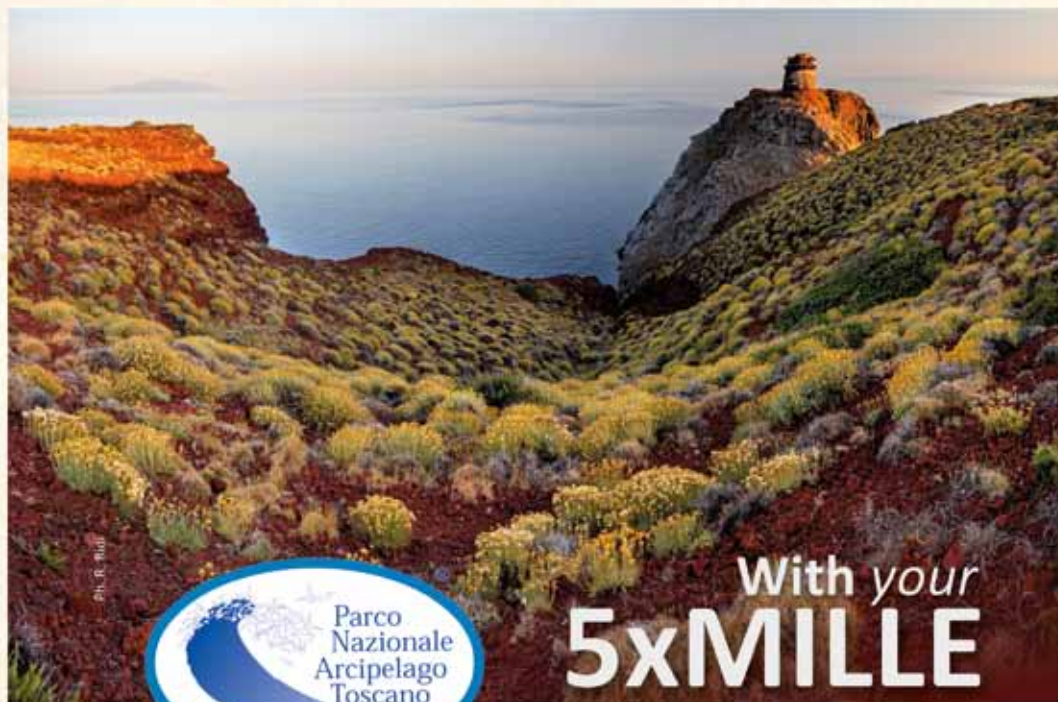
16 September – 30 September: 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Visitors can reach the fortress on their own by following hiking trail 255, and visit the monument in the company of the Park Guide. No booking required. Tickets € 8, € 4 reduced price for visitors over 65 years of age, residents of the Tuscan Archipelago and children 5-12 years of age. Free of charge for disabled persons and those accompanying them, children 0-4 years of age and students who are residents of the Tuscan Archipelago (up to 19 years of age).





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# Our partners' initiatives for discovering the territory



## seif/ Sea Essence International Festival 2026

Marciana Marina – Island of 'Elba, 26-28 June

In its eighth year, Sea Essence International Festival – SEIF 2026 confirms its status as the first international festival dedicated to the preservation and appreciation of the sea and its essence. The 2026 edition will be dedicated to the theme of Mediterranean Itineraries, understood as real and symbolic routes that unite territories, cultures, communities, and people. The sea becomes a space for encounters, exchange, and connection, capable of telling stories and imagining new paths for the future of the Mediterranean. Three days of diffuse events including seminars, educational activities, workshops, experiences at sea, and environmental volunteering, accompanied by evenings open to the community, in order to promote participation, accessibility, and shared care for the sea. For updates and aggiornamenti on the programme: [www.seaessence.eu](http://www.seaessence.eu)



**LEGAMBIENTE**  
Circolo Arcipelago Toscano

## The Scented Trails

A slow hike to discover the history and the environmental, scenic, and historical wonders of Tuscany's smallest municipality and its environs, amid urban trails and ancient ways, country roads, vineyards, abandoned vine stands, small country churches and a host of surprises, as we enjoy the island's scents while suspended over the coastline and an endless, blue sea. The appointment is at the Marciana Marina Pro Loco organization. The itinerary changes every Sunday, alternating between morning and afternoon. The programmes will be announced on social media and the initiative's Facebook page.



## Villa Romana delle Grotte

Begun in 2016 on the occasion of the Villa's reopening to the public, the collaboration between Fondazione Villa Romana delle Grotte and Arcipelago Toscano National Park is strengthened again this year with a series of initiatives aimed at promoting the archaeological complex (1st century BC) as manmade heritage included within the territory of the National Park. At Villa Romana delle Grotte, workshops, conferences, and guided tours in the company of expert archaeologists are organized every year. For updates on the initiatives, visit: [villaromanalegrotte.it](http://villaromanalegrotte.it)



## The mines of Mount Calamita

Capoliveri's mines are located on Mount Calamita, whose name ("magnet") originates from the iron ore magnetite present there. This is one of the Island's wildest and most evocative areas, with sunny beaches, scenic trails, and the only underground mines in all of Elba. For centuries, they were the greatest source of employment for the Elban populations, and especially for Rio Marina, Rio Elba, and Capoliveri. After more than 3,000 years of exploitation, productive activity was suspended in 1980, even though the deposits are not depleted. To discover the ancient, fascinating history of iron, guided tours of the Ginevra mine and at Museo della Vecchia Officina are available. Information: [minieredicalamita.it](http://minieredicalamita.it)



## The Island of Elba Mining Park (Parco Minerario Isola d'Elba)

The Mining Park came into being in 1991, to revitalize the areas degraded by iron mining and to promote the socioeconomic development of local communities, but also to preserve a geological, mineralogical, and historical mining heritage of inestimable value. A park within a Park – the Arcipelago Toscano National Park – to be explored on foot, by bike, or aboard a sightseeing train for a timeless adventure, retracing the old railroad and the stories of the people that lived, loved, and transformed it. A complete visit to the Mining Park includes a stop at two interesting museums: the Mineral and Mining Art Museum – Rio Marina and the Archaeological Museum of the Mining District (Museo Archeologico del Distretto Minerario) – Rio nell'Elba. Information: [parcominelba.it](http://parcominelba.it)

# Island of Elba: visitor centres and walking



## La Via dell'Essenza

The STAGES

1 - Via dei Lentischi

4 - Via dei Cisti

7 - Via dei Lecci

2 - Via dell'Erica

5 - Via dei Ginepri

8 - Via del Mirto

3 - Via della Lavanda

6 - Via dei Rosmarini



By downloading the free app from the Avenza Maps platform, you can access the official map of **Elba's walking trails**

Official map of the Tuscan Archipelago National Park - Copyright 4LAND Srl Bolzano, 2026



# La Grande Traversata Elbana



Island of Pianosa

# 2026 activities calendar



# LA CASA DELL'AGRONOMO DELL'ISOLA DI PIANOSA



## THE AGRONOMIST'S HOUSE, ISLAND OF PIANOSA

One of Pianosa's most exquisite buildings, the Agronomist's House, designed in eclectic style, was restored by the National Park thanks also to the admission ticket for accessing the island; today, it is his home to a museum and an information centre. The museum develops on several floors and offers an immersive itinerary: the ground floor tells the history of Pianosa while the upper floors are devoted to the natural environment. An interactive model illustrates the territory and its environments, while a room is devoted to the Pelagos Sanctuary, an area of great biodiversity that includes the Arcipelago Toscano National Park. The top floor presents the island's animal life with panels and a birdwatching station featuring songs and recordings of birds. The itinerary ends with underwater videos that offer a virtual immersion into the Pianosa sea bottoms. The entire exhibition is accessible thanks to touch panels, Braille signage, and audio. 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.

Located on the ground floor of the Agronomist's House, the Park Information Centre welcomes 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 E LE CATAcombe



## MUSEUM OF GEOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES, AND THE CATACOMBS

The **Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences** collects specimens of rocks, fossils, and archaeological finds, Pianosa's real treasures, which are shown in 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 patch of earth is told by explanatory panels, videos, and educational/dissemination workshops.

Comprising nearly 700 burials dug into the stone, the **Early Christian catacomb complex** is located 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 Italian centres, making Tuscany the northernmost region where funerary monuments with features of this kind are found. The management of the catacomb – which must have been excavated more or less during the second half of the 3rd century AD, with use extending at least into the 5th century – has been entrusted to the Park Authority by the Papal Commission of Sacred Archaeology.

Guided tours: bookings at Casa del Parco di Pianosa or online at [parcoarcipelago.info](http://parcoarcipelago.info). Admission € 5.





## Daily excursions

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. 59). 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 trail illustrating, with panels, interactive videos, and audio itineraries, 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. Entrance alone: € 5; € 3 reduced admission for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### VISIT TO THE TOWN AND THE CATACOMBS

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 19th-century settlements. The visit includes access to the evocative Early Christian catacomb complex. Duration: 1h30m. € 10; € 6 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age



### MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain biking along the island's flat roads and trails: an itinerary, about 10 km in length, with views over the Roman Port, the Belvedere, and the spectacular Cala Brisighelli. Duration: 2h30m — € 15. Minimum age: 12 (no children on child seats). Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Helmets and closed shoes required. Bring an adequate supply of water. Minimum mountain biking experience required.





### NATURE HIKE

An easy hike in the southeastern area. The loop provides a look at the old prison structures, allowing the island's nature and its geological and archaeological history to be discovered. Closed shoes or hiking boots required. Bring an adequate supply of water. Duration: 2h30m — € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### SEA KAYAKING

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 kayaking experience and ability to swim is required. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Safety gear must be worn



### SNORKELLING

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 an adult. 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. Safety gear must be worn.



### GUIDED TOUR BY CARRIAGE

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



### GUIDED TOURS AT DAWN AND SUNSET

Hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, snorkelling 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 Info Centre.



### GUIDED TOUR OF THE MAXIMUM-SECURITY PRISON

Brought into being by General Dalla Chiesa in the 1970s as a criminal sanatorium, the facility became a maximum security prison, first for inmates held for crimes of terrorism and then, in the 1990s, for Mafia criminals sentenced to "hard time" (the well-known "41bis regime"). This particular detention area is now open to visitors for the first time since the penitentiary closed. The visit will include the round-trip bus journey. Duration: 1 hour. Minimum age: 5. Cost: Adults € 20; € 14 for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### GUIDED BUS TOUR INCLUDING ENTRY TO THE PRISON

Seated comfortably on the air-conditioned bus to discover the island's nature and its farming and penal history. An experience enriched with photo stops, like the one to admire the splendid Cala del Bruciato cove. On the way back, a stop and admission to the "Agrippa" penitentiary wing, once for those doing "hard time," now open to visitors for the first time since the penitentiary closed. Duration: 1h40m. Minimum age: 5. Cost: Adults € 30, € 20 for children 5-12 years of age.



### GUIDED, ARCHAEOLOGY-THEMED HIKE

Guided tour of the Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences, followed by an excursion along the hiking path into the centre of the island to reach the archaeological site, whose recent excavations will be explained to us by the guide. Duration: 2 hours – Length: 3 km. Difficulty: easy. Cost: € 15, € 8 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF GEOLOGICAL AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SCIENCES BATHS OF AGRIPPA POSTUMUS

Guided tour of the Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences. We continue towards the recently restored Baths of Agrippa, where we will admire the structures' interiors, floors, and the remains of wall paintings. Guided tour of the archaeological site and return to town. Duration: 2 hours – Length: approximately 1.6 km. Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: € 15, € 8 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN BIKING, WITH VISIT TO THE PRISON

An excursion with an itinerary stretching along the southern coast. On the way back, near the Sembolello wing, a detour towards the maximum security area, and a guided tour. Duration: 3 hours - Length: approximately 12.3 km. Degree of difficulty: medium. Cost: € 30. Reserved for guests over 12 years of age.



## Suggestions for a safe and pleasant experience:

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

Excursions are booked online. Follow the link and the QR code  
[parcoarcielago.info/pianosa](http://parcoarcielago.info/pianosa)



## How to reach the island of Pianosa

### Daily maritime service – Aquavision motorboat 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 AM. Return: Pianosa 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 minutes before departure (Information point, Piazza dei Granatieri, Marina di Campo). Aquavision ticket office, tel.: 0565 976022. To confirm schedules and rates and for online ticketing, visit [aquavision.it](http://aquavision.it)

### Weekly link (Tuesdays) - Toremar Ferry

Departing from Piombino and stopping at Rio Marina. Departure: Piombino 8:20 AM – Rio Marina 9:20 AM – 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

# Diving in Pianosa



In the protected sea strip, the National Park has provided some mooring buoys to permit diving and the sustainable usability of 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; groupers, lobsters, sea eagles, yellowtails, moon fish, and barracuda: a truly unique experience in the heart of the Pelagos Sanctuary, one of the Mediterranean's largest marine protected areas and the biggest one dedicated to protecting marine mammals.

Visitors can book dives exclusively at one of the authorized diving clubs, the list of which can be consulted on the [islepark-pianosa-immersioni](#) webpage and using the QR code next to this text. For information: Park Information Centre 0565 908231.



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# Island of PIANOSA

map of routes available for excursions and guided tours

 SP6

 SP7

 SP3



Guided hiking trails  
**TREKKING**



Guided hiking trails by  
**Mountain Bike - BIKE**



Guided tour in  
a **CARRIAGE**



Guided tour by **BUS** with  
a visit to the **PRISON**



Guided tour to  
the **PRISON**



Guided tours on  
**ARCHAEOLOGICAL** themes



Route guided  
excursions  
by **KAYAK**



Route guided  
excursions  
**SNORKELING**



**KAYAK**

 SP2

 SP4  
La Scole

 SP5



Authorised diving  
buoy points

Dalla Chiesa Wallace  
beyond the Wall is only  
possible accompanied by  
authorised guides



**1** Casa dell'Agro  
Meeting point escursioni  
The Agronomist House  
Excursion meeting point  
Info Park - Info point

**2** Museo delle Scienze  
Science museum

**3** Catacombe / Catacombs

**4** Ristorante / Restaurant - Bar

**5** Hotel Milena

**6** Mostra fotografica  
Ass.ne Difesa di Pianosa  
Photo exhibition  
Pianosa Defense Association

**7** Forte Teglia Teglia Fort

**8** Piazzetta della chiesa  
deposito bagagli  
Church square  
luggage storage

**9** Imbarchi molo Teglia  
Ferry boarding pier

**10** Toilette / Toilets

**11** Muro Dalla Chiesa  
Dalla Chiesa wall

**Area consentita ai cani**  
Area allowed for dogs

**12** Spiaggia balneabile  
Bathing beach

**13** Foresteria  
Guesthouse

**14** Obelisco  
Obelisk

limiti della spiaggia balneabile  
boundary of the bathing beach

**15** Bagno di Agrippa  
Agrippa's Bath

## Tuscan Islands



Daily excursions with  
transport by boat



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: tickets may be purchased directly online at [parcoarcipelago.info](http://parcoarcipelago.info)



## Island of Pianosa



**Special departures by vessel from Piombino, departure at 8:30 AM – returning 7:00 PM  
26 APRIL - 10, 17, 24, AND 31 MAY – EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY IN  
JUNE- 5, 6, 12, 13, AND 20 SEPTEMBER**

Guided tour including round trip by boat from Piombino, ticket for entry into protected area and Park Guide service. Sea transport may be combined with 1 excursion to be chosen from among the following:

- **Guided tour of the Roman Villa, “Baths of Agrippa,” and of Museum**

Arrival in Pianosa with presentation of the island and start of tours of the Museum of Geological and Archaeological Sciences and the “Baths of Agrippa” archaeological site. The recently improved itinerary allows the Roman villa’s interior structures to be explored, for a close-up look at ancient pavement and remains of wall paintings, all accompanied by the Park Guide’s informative account of the nature and history. Duration: 3 hours (about 6 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: € 65 full price, € 50 reduced price (5–12 years of age).

- **Mountain bike ride and a visit to the ‘Agrippa’ wing of the prison**

Arrival in Pianosa with presentation of the island, delivery of bicycles, and brief introduction to the itinerary. The itinerary traverses the old prison structures and leads to the entrance to the “Agrippa” maximum security penitentiary, while offering evocative vistas and an account of the island’s natural and human history. Duration: 2h30m (6 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: € 65 – Minimum age: 12.

- **Hiking excursion**

An easy loop to discover the historic prison structures and the island’s natural, geological, and archaeological features. Duration: 2 hours (6 hours on the island) – Degree of difficulty: easy. Cost: € 65 – € 50 (5–12 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.**

**17 AND 24 JUNE - 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 JULY - 5, 19, 26 AUGUST**

***Guided tour including round-trip journey from Elba and Park Guide service.***

Discovering 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 – € 30 reduced price (5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age).





## Island of Giannutri

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



**29 MARCH AND 12 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 1st 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.

## Island of Capraia



**Summer departures from 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).**

**19 AND 26 JUNE - 3,10,17,24, 31 JULY – 7, 21, AND 28 AUGUST**

**Guided 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) – Difficulty: medium. Cost: € 55 full-price - € 30 reduced price (5-12 years of age); free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.

## 2026 activities calendar



### Discovering the island of treasure

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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](https://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. For the excursions planned on the two special dates, upon the Park Guides' examination of the participants' physical condition and level of preparation, access to the most demanding excursion (itinerary D) may be denied.

**Rates:** € 140; € 60 residents of the Tuscan Archipelago, (100 spots available per year); € 150 special dates, itineraries A-B-C; € 180 itinerary D.



### A Cala Maestra – Belvedere – Villa Reale

Length: 2,031 m – ascent: 230 m – Degree of difficulty: medium – journey time: 2 hours.

### B Cala Maestra – Monastero – Villa Reale

Length: 3,558 m – ascent: 460 m – Degree of difficulty: high – journey time: 3h30m.

### C Cala Maestra – Villa Reale – Nature Museum and flower collection

Length: 1.000 m – Degree of difficulty: easy – journey time: 2 hours.

### D Cala Maestra – Monastero – Monte della Fortezza (peak)

**Only on Saturday, 11 April and Sunday, 6 September.**

Length: 5,900 m – ascent 645 m – Degree of difficulty: very demanding/technical – journey time: 5h30m. **Trail with climbing aids. Degree of difficulty: EE. Attention: itinerary D is reserved for a restricted number of experienced hikers.**

Costs include round-trip maritime transport, guide service. Minimum age: 12. In the event of adverse weather conditions, make-up dates will be offered.

## Nature museum and flower collection

The small educational room in the renovated Museum offers content relating to the island's flora, fauna, history, and archaeology, using explanatory panels, finds, and multimedia tools. In the museum's vicinity, visitors will enjoy a flower collection conserving many specimens of the island's flora, including some endemic species.



**Il Casotto dei Pescatori (Fishermen’s Hut)**

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

**The European Diploma of Protected Areas**

In 2018, the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe renewed the Island of Montecristo’s **European Diploma of Protected Areas**: an international recognition assigned to protected areas of European importance for the preservation of biological, geological and landscape diversity and subject to an adequate protection regime associated with a programme of sustainable development. In Italy, only 8 sites have been so honoured.



**Tour calendar**

**Departure from Piombino, stopping at Porto Azzurro**

**March**  
 Saturday 21  
 Sunday 22  
 Saturday 28  
 Sunday 29

**April**  
 Saturday 4  
 Sunday 5  
 Saturday 11 \*  
 Sunday 12

**May**  
 Saturday 16  
 Sunday 17  
 Saturday 23  
 Sunday 24  
 Saturday 30  
 Sunday 31

**June**  
 Saturday 6  
 Sunday 7

**September**  
 Sunday 6 \*  
 Saturday 12  
 Sunday 13  
 Saturday 19  
 Sunday 20

**Departure from Porto Santo Stefano, stopping at Giglio Porto**

**May**  
 Friday 22

**June**  
 Friday 12

\* Special dates: the stop on the island is an hour longer, offering itinerary D to the peak; reserved for a restricted number of experienced hikers (see p. 62)



Download the free app from the Avenza Maps platform for the official map of **Montecristo’s trails**

## Island of Gorgona

# 2026 activities calendar

## 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: [parcoarquipelago.info/gorgona](https://parcoarquipelago.info/gorgona)

## 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.

## The Roman Villa

The island is home to the remains of a Roman villa dating to between the late 1st century BC and the start of the 1st 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.

## Guided excursions

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. Download the free app from the Avenza Maps platform for the official map of Gorgona's trails. Cost: € 55 full price - € 45 for children from 5 to 12 years of age – free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. The cost includes round-trip maritime transport, ticket to access the protected area, and Guide service.



## Tour calendar

### April

Saturday 11  
Saturday 18

### May

Saturday 9  
Saturday 16  
Saturday 23  
Saturday 30

### June

Saturday 6  
Monday 8  
Saturday 13

Monday 15  
Monday 22  
Saturday 27  
Monday 29

### July

Saturday 4  
Monday 6  
Saturday 11

Monday 13  
Saturday 18  
Saturday 25  
Monday 27

### August

Saturday 1  
Monday 3  
Saturday 29

### September

Saturday 5  
Monday 7  
Saturday 12  
Saturday 19  
Saturday 26

### October

Saturday 3  
Saturday 10



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# Island of Capraia



**2026 activities calendar**



## “LA SALATA” ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE

### Information point of the Tuscan Observatory for Biodiversity

This facility located in the marina provides all the information needed for visiting Capraia, thanks to the information point operated in collaboration between the National Park, the Municipality of Capraia Isola, and the Pro Loco organization. With virtual-reality multimedia installations and interactive applications, visitors can 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 discover the opportunities for enjoyment using the network of trails. A specific installation is dedicated to the Pelagos Sanctuary for Mediterranean Marine Mammals, with images of its extraordinary denizens. Displayed in the courtyard are splendid, actual-size models of the spotted, bottlenose, and common dolphin, and of the monk seal. Here, excursions may be booked with the Park Guide to discover the trails, the island's geological and archaeological treasures, and the extraordinary marine protected area. Admission free of charge. Tel.: 320 9606560 - 347 7714601.

## HOURS

### From 1 April to 31 May, and from 1 October to 1 November

Morning – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Afternoon - Friday from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Saturday and Sunday from 4:30 to 6:00 PM

### From 1 June to 30 September

Morning – from Monday to Sunday, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
 Afternoon - from Monday to Sunday, from 4:00 to 7:30 PM  
 Evening - Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 to 11:00 PM



## PALMENTI

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 16th 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 the **Il Piano area**. A dedicated trail equipped with explanatory panels has enhanced the enjoyment of these sites.



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION

The former church of Sant'Antonio is home to the archaeological exhibition "**Capraia lungo le rotte antiche – Relitti e reperti sommersi**" ("Capraia along the ancient routes – Submerged relics and finds") which displays the finds discovered on the island and in the surrounding sea bottoms. The most significant pieces include precious amphorae dating to Rome's Late Republican and Early Imperial periods, used to transport wine, fish sauce (garum) and other goods along the main Mediterranean routes. The collection also includes items from daily life and archaeological materials that allow the island's commercial contacts and activities down through the centuries to be reconstructed, revealing Capraia's strategic importance as a landing and docking place for sailors from the Etruscan Age to the Renaissance. The exhibition is included in a broader context of initiatives aimed at valorizing the island of Capraia's **historical** and **archaeological heritage**, promoted by the Municipality of Capraia Isola and Associazione Amici della Chiesa di Sant'Antonio, with the academic supervision of the Superintendence for Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Landscape for the provinces of Pisa and Livorno.

## 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-avviso-natanti](#)



## 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 time 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, 1,100 m in length, is marked by 22 buoys. A round-trip swim covers more than one nautical mile.



## PRO LOCO ISOLA DI CAPRAIA 2026 EVENTS



- **Sagra dell'Orata** – Food stands from the island's restaurants with recipes featuring sea breams raised by Cooperativa Maricoltura e Ricerca di Capraia.
- **Minigiraglia** – Sailing from Capraia to the Giraglia rock and back, organized by Lega Navale Italiana – Delegazione di Capraia Isola, along with initiatives on the local territory, open to the public.
- **Sagra dei Sapori delle Terre di Mare** – The “festival of flavours of the lands of the sea,” with the preparation and tasting of dishes and products typical of the territory.
- **Capraia Sail Rally** – Competitive sailing organized by Associazione Vele Storiche Viareggio, with floating history museum organized at the port
- **Swan yacht rally.** Sailing to Capraia, reserved for yachts designed by the New York studio Sparkman & Stephens
- **Rotta delle Capre** – Sailing from San Vincenzo, Cecina, and Salivoli to Capraia, organized by Circolo Nautico San Vincenzo.
- **Capraia Musica Festival** – 21st edition of the festival dedicated to excellent music in the island's characteristic places
- **“Muovasi la Capraia” Festival** – Evenings dedicated to theatre, cinema, and literature, between the sea and dreams.
- **Cinema beneath the stars** – Biweekly (Thursdays and Saturdays) summer screenings in the San Francesco cloister.
- **Palio Marinaro** – Traditional rowing competition between the island's districts in the harbour
- **Festa della Madonna dell'Assunta** – Religious festival with procession by the sea, fireworks, and games.
- **Torneo di Pallanuoto** – Competition in the Capraia harbour with teams from all of Italy.
- **Sagra del Totano** – An event organized over two weekends between October and early November, including the flying squid fishing competition and foods stands on the harbour and in town.
- **October, Mese del Totano** – Series of events dedicated to the flying squid, with appointments, screenings, readings, and the Totano's Cup, a non-competitive sail now in its 20th edition, with a fishing competition and the Giorgio Sismondi trophy.

Information: [prolococapraiaisola.it](http://prolococapraiaisola.it)

## Spring in the Park

**SUNDAY, 5 APRIL**

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

An excursion to discover the geomorphological history of the Tuscan Archipelago's only island of volcanic origin. From the town's main square, we will ascend Mount Arpagna, a splendid observation point for a 360° view, after which we will descend to the Piana dello Zenobito plain at the island's southern tip, from which we will see the magnificent Cala Rossa dominated by the powerful Genoese tower. A magnificent trail high over the coast will take us back to town. Appointment: 09:00 AM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 7 hours – Degree of difficulty: very demanding – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (2.5 litres per person), packed lunch.



## SATURDAY, 25 APRIL

### Churches, mule trails, *palmenti*, and springs

Starting from the Medieval church of Santa Maria Assunta, in the enchanting environmental setting of the harbour's Vado del Porto ford, we will observe the flowerbeds of the Botanical Trail to learn about the island's flora and its traditional uses; we will see the small, historic springs used by the population; and we will travel down the "Roman Road," the original link between the port and town, to the ancient *palmento* wine vat located near the San Leonardo oratory, concluding the itinerary in the town square dominated by the church of San Nicola. Appointment: 2:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 8; 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



## SATURDAY, 2 MAY

### Capraia and the Stagnone loop: unique biodiversity

Stagnone ("big marsh") is the only lake of natural origin in the Tuscan Archipelago, set along the "mountainous" spine of the island of Capraia. The loop is a magnificent itinerary in its variety of environments, allowing visitors to discover the territory's biodiversity and to learn about the particularly precious natural habitats and the unique features of its abundant animal and plant life. Appointment: 9:00 AM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 6 hours – Difficulty: demanding – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (2.5 litres per person), packed lunch.



## SATURDAY, 23 MAY

### Excursion to the Pozzalamone caves

**European Parks Week.** This guided walk, which offers both historical and naturalistic interest, takes you through the site of the former penal colony to a place of great charm: the Monte Pozzalamone caves. Situated at the base of an imposing, rocky spur, the caves are under overhanging rocks; shielded by dry stone walls, they were used in the past as sheepfolds called *caprili*. Continuing along this charming route, we reach the prison wing of La Mortola, from where we will return to the harbour. Appointment: 11:30 AM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 6 hours – Difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (2.5 litres per person), packed lunch.



**SUNDAY, 31 MAY****The Reganico Trail: a biodiversity of emotions**

Trail marked by an extraordinary abundance of diverse settings in which to discover the island's botanical and wildlife treasures, to observe and enjoy the marvellous volcanic landscapes, and to understand the human presence that has modified the environment, turning it into a mosaic of nature and history. Although in the proximity of the small village, the itinerary is an experience of immersion in the island's wild nature. Appointment: 2:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply.

**Summer in the Park****SUMMER IN THE PARK FOR EVERYONE**

Families, youths, and children discovering the nature and history of the islands of the Arcipelago Toscano National Park, excursions, guided tours, educational workshops, conferences and citizen science, for an intense experience of the Protected Area's nature and culture.

**THE SUMMER'S PARCO JUNIOR**

For children 6 to 11 years of age: environmental education, educational games and workshops; activities connected to the marine ecosystem and to the Park's most significant environments: animal and plant species, natural history, conservation, sustainability.

**MONDAYS in the Park****EVERY MONDAY IN THE SUMMER, THE PARK OFFERS THE EXPERIENCE OF SEAWATCHING AND WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN****Seawatching: A boat ride around the island of Capraia, dedicated to marine fauna**

A guided tour aboard local vessels, with binoculars provided by the Natural Park, dedicated to marine fauna's most surprising stars. Staying near the island's coastline, we will be able to discover the marvellous **Pelagos Whale Sanctuary** and, with a little luck, observe leaping tuna or 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 endemic Mediterranean monk seal. There will also be an opportunity to enjoy a can't-miss dive into Capraia's crystal-clear water. Appointment: 5:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2 hours - Booking required. € 30, € 20 (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age).



## CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP AT THE LA SALATA \*CEA

### Beneath the waves: everyone in their place

Reproductions and “marine” identity cards will be the tools in a game dedicated to life in the Mediterranean and to learning about the Pelagos Sanctuary. Through listening, observation, and cooperation, children will learn to recognize fish, crustaceans, plants, and a host of other organisms, to discover their main features and interesting facts, and to “put them in their place” in the various settings that characterize our sea. Appointment: 9:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 1h30m – Booking required; free of charge.



## TUESDAYS in the Park

During the summer, special activities will be offered to explore the island and learn about its wonders, along with informative meetings on scientific subjects and events dedicated to local productions. Some offerings will be scheduled in alternation. For dates and times, contact the La Salata \*CEA:

### AN EVENING OF ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATIONS

With the Astronomy Group from Rosignano Marittimo's Museo di Storia Naturale, discovering double stars, clusters, nebulae, and galaxies, while learning to recognize the main constellations. Appointment: Piazza Milano, 9:30 PM – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



### AND AT LAST, WE WENT OUT... TO MEASURE THE DARKNESS!

How does one assess the quality of the night sky? And how does assess 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 experience the magic of the night. Appointment: 9:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



## MARKET EXHIBITION OF CAPRAIA'S FARMS



### The island's knowledge and flavours

Wine, honey, cheeses, beer, jams, preserves, and liqueurs are an expression of the marvellous volcanic island and the result of the producers' skilful work, while respecting a territory that belongs to Arcipelago Toscano National Park and the UNESCO MAB Isole di Toscana 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 (port) \*CEA – Duration: 1h30m – Free admission.

## COOPERATIVA MARICOLTURA E RICERCA:



### An encounter to discover Capraia's "sea farm"

Cooperativa Maricoltura e Ricerca, the marine aquaculture and research cooperative, 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 will be a meeting open to questions and curiosities, in pursuit of the economy of sustainability and of a great passion: the sea. Appointment: 10:00 PM, La Salata \*CEA – Duration: 1h30m – Free admission.



## DAWN, YOGA & HIKING

### An experience dedicated to the reawakening of nature (Tuesday, 16 June)

Bellavista terrace with the instructor Veronica Somma, followed by a hike on the Reganico trail and a relaxing swim in the sea. Appointment: Piazza Milano (hours vary based on time of sunrise) – Duration: 1h30, – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required € 15, € 8 for children 5-12 years of age. Hiking boots and water required.

## EXPERIENCES BETWEEN EARTH AND SEA

In collaboration with **Slow Capraia**, an association that promotes the value of slow living, responsible travel, and a harmonious relationship between people, nature, and island ecosystems. Each of the 3 activities costs € 25 – Booking required. Activities reserved for participants over 14 years of age (accompanied minors) – Required equipment: hiking boots, water, swimming gear.

### KAYAKING TOUR

**A unique experience, by easy-to-drive pedal kayak**

We leave from the harbour to explore some of the coastal stretches and coves of the Tuscan Archipelago's only volcanic island. With the Park Guide, we will observe elements of particular interest from the sea, admiring the territory's geomorphology. Appointment: 9:00 AM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy



### TREKK & SWIM

**An experience between nature and history**

An excursion to discover Capraia's former penal colony and its historical productions. From the Cala di Portovecchio bay, we swim back to the harbour while exploring the sea, aided by logistical support for personal effects. Appointment: 9:00 AM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy.



### HIKE & PACKRAFT

**An experience to discover the trails and coastlines**

A scenic hike on the Reganico Trail to the Cala dello Zurletto bay, and Return by packraft (inflatable kayak) and support raft, amid the island's volcanic coasts, history, and geology seen from the sea. Appointment: 9:00, Piazza Milano – Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy.



### DAWN IN THE BOAT

**At sea to witness the excitement of the dawning day**

Taking to sea beneath a starry sky, we will sail to the gorgeous Cala della Mortola bay, where we will stop to admire the dawn. We will resume our navigation for a guided tour around the island to discover the natural, scenic, and geological heritage, and enjoy a dive into its crystal-clear waters. Appointment: hours vary based on time of sunrise, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2h30m – Booking required. Guide service € 10 + Boat service (payment on board) € 30. Number of participants: 8. Equipment: windbreaker, swimming gear.



### FROM FISHING TO THE TABLE

**An exclusive experience dedicated to the sea**

Chatting with the island's fisherfolk near their vessels, we will learn about Capraia's sea protected by the Arcipelago Toscano National Park, fishing techniques, protection rules, fishing seasons, and the passion of a life dedicated to the sea. The visit ends with a tasting at the local fish shop Pescianel, where the day's catch is transformed into simple, intelligent recipes that make the most of natural flavours while respecting the season. For information and bookings: [CEA La Salata](#).



## VISIT TO THE MARICAP FISH FARMING FACILITIES

Transfer by small vessels to the Cala di Portovecchio bay.

Guided tour of the Maricap fish farming facility, a local business since 1998. Together, we will learn about the farmed species, innovative techniques, and high-quality production in Capraia's protected sea. For information and bookings \* [CEA La Salata](#).



## WEDNESDAYS in the park

### GEOWATCHING

#### Boat ride to discover the Archipelago's volcanic island

A guided tour aboard small, local vessels, dedicated to the untamed beauty of Capraia, the Tuscan Archipelago's only island of volcanic origin. Staying along the coast, we will "read" the geomorphological history, the meaning of terms and forms, and the value of its geological heritage. The tour will introduce us to this territory's extraordinary charm as we make stops at sites with extraordinary emotional impact that cannot be reached on foot, where we will have the opportunity to enjoy a dive into the island's crystal-clear water. Appointment: 09:15 AM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required. € 30 full price; € 20 reduced price (5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age). Swimming gear required.



### SEAWATCHING

#### A boat ride around the island, dedicated to marine fauna See p 72.

Appointment: 5:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required. € 30, € 20 (children 5-12 years of age); € 10 (0-4 years of age). Swimming gear required.



### HIKING AT SUNSET

#### Guided excursion in the former penal colony, and at the "Dattero"

A guided hike dedicated to history, nature, and emotions.

Traversing the former prison colony's "farm estate," we will become acquainted with a little-known but highly important page of history. Upon reaching the Il Dattero area, a magnificent scenic point on the western coast, we will admire the sunset. We will return beneath the spectacle of the night-time sky lit by the Milky Way and countless stars. 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. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (1.5 litres per person), packed dinner, jacket, flashlight/cellphone with flashlight function.



## HIKING FOR LOCALLY-SOURCED PRODUCTION WITH THE IL DATTERO AREA SUNSET, AND A VISIT TO LOCAL PRODUCERS



A guided hike dedicated to the history of the former Agricultural Penal Colony, to the productive activities present in the area, and to the untamed nature of Capraia. We traverse the penitentiary's wings to reach one of the local farms and learn about its history, main figures, and products. After the visit, we will continue the itinerary to the Il Dattero area to enjoy the view of the sunset, and then return to the harbour beneath the starry sky.

**Visit to "Il Saracello," a local dairy farm (1 and 29 July, 19 August).** We will become acquainted with the characteristics of the sweet-natured goats raised on Capraia, rearing methods, and dairy production. A small, complementary assortment will allow us to appreciate the quality of this traditional production that is now unique in the territory.

**Visit to Valle di Portovecchio, a multifunctional farm that has been active for more than 25 years. (8 July, 5 August, 2 September)** Visit to Valle di Portovecchio, a multifunctional farm that has been active for more than 25 years. The founders will acquaint us with their activities and their excellent, high-quality productions (honey, preserves, jams, liqueurs), which we will enjoy in a small, complementary assortment.

**Visit to La Mursa, a local farm with a family flavour. (22 July, 12 August, 9 September)** On the island's highest terracing, we will learn about special viticultural activities, cultivation techniques, and production methods, enriching the experience with a small, complementary assortment.

**Visit to La Sorgente, a local farm. (22 June, 15 July, 26 August).** On the terraces of the splendid Cala di Portovecchio bay, near a small building once used as a dairy, we will discover the techniques the farm uses to cultivate and process its capers and oil, appreciating the goodness with a small assortment on site.

Appointment: 5:00 PM \*CEA La Salata Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 15; € 8 (for children 5-12 years of age), free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (1.5 litres per person), packed dinner, jacket, flashlight/cellphone with flashlight function.

## THURSDAYS in the Park

### SNORKELLING FOR ADULTS

#### Surprising habitats and marine organisms along Capraia's coasts

A dedicated vessel will allow us to explore stretches of coastline accessible only from the sea, and to go snorkelling in the island's crystal-clear water with a Park Guide. First, on land, there will be an introduction to the marine habitats and the Pelagos Sanctuary – a broad sea production system that links ecosystems, migration routes and cetacean feeding areas, sea turtles, and thousands of other marine organisms. Once in the water, we will be to recognize environments and species, for a direct, engaging experience to discover the biodiversity of Capraia's sea. Appointment: 5:00 PM La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required € 30. Equipment: fins, mask, snorkel, towel.





## NIGHT-TIME EXCURSION

### A sensory itinerary to discover nature and the sky

As we grow accustomed to the dark and silence of the night, we will travel along an easy path towards the heart of the island using our senses to discover the territory: sound, smell, touch, and even taste will be precious tools for learning about the nature around us. Lying on the volcanic rocks, we will admire the marvellous starry sky that the low light pollution makes possible, in which we will identify the main constellations while appreciating the island's extraordinary beauty, even in the dark. Appointment: 9:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply, jacket, flashlight/cellphone with flashlight function.

## FRIDAYS in the Park

### THE ISLAND OF *PALMENTI*

#### Guided excursion and tour of the Le Tigghielle archaeological area

An itinerary immersed in the Mediterranean scrubland will allow us to pay a visit to Le Tigghielle, the small archaeological area that is home to the most numerous nucleus of palmenti, ancient vats dug into the rock for the pressing of grapes and for wine production. Observing the particular features of Capraia's palmenti, we will be able to picture life in Capraia once upon a time, and understand the meaning of these structures in their historical, economic, and social context. Appointment: 5:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: medium-easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply.



## THE STARS TELL THEIR STORIES

### Activities for children and families

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 outside of the village, 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 become acquainted with myths, stories, and legends about the starry vault. Appointment: 9:30 PM Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 1h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required; free of charge. Equipment: towel, jacket.



## HIKING FOR LOCALLY-SOURCED PRODUCTS

### Scrubland at the table: Arura Azienda Agricola

**(10 and 24 July, 21 August).** Common or unique, and always precious: the plants on the island of Capraia are an expression of an extraordinary evolution with respect to the territory. A guided excursion along Capraia's beautiful Botanical Trail will allow us to observe and become acquainted with the island's plant life, from the most characteristic species to the rarest ones, and their uses. After the excursion, we will make a stop at Arura Azienda Agricola, where Susanna and Adriana Casini will acquaint us with excellent products between tradition and innovation, and allow us to enjoy a Capraian aperitif with the scrubland at the table. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 15; € 8 (for children 5-12 years of age), free for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply.



## HIKING FOR LOCALLY-SOURCED PRODUCTS

### Wines of the volcanic island: Azienda Biologica La Piana

**(31 luglio, 14 e 28 agosto).** (31 July, 14 and 28 August). In the heart of the island, inside the National Park and a short distance from the age-old grape-pressing vats called palmenti, in a marvellous environmental setting, is the "historic" vineyard of the Azienda Biologica La Piana farm. Joined by the farm's owner Alice Bollani, we will be able to stroll through the vine rows to discover the farm's history, its various types of grapes, its cultivation methods, and its products. A taste will allow us to appreciate the special characteristics of the wines produced just a stone's throw from the sea on the Tuscan Archipelago's volcanic island. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 15; € 8 (for children 5-12 years of age), free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply.



## HIKING FOR LOCALLY-SOURCED PRODUCTS

### Capraia, island of honey: Azienda Agricola San Rocco

**(17 July, 7 August, 4 September).** A guided walk along the Sentiero del Reganico, a historic trail surrounded by the colours and scents of the Mediterranean scrub, will introduce us to the pollen-producing plants that bees love. We will pay a visit to the Azienda Agricola San Rocco farm's apiary where, with Roberta and Sofia, we will be able to enjoy an exciting experience. Wearing appropriate protection, we will come close to the hives, discover their structure, learn about the fascinating world of bees – and, with a guided tasting, appreciate the flavour of the island of honey. Appointment: 5:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 15; € 8 (for children 5-12 years of age), free for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply.



## SATURDAYS in the Park

### SEAWATCHING

A boat ride around the island, dedicated to marine fauna

See p. 72. Appointment: 5:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2 hours – Booking required. € 30, € 20 (for children 5-12 years age); € 10 (0-4 anni). Equipment: swimming gear.



### GUIDED TOUR OF THE VILLAGE

A stroll through the village's evocative, stone-paved streets

From the church of San Nicola to Forte San Giorgio, Torre del Porto, and the church of Sant'Antonio, observing the most significant buildings and traditional homes, small corners of greenery, and items bearing witness to daily activities. We will discover the events that marked the history of the island community, its traditions, and interesting facts from long ago. At the church of Sant'Antonio, we can visit the archaeological exhibition "Capraia lungo le rotte antiche..." ("Capraia along the ancient roots– submerged relics and finds"). Appointment: 5:30 PM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2 hours – Difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 4 (guide service).



## SUNDAYS in the Park

### HIKING AT SUNSET

Guided excursion in the former penal colony and at the "Dattero"

An exciting guided hike to discover Capraia. Traversing the former prison colony's "farm estate," we will discover the penitentiary's history. Upon reaching the Il Dattero area, a magnificent scenic point on the western coast, we will admire the sunset. We will return beneath the spectacle of the night-time sky lit by the Milky Way and countless stars. Appointment: hours vary based on time of sunset; La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 5 hours – Difficulty: Medium-easy. Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free for children 0-4 years of age. Equipment: hiking boots, water supply (1.5 litres per person), packed dinner, jacket, flashlight/cellphone with flashlight.



## Autumn in the Park

### SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER

La Ex Colonia Penale Agricola tra natura e storia

The former Agricultural Penal Colony, between history and nature In 1873, Capraia also saw the establishment of an Agricultural Penal Colony, which closed in 1986. The easy, guided excursion will allow us to discover the island's marvellous environment and its transformations. We will travel down the scenic road that links the colony's old wings to discover a Capraia from a different time, as well as the natural treasures of this volcanic rock in the Mediterranean. Appointment: 2:30 PM, La Salata (port) \*CEA – Duration: 2h30m – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age.



**SUNDAY, 4 OCTOBER****Churches, mule trails, palmenti, and springs**See 25 April- **P. 71****SATURDAY, 17 OCTOBER****Capraia and the Stagnone loop: unique biodiversity**See 2 May - **P. 71****SUNDAY, 18 OCTOBER****Yoga & Hiking**

An itinerary that brings yoga and immersion in nature holistically together. Following a highly scenic and easy itinerary, the guided excursion will provide an experience of wellness seeking through the yoga practiced by Veronica Somma, a teacher with a diploma from the Carlos Fiel Sadhana school. In nature, through yoga, we will rediscover, with greater consciousness, the harmony with everything that surrounds us. Appointment: 09:30 AM, Piazza Milano (town) – Duration: 2h30m – Difficulty: easy. Booking required. € 15; € 8 (for children 5-12 years age). Equipment: hiking boots with deep tread, water supply.

**SATURDAY, 31 OCTOBER****The former Agricultural Penal Colony between nature and history**See 3 October - **P. 80****SUNDAY, 1 NOVEMBER****Churches, mule trails, palmenti, and springs**See 25 April – **P. 71****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 periods with higher tourism flows. The ferry company for Capraia is **Toremarr** tel. 0586 896113.



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## **Always follow these rules:**

Do not throw away cigarette butts or matches that are still lit;

Do not light fires in the woods, only use the equipped areas;

Never leave the fire and before leaving make sure it is completely out;

If you have to park your car make sure the muffler is not in contact with dry grass;

Do not abandon rubbish in the woods or in illegal dumps, it is a dangerous fuel;

# Island of Giglio

## 2026 activities calendar





## **GIGLIO HARBOUR PARK INFORMATION CENTRE - CASA DEL PARCO**

**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.

**From 15 October to 31 March: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM; From 1 April to 15 October: every day, from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM**

# Island of Giglio

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## Spring in the Park

**SATURDAY, 25 APRIL**

### Hiking from Giglio Castello to Capel Rosso

A loop that takes us from Castello to the Capel Rosso lighthouse, traversing a great variety of environments to offer us a comprehensive view of this extraordinary island in the archipelago. Breathtaking vistas and unspoilt nature alternate along this stretch, always halfway up the coast and continuously climbing and descending amid hills and scented Mediterranean scrub in full flower; the return will be along the paved road that leads back to Giglio Castello. Mixed terrain, earth, and granite rocks, partially exposed to the sun. Equipment: poles, hiking boots, at least 1.5 litres of water, packed lunch, headwear, sunscreen, sunglasses. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration: 7 hours – Length: approximately 14 km; ascent: 600 m; descent: 600 m – Degree of difficulty: demanding (given the length of the itinerary) – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Activity recommended for guests over 12 years of age.



**SUNDAY, 26 APRIL****Giglio coast to coast**

An itinerary traversing the island from the eastern to the western side, with the medieval village of Castello providing an evocative landscape. A journey into nature, but also into history and local culture. For the more adventurous, there is the possibility of swimming in the splendid Campese bay. Mixed terrain: earth, and granite rocks, exposed to the sun in some sections. Equipment: poles, hiking boots, at least 1.5 litres of water, packed lunch, headwear, sunscreen, sunglasses, swimsuit and beach towel (optional). Appointment: 10:00 AM, Giglio Porto, Park Information Centre – Length: approximately 6 km; ascent: approximately 400 m – Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium – Booking required. € 8; € 4 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge for children 0-4 years of age. Activity recommended for guests over 12 years age.

**Summer in the Park****TUESDAYS in the Park****EVERY TUESDAY, 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 with the Park Guide on Tuesday mornings, alternating a workshop on 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: 10:30 AM, Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration: 2 hours. Free event; booking required, Maximum 10 participants.

**WEDNESDAYS in the Park****A VARIETY OF EVENING EXCURSIONS ON ALTERNATING WEDNESDAYS DURING THE SUMMER****Hiking at sunset from Campese to the Faraglione, ending with a swim****10 JUNE, 22 JULY, 26 AUGUST**

Starting from Giglio Campese, we take the beautiful, shady trail that leads to the Faraglione rock formation. A captivating, varied itinerary to be followed with particular caution in certain steep sections, it leads to the scenic point that offers a nearly complete view of the western side of the island: the Baia di Campese coast all the way to the Fenaio promontory – and, on clear days, the island of Montecristo to the north and, to the south, the Franco promontory. Before you lies the spectacular, imposing Faraglione rock formation. Stop for a swim at Cala dei Pozzarelli. Mixed terrain, earth, and rocks, exposed to the sun. Equipment: hiking boots, at least 1.5 litres of water, headwear, sunscreen, sunglasses, swimsuit and beach towel. Appointment: 6:30 PM, Giglio Campese beneath the Tower – Duration: 2 hours – Difficulty: medium. Booking required. € 8 – € 4 reduced price (8-12 years of age).



**Discovering the orchard – hike with tasting****1 JULY, 5 AUGUST**

A scenic nature walk will take us to the Scopeto area, where Michele Galeotti cultivates an orchard and vineyard; in recent years, he has combined his passion for the land with his love of cooking: we will taste his simple, local dishes and the wine typical of the island for an al fresco, sunset dinner. Appointment: 7:00 PM Giglio Castello – Duration: 3 hours – Booking required; € 35, reduced price € 25 (5-12 years of age) including guided excursion and tasting.

**Sunset boat ride with Park Guide****24 JUNE, 15 JULY, 29 JULY, 2 SEPTEMBER**

A boat ride, in collaboration with Zeromeno Diving Center, with a Park Guide on board who will accompany participants as they discover the most characteristic sites, some of which reachable only by sea. During the boat ride, participants will be provided with information on Giglio's geological evolution and the island's marine biodiversity, and may catch sight of local fauna and birdlife. The activity is held within the Pelagos Sanctuary, a large international marine protected area of the Mediterranean Sea. Along the way, there will be an opportunity, for those who so desire, to go for a swim or snorkelling in the crystal-clear water. Appointment: Giglio Campese (hours vary based on time of sunset) – Duration: approximately 3 hours. Booking required. € 55, € 35 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age.

**Visit to the “The Queens” apiary with a final, sweet tasting****8 JULY AND 12 AUGUST**

The heart of the Island of Giglio, an environment unique for its biodiversity and mild climate, is home to The Queens, a beekeeping project that celebrates the harmony between nature and sustainability. Here, bees live in ideal conditions while producing honey of the finest quality. An evocative evening stroll from Scopeto to Olivello will bring visitors to the apiary where they will meet the beekeepers, discovering the world of bees – a well-organized, inspiring “perfect society” – from up close. Followed by a small tasting of the apiary's products. Duration: 3 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy – For information on schedules and appointment location, contact the InfoPark. Cost: € 15 – Booking required.



## A vineyard and wine cellar visit, followed by a tasting

17 JUNE, 19 AUGUST

The visit will take us to Tenute Agnelli, a winery born from the passion of Gabriele, a young farmer with strong ties to the traditions of the Island of Giglio. We will stroll through the scenic vineyards of Ansonica grapes, raised on terraces soaring over the sea; the visit will then continue on to the wine cellar dug into the rock in Giglio Castello, where we can see the winemaking process from up close, while tasting the first two wines the farm produces. A unique experience between vineyards and wine cellar, and the island's nature, flavours, and stories. Duration: 3 hours – Difficulty: easy - Cost: € 15 – Booking required. For information on schedules and appointment location, contact the Park Information Centre.



## THURSDAYS in the Park

### THURSDAY IS DEDICATED TO GIANNUTRI'S ARCHAEOLOGY

Day excursion – History tour,  
boat from Giglio Porto included

EVERY THURSDAY FROM 18 JUNE TO 10 SEPTEMBER

Departing from Giglio Porto, a tour offering including ferry, to discover the history of the island of Giannutri. Appointment at 10:00 AM with the guide at Giglio's port, departure at 10:30 AM by Maregiglio ferry. Arrival in Giannutri after an hour at sea. The tour begins from the Cala Maestra bay and continues amid the rocky cliffs and scented trails of the Mediterranean scrubland, to the remains of the of the seaside villa that belonged to the powerful Domitius Ahenobarbus family, from which Emperor Nero descended. At the end of the excursion, free time with the possibility of having a swim at Cala Maestra or Cala Spalmatoio, or a guided tour of the recently restored Labyrinth Mosaic (Cost: € 8 to be paid onsite starting at 19 years of age, free of charge for those 0 to 18 years of age). Duration: 2 hours– Degree of difficulty: easy – Ticket € 45, € 28 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age, free of charge children 0-4 years of age.



## FRIDAYS in the Park

### ON FRIDAYS DURING THE SUMMER, MARINE BIOLOGY WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Free workshops with Park Guide for children 6 to 11 years of age on the Campese beach

From 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM. Booking required.



## Autumn in the Park

### SATURDAY, 3 OCTOBER

#### Giglio coast to coast

An itinerary that combines several trails, taking us from the island's eastern to its western side, passing by way of the Medieval village of Giglio Castello; a journey in nature that changes with the changing natural environment and with the local history and culture. At the end, the more daring visitor can have a swim in the splendid Campese bay. Mixed terrain, earth, and granite rocks, partially exposed to the sun. Equipment: poles, hiking boots, at least 1.5 litres of water, packed lunch, headwear, sunscreen, sunglasses, swimsuit and beach towel (optional). Appointment: 10:00 AM, Giglio Porto, Park Information Centre – Length: approximately 6 km; Ascent approximately 400 m; descent approximately 400 m – Duration: 6 hours – Degree of difficulty: medium – Booking required € 8; € 4 (for children 5-12 years of age). Activity recommended for guests over 12 years of age.



### SATURDAY, 10 OCTOBER

#### From Giglio Castello to Capel Rosso; autumn colours and vistas on sea

A loop that takes us from Castello to the Capel Rosso lighthouse, traversing a great variety of environments that will provide an all-round view of this extraordinary island in the Tuscan Archipelago. The itinerary provides an alternating succession of breathtaking vistas and unspoilt nature, in a continuous climb and descent halfway up the coast amid the hills and a Mediterranean scrub still scented and enriched with autumn berries; return along the paved road that leads back to Giglio Castello. Mixed terrain, earth, and granite rocks, partially exposed to the sun. Equipment: poles, hiking boots, at least 1.5 litres of water, packed lunch, headwear, sunscreen, sunglasses. Appointment: 10:00 AM, Piazza Gloriosa, Giglio Castello – Duration: 7 hours – Length: approximately 14 km; ascent: 600 m; descent: 600 – Degree of difficulty: demanding (given the length of the itinerary) – Booking required; € 8; € 4 (5-12 years of age). Activity recommended for guests over 12 years of age.



Bookings at [parcoarcipelago.info/giglio](http://parcoarcipelago.info/giglio)





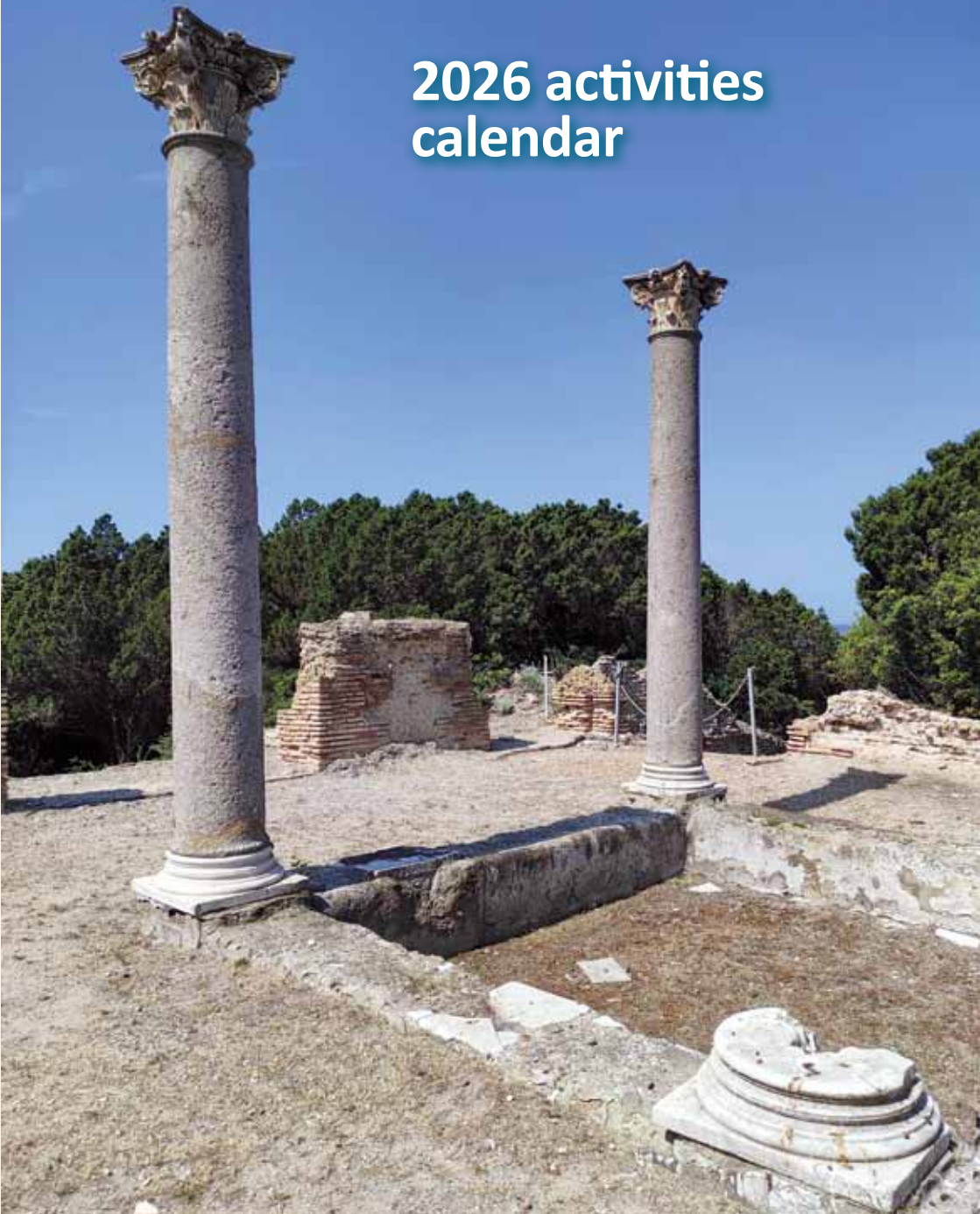
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Island of Giannutri

## 2026 activities calendar



## Strolling between history and nature



### 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 1st century AD by the powerful Domitius Ahenobarbus family, from which Emperor Nero descended. The visit is enriched with new archaeological elements that have been the 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 – Degree of difficulty: easy - Ticket € 10; free of charge for children and youths 0-18 years of age, disabled persons, and those accompanying them.



### Nature trail

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 between Cala Spalmatoio and Cala Maestra, and the only one that can be travelled independently – and discover the island’s trails and its majestic nature. Duration: 1h30m. Tickets: € 10; € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age; free of charge for children 0-4 years of age, disabled persons, and those accompanying them.



Visits are possible from spring to autumn based on the yearly calendar available at the booking site [parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri](http://parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri).



### Day excursion – History and nature tour, boat from Porto Santo Stefano included



Appointment with Guide at 9:30 AM at the port – Toscana pier – embarking at on Maregiglio ferry 9:45 AM. An hour at sea for a day dedicated to discovering the history and nature of the island of Giannutri. The tour begins from the Cala Maestra bay, from which we reach the remains of the Roman Villa. 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 on an itinerary adjusted to the season and the weather conditions. A lunch break, (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 (just excursion) – Degree of difficulty: easy – Ticket € 60 full price; € 38 reduced price 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](http://parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri)



### Day excursion – History tour, boat from Giglio Porto included EVERY THURSDAY FROM 18 JUNE TO 10 SEPTEMBER



Departing from Porto Santo Stefano, a tour offering including ferry, to discover the history of Giannutri. See detail [p 89 \(Giglio\)](#)



Visits are available from spring to autumn, in accordance with the annual calendar available on the booking website [parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri](http://parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri).

## THE LABYRINTH MOSAIC

The Giannutri archaeological site offers a new, precious jewel to visit: the Labyrinth Mosaic. Its black and white tesserae have rediscovered their ancient splendour after complex restoration. Now, the centre of the labyrinth depicts the Greek myth of Theseus killing the Minotaur, with Ariadne to the side, holding her famous ball of thread while awaiting her hero. The find's current position is not the one of its initial discovery opposite the villa's entrance but, for conservation purposes, it is placed inside the evocative enclosed environment, also of Roman origin, called the cryptoporticus. The Labyrinth Mosaic may be visited. Admission costs € 8; just ask the Park Guides on the boats and on the island. A combined Roman Villa + Mosaic ticket is available at a cost of € 15; free of charge for children and youths under 18 years of age.





## DAWN AND SUNSET SERVICES!

On Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from late June to early September, the following guided tours and excursions are available for those staying on Giannutri or reaching it by their own vessels.

### **Nature tour, Saturday and Sunday morning**

An easy hike during the coolest hours of the day, to discover the protected area of Giannutri – which may be visited only with a Guide. Appointment: 8:30 AM – Duration: 2 hours – Degree of difficulty: easy - Booking required; € 10 full price, € 5 reduced price for children 5-12 years of age.

### **Archaeological tour, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evening**

Tour of Villa Domizia and of the Labyrinth Mosaic; Appointment based on time of sunset – Duration: 1 hour – Degree of difficulty: easy – Booking required. € 15; free of charge for children and youths under 18 years of age. Service may be combined with aperitif. Booking required. € 35.

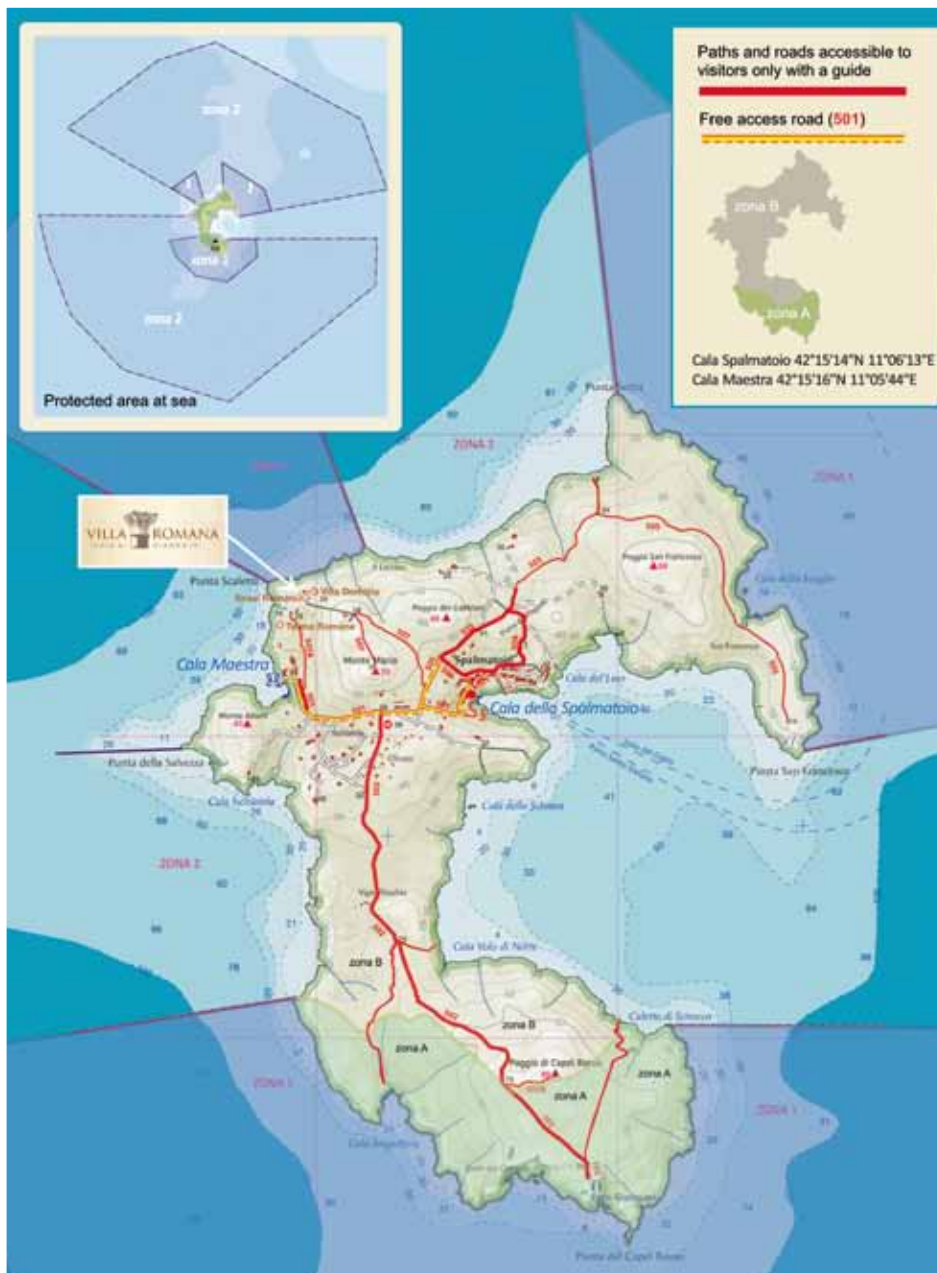


### **Protected area access tickets**

For those disembarking on the island with their own vessels, the ticket the Park Authority charges for access to the protected area (€ 2.50) may be purchased at the bar near Cala Spalmatoio, or online at [parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri](http://parcoarcipelago.info/giannutri).

### **Getting to the island**

The island is linked from Porto Santo Stefano based on the calendar available at [maregiglio.it](http://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 as well.



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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. The operators have signed a series of commitments with the Protected Area:

- 1 - to improve its tourism offerings and to strengthen collaboration with the Park;
- 2 - to focus attention on its own environmental behaviour
- 3 - to support local development and protection of the territory.

The following is the list of hospitality facilities that have obtained certification and the right to display the ECST brand. For more information, scan the QR code.



### Island of Elba

#### **Agriturismo Castiglione**

Tel: 0565 976633

web site: [agriturismocastiglione-elba.com](http://agriturismocastiglione-elba.com)

#### **Agriturismo dei Girasoli**

Tel: 339 419 2257

Web site: [agriturismodeigirasoli.com](http://agriturismodeigirasoli.com)

#### **Agriturismo La Lecciola**

Tel: 349 3541404

Web site: [lalecciola.com](http://lalecciola.com)

#### **B&B Villa El Mar**

Tel: 347 481 6227

Web site: [villaelmar.it](http://villaelmar.it)

#### **Camping Appartamenti Tallinucci**

Tel: 0565 964069

Web site: [campingtallinucci.it](http://campingtallinucci.it)

#### **Camping Enfolà**

Tel: 0565 939001

Web site: [campingenfola.com](http://campingenfola.com)

#### **Camping Laconella**

Tel: 0565 964228

Web site: [campinglaconella.it](http://campinglaconella.it)

#### **Camping Valle Santa Maria**

Tel: 0565 964228

Web site: [vsmaria.it](http://vsmaria.it)

#### **Camping Village Elba DOC**

Tel: 0565 949966

Web site: [elbadoc-campingvillage.it](http://elbadoc-campingvillage.it)

#### **Camping Village Scaglieri**

Tel: 0565 969940

Web site: [campingscaglieri.it](http://campingscaglieri.it)

#### **Casa per Ferie Sassi Turchini**

Tel: 392 2394607

Web site: [sassiturchini.org](http://sassiturchini.org)

#### **Hotel Barracuda**

Tel: 0565 976893

Web site: [hotelbarracudaelba.it](http://hotelbarracudaelba.it)

#### **Hotel Biodola**

Tel: 0565 974812

Web site: [biodola.it](http://biodola.it)

**Hotel Capo Sud**

Tel: 0565 964021

Web Site: [hotelcaposud.it](http://hotelcaposud.it)**Hotel Casa Rosa**

Tel: 0565 969931

Web Site: [elbasolare.it/hotel-isolaelba/hotel-casa-rosa](http://elbasolare.it/hotel-isolaelba/hotel-casa-rosa)**Hotel Corallo**

Tel: 0565 906042

Web Site: [elbacorallo.it](http://elbacorallo.it)**Hotel Danila**

Tel: 0565 969915

Web Site: [hoteldanila.it](http://hoteldanila.it)**Hotel del Golfo**

Tel: 0565 9021

Web Site: [hoteldelgolfo.it](http://hoteldelgolfo.it)**Hotel Fabricia**

Tel: 0565 933181

Web Site: [hotelfabricia.com](http://hotelfabricia.com)**Hotel Frank's**

Tel: 0565 968144

Web Site: [frankshotel.com](http://frankshotel.com)**Hotel Galli**

Tel: 0565 988035

Web Site: [hotelgalli.it](http://hotelgalli.it)**Hotel Hermitage**

Tel: 0565 9740

Web Site: [hotelhermitage.it](http://hotelhermitage.it)**Hotel Il Caminetto**

Tel: 0565 915700

Web Site: [hotellilcaminetto.it](http://hotellilcaminetto.it)**Hotel Montemerlo**

Tel: 0565 988051

Web Site: [hotelfetovaia.it](http://hotelfetovaia.it)**Hotel Paradiso**

Tel: 0565 939034

Web Site: [hotelparadisoelba.it](http://hotelparadisoelba.it)**Hotel Punto Verde**

Tel: 329 3427411

Web Site: [puntoverdehotel.it](http://puntoverdehotel.it)**Hotel Sant'Anna del Volterraio**

Tel: 0565 961219

Web Site: [volterraio.it](http://volterraio.it)**Hotel Villa Rita**

Tel: 0565 908095

Web Site: [villarita.it](http://villarita.it)**Hotel Viticcio**

Tel: 331 2716471

Web Site: [hotelviticcio.it](http://hotelviticcio.it)**Le Sughere del Montefico**

Tel: 345 3585035

Web Site: [lesughere.it](http://lesughere.it)**Residence Capobianco**

Tel: 0565 915308

Web Site: [residencecapobianco.it](http://residencecapobianco.it)**Tenuta delle Ripalte**

Tel: 0565 94211

Web Site: [tenutadelleripalte.it](http://tenutadelleripalte.it)**Island of Capraia****Agriturismo Valle di Portovecchio**

Tel: 0586 905242

Web Site: [isoladicapraia.it/vallediportovecchio](http://isoladicapraia.it/vallediportovecchio)**Il Gamberino**

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Tel: 0586 1754324

Web Site: [lamandolacapraia.com](http://lamandolacapraia.com)**Island of Giglio****Hotel Campese**

Tel: 0564 804003

Web Site: [hotelcampese.com](http://hotelcampese.com)**Hotel La Guardia**

Tel: 0564 808077

Web Site: [laguardiahotel.it](http://laguardiahotel.it)



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