

A Walk in the Bosco della Mesola

To make your visit to the Gran Bosco della Mesola pleasant and easy, there is, just outside, a substantial area equipped for camper vans with the necessary services, a green field suitable for picnics, and bike hire.

After the gate, follow a long dirt road, to the right of which is the "**Bassa dei Frassini e Balanzetta**" Nature Reserve, which is totally closed to the public. There you can see tree trunks left on the ground to rot away naturally. In the circular clearing you will find descriptive panels, also in Braille, with information on the typical flora and fauna, describing trails of varying lengths: within the woods there are hand-rails for those with sight problems.

Here we go into the woods proper, along a track that soon becomes sandy and after about a kilometre joins the Scolo del Bassone, one of the watercourses which cross the wood from end to end. At this point the path becomes more deeply wooded. Carrying on along the path we meet the fence that marks the eastern end of the woods, and turn left along it. The path goes through a thick grove of Holm Oak, turning first right then left, and after a little we leave it and take the fork to the right. Crossing over a sandy dune and a little clump of maritime pines, we then follow the bend to the left: here the undergrowth includes hollows, sometimes boggy, and the path goes up and down a lot.

Following the more used of the paths we reach the road to Torre Palù, which we have already been along on the way: turning right takes you right back to the entrance, however it is possible to take another very atmospheric route (only a little longer) by going right over the little bridge along the Scolo Arginelli.

