

The Ecomuseum can be visited all over the year by reservation and in the summer during opening hours.

It offers educational activities for students of all ages and all types of school, based on the natural energy resources of the mountain: water and forest.

Engaging manual workshops, clever machineries to work and produce, relaxing walks in the open air and adventurous treks await you to restore yourself in the green of the Pistoia mountains.

In 2017, the Ecomuseum has created **EMEx** (Ecomuseum Mountain bike Experience), six cycling tourism rings combining the landscape and cultural beauties of the Pistoia mountains to discover, in a neverending encounter between nature and history, the area and the enchanting colors of nature of the Tuscan Apennines.



THE PARTNERS OF THE ECOMUSEUM

Municipality of: Abetone Cutigliano, Marliana,
Pistoia, Sambuca Pistoiese, San Marcello Piteglio
Province of Pistoia
Diocese of Pistoia
Unione Comuni Montani Appennino Pistoiese



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ECOMUSEUM OF THE PISTOIA MOUNTAINS

your tailor-made Museum!

Born from the desire of the Province of Pistoia and active since 1990, the Ecomuseum of the Pistoia Mountains was the first in Italy, an innovative project, awarded with the Golden Plaque in Parma as the best example of the enhancement of the Apennines.

Over twenty years it has developed and expanded to its current set-up; in November 2011 it has been converted into the Ecomuseum of the Pistoia Mountains Association, which has among its fundamental aims the conservation and promotion of the material and immaterial heritage of the Pistoia mountain area.

It was accredited as a regional relevance Ecomuseum by the Tuscan Region, with Decree n. 3949 of 02/09/2015.

SIMOP – Pistoia Mountains Museum System – was established in 2019 and currently involves the Ecomuseum of the Pistoia Mountains (Madoninna Icehouse, Iron Museum, Pistoia Apennines People's Museum, Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art); the Botanical Forest Garden in Abetone; the Natural History and Archaeological Museum of the Pistoia Apennines in Gavinana; the Chestnut and Charcoal Way in Orsigna.

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The Ecomuseum is a fascinating tale that winds through the centuries of history and the human work in the area of the Tuscan Apennines. Its particular environmental and historical factors have conditioned the culture, the economy and the living of the inhabitants.

Ancient buildings, objects and tools of the rural and pre-industrial world, crafts, outdoor itineraries and oral tradition are brought together in a network linking six thematic trails, extended all across the Pistoia Mountains.

The itineraries enable you to discover evidences and traditions that are still present on the territory: ironworks, water mills, ice-houses; and furthermore series of charcoal burners and shepherds, hidden treasures and an extraordinary naturalistic heritage consisting of centuries-old forests and glacial lakes.

The Ecomuseum involve you in a real engaging experience to breathe the dimension of a time where everything was slower and more authentic: a past which is still present in today's reality.



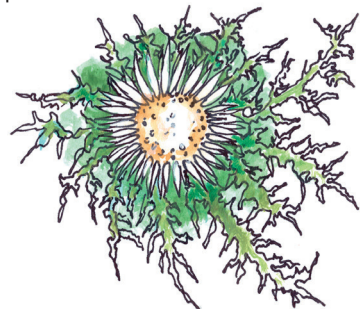
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NATURALISTIC TRAIL

- 1 Botanical Forest Garden and Learning Centre
- 6 MUNAP Natural History and Archaeological Museum of the Pistoia Apennines



EVERYDAY LIFE TRAIL

- 2 Pistoia Apennines people's Museum
- 4 The Chestnut and Charcoal Way



SACRED ART TRAIL

- 3 Diocesan Museum of Sacred Art and Learning Centre



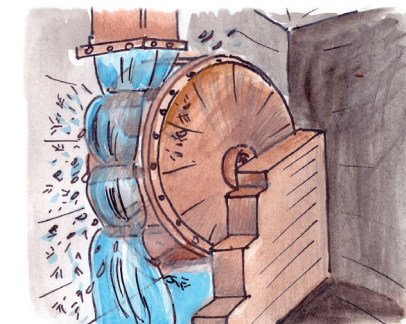
EXHIBIT AND INFO POINT

- 5 Palazzo Achilli
Centre for Emigration History "Mario Olla"
Sound archive of popular songs



IRON TRAIL

- 7 Ancient Papini Ironworks
- 8 Iron Museum and Green Power Garden



ICE TRAIL

- 9 Madonnina Icehouse



STONE TRAIL

- 10 Medieval settlement of Glozano
- 11 Via Francesca della Sambuca (Medieval way)

