

## Press release

### Parco del Delta del Po Emilia-Romagna (Park) and its landmarks are in the forefront of Slow Spring 2012

**Slow Spring** is back in the Park (**Parco del Delta del Po Emilia-Romagna**) with a total of 11 weeks events scheduled from March 24 to June 3. The best way to discover the Park, its peculiarities, landscapes and colours.

Don't miss the opportunity to spend a few relaxing days in the Park, from Goro to Mesola, passing by the Valli di Comacchio lagoons, reaching the southern oasis nearby Cervia and Ravenna. The Park is full of possibilities: hiking, horse and bike riding, workshops for children and adults, tastings of typical products and much more.

Some of the 2012 novelties worth highlighting: the **night time trekking** in the most interesting natural sites of the Park, to listen to and recognize sounds and songs of animals and birds; the "**100 species in one day**" excursion, dedicated to expert birdwatchers; the **electric minibus trips** on the trail of the Mesola deer and the possibility of reaching the southern part of Valli di Comacchio lagoons by a **small train**, the best way to link the **old fishing tradition** to **seafood tasting**. Some of the workshops are dedicated to adults, in particular the one on **herbs and their secrets**.

Slow Spring (2012) will be characterized by many special events in different places of the Park:

**Green Days: Ravenna scent of Park (... and Truffle) (24-25- 31 March and 1 April)**, , Pineta di Classe (Classe Pinewood), Parco 1 Maggio, Fosso Ghiaia (RA), inside **XXXIV Truffle Festival**. An opportunity to taste and buy typical products and dishes, walking into the Pinewood, attending conferences and exhibitions, join sports events and excursions. On 24 March the new Centre of Bevanella will be opened, thanks to Fers Programme co-financing.

**The VI International Bird-watching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair in Comacchio (Fe) is scheduled from 27 to 29 April**: an opportunity to visit halls of specialized optics, photography and publishing, sportswear, Biodiversity and Slow Tourism, testing the latest photographic equipment for bird-watching and much more. Visitors could take part in excursions through Valli di Comacchio lagoons and other naturalistic areas, workshops and meetings with international photographers and birdwatchers in collaboration with EBN Italia. "Guest of honour", at this edition, is "**Fotofestival 2012**" and the awards photo context Asferico 2012.

Like usual, the fair will support a BirdLife International project, partner of the Italian Lipu. Lipu will be present at the fair too with workshops for children, schools and families and the Golden Eagle book presentation.

The project supported this year is called "Think Pink" and its aim is to protect the Natron Lake in Tanzania, the most important place in Eastern Africa where the Lesser Flamingo (*Phoenicopterus minor*) goes to nest.

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**Sailing and cycling along the Po di Volano (12-13 and 19-20 May):** from Ferrara to the Delta it will be possible to spend a whole day enjoying nature and having fun, discovering places from a different point of view, tasting traditional dishes. A way to use different means of transport: bike and boat, in two week-ends. Different paths and programs will be planned each day.

**Milano Marittima-Cervia: a century of beauty. Pinewood, salt flats and flowered gardens (26-27 May):** a week-end dedicated to events, exhibitions, meetings, workshops and guided tours from the city centre to the most evocative places of the area.

More info: [www.podeeltabirdfair.it](http://www.podeeltabirdfair.it); DELTA 2000 tel. 0533 57693/4

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