

# International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair

## 2007 Edition Special Slow Tourism

April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Fairground & May 1<sup>st</sup> “Slow” Day

Po Delta Park

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### **1<sup>st</sup> May: Great initiatives at the International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair**

**COMACCHIO (Fe).** The last day of the International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair, 1<sup>st</sup> May, will be a special day: many are the different activities and initiatives, which will enable visitors to spend a wonderful time in contact with Po Delta Park's nature and its beauties.

The first event of the day will be the **Ecorunning**, a sport which combines outdoor activities and the knowledge of nature. The initiative is part of the project “**L'ambiente è divertimento**” (*Environment as enjoyment*) to which Po Delta Part Emilia-Romagna participates. The Ecorunning is part of the “Experimental Project for Environmental Certification of Sport Activities in Protected Areas”, under the patronage of the Ministry for the Environment and Federparchi.

This project is meant to enhance Parks, to be lived through sport, which becomes not only a source of well-being, but also a source of environmental education. Participants will meet on 30<sup>th</sup> April at the Didactic Centre of the Comacchio Saltworks for a sort of “training”, where they will be given basic information on cartography, on how to make a map and will do a simulation of the competition, by testing their sense of direction.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May they will be divided into two teams and will deal with a route which will take them almost 3 hours to be completed (from 8.00 am to 11.00 am), starting from località Taglio della Falce to the gate “Goara” and ending at the main entrance.

Meeting point: Taglio della Falce, 8.00 am. For further information and enrolments: Po Delta Park Emilia-Romagna, tel. 0533 314003 or 347 8973798.

On 1<sup>st</sup> May, from 9.00 am to 13.00 am, there will also be the special opening of the **naturalistic area BOSCOFORTE** (visit the exhibition of more than 40 pictures of the area, taken by photographers Pansecchi and Bianched, at the Palazzone di Sant'Alberto (Ravenna) from 25<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> June). The area is a stream of sand, a few meters wide and 6 km long, protruding inside the Valli di Comacchio and representing one of the most spectacular places in the whole Po Delta. An evidence of the ancient coastline, it hosts a huge variety of birds resting and nesting here. This area is privately owned and is not accessible to the public; for the Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair, thanks to the kindness of the owners, it will be possible to enter inside the area (with very strict rules) to birdwatch. Visitors will meet at 9.00 am at Palazzone di Sant'Alberto to go to Boscoforte and take part in this special initiative.

For photo lovers, there will be a **photographic workshop** led by photographers Milko Marchetti and Sergio Stignani to discover nature in Valli argentane, starting at 6.00 am from Comacchio Fairground, bus stop area, in via Marina.

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On 1<sup>st</sup> May, a very special day, some excursions have been organised in cooperation with territorial operators.

You may discover the traditions of the **salt town**, with excursions on board of small electric boats in Cervia Saltworks and possibility to taste typical local products; it will be possible to visit the Centre “Casa delle Farfalle & Co.”, the reign of butterflies and insects. For those interested, the meeting will be at 10.00 am at the Visit Centre (Centro Visite) of the Saltworks of Cervia (RA)

A lovely tour will bring visitors along the **river Reno**, starting from the Ecomuseo in Argenta, and then the “Museo delle Valli”, the “Museo della Bonifica” and the excursion inside the Oasis of Val Campotto. The bus will take visitors to Sant’Alberto, where they can visit “Il Palazzone”, the Visit Centre inside the Po Delta Park, the “Museo Natura” and the exhibition on Boscoforte. Going along the left bank of the river with the bicycle or the electric bus, visitors will practice birdwatching in the Valli di Comacchio. The meeting will be at 9.30 am at the “Museo della Bonifica” in Argenta (FE).

Another excursion has been organised to the **Po di Volano**, which puts together natural, cultural and enogastronomic treasures: after a bicycle excursion along the river bank, you can visit the Pomposa Abbey. In the afternoon, it’s time for an unusual excursion among the golden grapes of DOC wine Bosco Eliceo, where the old coastal dunes still remain. At the end you will experience a guided “taste” tour of typical products and wines directly from the producer, while admiring, among rows of vines, a naturalistic photo exhibition. The meeting will be at 10.00 am in Comacchio Fairground, bus stop area, via Marina.

Moreover, in order to live this special day in a slow way **along the river Lamone**, there will be a special opening of Palazzo S. Giacomo in Russi, of the oasis Podere Pantaleone in Bagnacavallo and of “Ecomuseo della Civiltà Palustre” in Villanova di Bagnacavallo.

If you want to play a different sport, **golf lessons** have been organized to learn the first swings, and a competition and pitch & putt course at the golf club Cà Laura, with possibility of tasting typical products of the territory at the agritourism.

In this case, the meeting will be at 10.00 am at Cà Laura, Bosco Mesola (FE)

Finally, among the many **excursions** organised for 1<sup>st</sup> May, there’s also that of the “Nena”, a restored Venetian boat on which visitors will sail from Comacchio to Valli di Ostellato enjoying a show and tasting typical products. The meeting will be at 9.00 am in Comacchio, Argine Fattibello.

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