

International Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism Fair

2007 Edition Special Slow Tourism

April 28th – 30th Fairground & May 1st “Slow” Day

Po Delta Park

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May 1st 2007: Great events at the International Po Delta Birdwatching Fair

COMACCHIO (Fe). May 1st 2007 will be a very particular day for the International Fair for Birdwatching and Naturalistic Tourism, being also its last opening day.

Ecorunning will open the day: it is a discipline that junctions open-air sport to the knowledge of the environment. The event is part of the project “Environment as enjoyment”, supported by Delta Po Park; Ecorunning itself is part of the “Experimental Project for Environmental Certification for Sport Activities in Protected Areas”, supported by the Ministry for Environment and the Italian Federation of Parks.

This project aims to live sports as a tool for environmental education as well as a source of wellness.

The skipper and famous nature lover, **Cino Ricci**, and the former marathon runner, **Laura Fogli**, will be testimonials for Ecorunning and the event.

On the same day, from 9 am to 1 pm the **naturalistic area BOSCOFORTE** will be open (more than 40 photos of the area taken by Mr. Pansecchi and Mr. Bianchedi will be exposed at the Palazzone di Sant’Alberto in Ravenna, from April 25th to June 3rd). It is a small portion of terrain, full of dunes, of some meters of width and 6 km in length; one of the most fascinating locations of the whole Po Delta: people will be allowed to enter under exclusive and precise rules to practice birdwatching.

Those who love photography may enjoy a photographic workshop together with the photographers, Milko Marchetti and Sergio Stignani, in order to discover nature in the Valli Argentine.

During May 1st some excursions with the local operators are scheduled: visitors will be able to discover the traditions of the **city of salt**. A tour on board of some electrical boats into the Saline di Cervia, enjoying typical local products, and also a visit of the “Casa delle Farfalle & Co.” (House of Butterflies and Co.), the kingdom of butterflies and insects.

Thrilling as well is the path to the **river Reno**: visitors will be able to see its beauties, and then they will visit the **Po di Volano** which gathers natural, cultural and gastronomical treasures.

After a trip on bike along the river, visitors will be able to visit the Abbey of Pomposa. In the afternoon, an unusual visit to the area where the golden grapes are raised to make the famous wine Bosco Eliceo. In this zone a visitor can see the ancient coast dunes “Dune della Puia”.

This day will be the day of “slowness”; **along the river Lamone**, Palazzo S. Giacomo in Russi, the oasis Podere Pantaleone in Bagnacavallo and the Eco-museum of Marsh Civilisations in Villanova di dell’Ecomuseo della Civiltà Palustre a Villanova di Bagnacavallo will be open just for the occasion.

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Those who want to try a different sport, may try the **golf lessons** to learn the first swings, or a contest and a course of pitch & putt at the Golf Club Cà Laura. It will be possible to taste typical products of the zone at the agritourism.

Among the excursions suggested for May 1st there is also the one with the Nena, a renovated Venetian bateau which will take visitors from Comacchio to the Valli of Ostellato with a funny animation. In the meanwhile, visitors will be able to enjoy typical products. Meeting time at 9 am, at the embarkment of Argine Fattibello

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