



## Parks and Trails Sheet

### General information

Name of the Park/Trail	Botanical Garden of the Carabinieri Department of Biodiversity of Follonica
Address	Via Bicocchi 2
City	Follonica (GR)

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## Description

The Carabinieri biodiversity department of Follonica manages and administers 7 nature reserves located in the southern part of Tuscany, in the province of Grosseto. The botanical garden is located within the walls that also enclose the Grand Ducal Palace collects the typical species present in these 7 areas.

- Tomboli Biogenetic Nature Reserve
- Scarlino Biogenetic Nature Reserve
- Belagaio Animal Population Nature Reserve
- Marsiliana Animal Population Nature Reserve
- Montecristo Biogenetic Nature Reserve
- Poggio Tre Cancelli Nature Reserve
- Duna Feniglia Biogenetic Protection Forest Reserve

The purpose of the garden is to enhance, promote and disseminate the environmental heritage present in the area. In particular, it represents small areas dedicated to the Poggio Tre Cancelli and Poggio Pedaletto Reserve, environments of smaller size but of high naturalistic value; to the Feniglia Dune Protection Reserve, a typical example of reforestation of the dune's quicksand, to defend the Orbetello Lagoon and to protect landscapes of particular aesthetic and testimonial value; to the Montecristo Nature Reserve for its environmental, historical and architectural characteristics and for being for years the subject of studies and research that have concerned the most disparate aspects; to the Belagaio and Marsiliana animal population reserves, areas consisting of plots and buildings intended for activities related to the breeding and training of the Maremma horse.

Inside the garden that surrounds the entrance to the offices we find two monumental trees, Ginkgo Biloba and a Washingtonia variety palm.

For any visits, contact the Carabinieri Department of Biodiversity of Follonica at the following addresses

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The department has entered into an agreement with the PRO LOCO FOLLONICA for what concerns the booking of visits.

For info and reservations [frontoffice@prolocofollonica.it](mailto:frontoffice@prolocofollonica.it)





## How to reach the Park

By car	<p>From the north-west (Turin - Genoa - Ventimiglia): A12 motorway mandatory exit (Rosignano), when you cross the S.S. Aurelia take the direction Grosseto and exit at Follonica nord and follow for Follonica centro.</p> <p>From the north-east (Venice - Bologna - Trieste): A1 motorway to Firenze Signa take the FI-PI-LI towards Livorno, at Collesalveti take the A12 towards Rome, then exit at Rosignano, then take the S.S. Aurelia towards Grosseto and exit at Follonica Nord and follow for Follonica centro.</p> <p>From the South (Naples - Bari): A1 or A24 to Rome, then the A12 to Civitavecchia where you then take the S.S. Aurelia northbound, until you reach Follonica center.</p>
By plane	Pisa airport about 110 km away
Assistance service for people with disabilities	YES
Embarkation/disembarkation of passengers with reduced mobility	with Courtesy chair and ambulift /Finger
Tactile paths for the blind and visually impaired	YES
There is a toilet room accessible with grab handles	YES
Eventual notes	From the airport, automated ecological shuttle "PEOPLE MOVER" to Pisa central

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	station. Then continue by regional train to Follonica
By train	
Nearest station	Follonica FS. Distance from Follonica railway station, about 800 meters on foot (10 minutes)
Assistance service for people with disabilities	YES
By public transport	
Eventual notes	We recommend consulting the <a href="http://www.at-bus.it">www.at-bus.it</a> website





### Car park

Public parking nearby	YES
Type of public parking floor	Asphalt
Presence of parking space reserved for people with disabilities	SI no. 6 of which 2 within the former Ilva Area in front of the Middle Schools, no. 4 at the administrative offices of the Municipality of Follonica ex - Director's Building.






## Pathway from the car park to the entrance

Route from the car park to the starting point	Flat
Distance from parking to entrance	150 meters
Type of trail surface	Asphalt and a small stretch in tile blocks
There are indicators and tactile maps	NO
Eventual notes	There is a main entrance accessible with a useful passage width of more than 90 cm
	
	





**Description of the Park and the internal pathways**

Length	150 meters
In the internal paths and paths there are maps and tactile signs for the blind	NO
Route description	At the beginning of the path and immediately after the access gate to the site, on the left we find Elisa Baciocchi's tank. The pavement is gravel.
	The marble basin comes from Canova's workshop and was recovered from the ruins of the Terme di Elisa in Montioni (LI)





	<p>Beyond the basin, always on the left, we find the Grand Ducal Palace built between 1817 and 1845, first as a timber warehouse, then as a food pantry and finally as the residence of Grand Duke Leopold II of Tuscany, during his travels in the Maremma. Today it is the headquarters of the Carabinieri biodiversity department of Follonica.</p>
<p>On the right we find the entrance to the botanical garden on gravel paving and with a double-leaf gate with a passage width of more than 90 cm.</p>	
	<p>The path inside the garden winds in a circular manner. Immediately on the left we find an information panel on the nature reserve of the Island of Montecristo.</p>





Typical species of the island of Montecristo

Continuing we find an information panel on the natural reserve of population of Marsiliana and Belagaio, where the breeding and conservation of the Maremma horse is carried out.





Walking inside the garden we can admire the typical plants of the area.



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	<p>Information panel on the Duna Feniglia and Tombolo Nature Reserve of Follonica and Scarlino. This area of the garden is intended to represent the typical vegetation of this area.</p>

**Bar/restaurant**

<p>Eventual notes</p>	<p>Inside the Botanical Garden there are no restaurants or bars.</p>
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## Toilets

Eventual notes	There are no toilets equipped for people with reduced mobility.
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## Medical practices/healthcare facilities

Hospitals near the property	Misericordia Grosseto Hospital Via Senese 161, phone +39 0564485111- 45 km Sant'Andrea Hospital and Emergency Room, Viale Risorgimento 43, Massa Marittima (GR) Tel +39 0566 9091111 – 30 km
Other healthcare facilities	Information point, toll-free number 8006133, open Monday to Friday from 8.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Nephrology and Dialysis Unit c/o Grosseto Hospital telephone +39 0564 485159 email <a href="mailto:alberto.papi@uslsudest.toscana.it">alberto.papi@uslsudest.toscana.it</a>  Ambulatorio Asl, Viale Europa 5 Follonica (GR) Tel +39 0566 909111 - 5 km

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