



Surface area : 600 hectares
Population : 1,5 millions residents
Region: Lombardia

Managing entity: Consorzio Parco Nord Milano
Address : Via Clerici, 150 -20099 Sesto San Giovanni (Milano)
Tel. : +39 2 24 10 16 1
Fax : + 39 2 24 10 16 220
e-mail : info@parconord.milano.it
web : www.parconord.milano.it



The Parco Nord Milano lies the town of Milan and in its outer cities, such as Sesto San Giovanni, Cinisello Balsamo, Bresso, Cormano and Cusano Milanino.

It is made up of green areas which once were industrial or uncultivated lands. Green areas cover nowadays a surface of more than 300 hectares and are rich of wide woods, meadows, hills, tree-lined roads and flowerbeds.

It is unique in Italy and similar to the best examples of European metropolitan parks. Historical and artistic complexes should be seen.

Several areas are going to be requalified: they will become green as well as equipped areas. The park is cleaned and supervised regularly.

Visitor Centers

Today a former group of farmhouses is the hub of the park, placed in the middle of the most frequented area and called **Cascina Centro Parco**. They are the spinal column of the park's organisation . The old barn has been refurbished and transformed into a depot for farm tractors and tools. Another part of the building hosts office rooms, staff rooms, designer's area , a meeting room and the **Centro di Documentazione Regionale A.R.E.A Parchi** on environmental education (www.areaparchi.it), while the characteristic arcade has been restored as an area dedicated to exhibitions, parties, and happenings.

Not only work place, but also for leisure, especially on Saturdays and on Spring Sundays.

Facilities and services

Besides the making of the park, the aim of Parco Nord Milano is to offer leisure facilities to citizens. There are 14 bowling greens, placed at different points of the park. Near the Cascina Centro Parco are found the two open-air chessboards and 2 equipped children areas.

Another place where to relax and socialise is the pic-nic area, which is fitted with plenty of tables and benches.

There are about 350 elderly people which tend the gardens with a few tools. This presence, which is organised and regulated by a special set of rules, functions as a "post" against the illegal activities and the squalor which might degrade the park.

The history and particular location of Parco Nord Milano within an urban context has committed the Consorzio to form a watch service, carried out by some professional foresters and a special Corp of over 90 voluntary environmental guards.

Festivals and popular events

The relation of Parco Nord Milano with schools is 14 years long; in fact, during the 1989/90, the park started promoting environmental education activities by sending the schools a visiting program. (over 300 every year, corresponding to over 7000 pupils). See

On top of that a new structure called Aula Verde has been recently restored to receive schools groups and families during week-end

Many activities such as music festivals and popular events are carried out throughout springtime which provide a genuine nature discovery area: among them we should mention the Kites Festival, a Jazz Music Festival, the Park Feast and the Environmental and Ecology Book Day.

Points of Interest

Though of recent foundation, Parco Nord features two historical villas of remarkable architectural and artistic value. Villa Torretta, built in 1500 and abundant in frescoes of the XVIII c. is now refurbished into a prestigious Congress Hall and Hotel (see). Villa Manzoni is placed on the north side along the omonymous road at Brusuglio di Cormano.

