

Pordenone, IV November Park

The Parco IV Novembre is still today called by many inhabitants of the “public garden” because it was built around 1856 by the civic administration, taking advantage of the space created between the centre and the Cappuccini district after the construction of the railway embankment.

In 1903 the garden hosted an important Agricultural Exhibition and then regularly the animal market, moved from Piazza della Motta, where it was held every Wednesday from 1594, leaving however the market of grains and herbs at the square facing the Castle.

It is therefore likely that the design of the park has taken into account its main use as a “Forum Boarium”, both for the numerous radially arranged accesses and for the concentric planting of the trees, designed to allow the animals to be taken and ensuring that they stop at the shade during the summer heat.

The circular series originally consisted of horse chestnuts (plants with high shading power) cut during the Great War and then replaced with lime trees, certainly already present in the most central area of the park. In successive epochs different evergreens were inserted, often without design criteria, such as spruce, cypress, yew and thuja.

The circular pattern of the garden today is highlighted by some examples of laurel, pruned with elegant conical or cylindrical geometry.

Parco IV Novembre carries out an important function of ecological connection between the Querini Park, the tree-lined area of Piazzale Marcolin and the green banks of Noncello, guaranteeing continuity to the green belt that embraces the city, extending from the opposite side to the Galvani Park for then continue, almost without interruption, towards the Parco di Castello di Torre, through the Seminary Park.

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