

## **Pordenone, Querini Park**

The Querini Park is the first garden that was designed in Pordenone with the intention of creating an important green space to frame the adjacent mansion built at the beginning of the twentieth century by the Querini family.

The villa had an eclectic style as professed by the architectural fashion of the time, with references to the Gothic, Medieval and Renaissance periods. Giandomenico Ruppolo di Caneva, the creator of the Don Bosco College and the buildings of the Seminary in Pordenone, participated in the design of the building, in addition to the engineer Luigi Querini.

The villa was demolished in the seventies of the twentieth century.

The architectural style of Querini Park follows the romantic patterns typical of the English style: it was created mainly to enhance the scenic beauty of the house that surrounded, also taking advantage of the possibilities offered by existing natural elements, such as tall trees and a pond, still existing, on which the villa was mirrored.

The pond, rather curious, did not have a mere aesthetic function, but was also exploited economically because the water collected was sold to the nearby railway station, to be used in the steam locomotives boilers.

In the park, to ensure that exotic touch much appreciated by the bourgeoisie of the time, were planted some of the first local palm specimens of Fortunei or Chinese palm, planted in Europe from the Far East and very fashionable as an ornamental plant towards the end of the 19th century, when the great resistance to the cold was verified.

The Querini Park is the public green area that more creeps into the city centre.

It has an important role as a landscape, as it is located in one of the key points of access to the city, as it faces the railway station.

In addition to this it has relevance for sustainable mobility, both because it is crossed by a cycle path, and for the central avenue that crosses it: widely used by pedestrians to reach Contrada Maggiore, that is the historic centre of Pordenone, with a pleasant path immersed into the green.

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