

Pordenone, Parco Galvani

Near the historic centre of Pordenone, you can visit the Galvani Park, a large irregular green area that extends around an ancient villa. The building was probably built at the end of the eighteenth century, as a residence of the Galvani family, who lived there until 1900.

The park, of late-romantic style, was designed following the compositional canons of the "English garden" of the eighteenth century, and it is still possible to immerse oneself in the evocative romantic atmosphere along the avenue of thick oaks, towards Viale Dante, and that of the Atlas cedars and magnolias on the opposite side.

The horse chestnuts in front of the main entrance of the villa are among the oldest examples of this elegant garden.

In the seventies of the twentieth century the municipal administration of Pordenone bought the park and the villa and subsequently started the redevelopment of the green area to be used as a public garden. Finally the villa was restored and enlarged, becoming a public gallery dedicated to art.

The structure is also home to the PAFF! (Palazzo Arti Fumetto Friuli!) A space open across all graphic and creative arts in general, from design to cinema. An artistic, cultural and even educational and professional centre that interacts with schools, universities and the business world.

In November 2010, inside the Galvani Park, the Museum of the Ancient Rose (MIRA) was inaugurated, which winds around the pond, on the slopes in front of the villa. It is a historical-educational museum itinerary on the Ancient Rose, a "walk" that allows you to recognize its characteristics, history and botanical connections.

An interesting collection of ornamental grasses has been added to the rose garden, serving as a light landscape counterpoint.

Along the path of the MIRA there are small rest areas, furnished with benches and shaded by small pergolas covered with climbing varieties: quiet "niches" from which to observe the flowers and the pond and re-read the phrases cut out in Corten steel "a rose it is a rose, it is a rose, it is a rose" and, next to the blossoming roses, "if they are roses they will bloom" or near the thorny roses "there is no rose without thorns"...

The Galvani Park thanks to the villa with the activities dedicated to art, to the garden with the wide and usable central lawn surrounded by the pedestrian path served by modern and functional seats, to the elegant rose garden and to the inclusive play area, is a real own recreational garden able to offer everyone moments of serenity and leisure.

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