

Pordenone, Parco San Carlo

The San Carlo park was once part of the properties of the Galvani family. It was acquired by the Municipality of Pordenone starting from the eighties of the last century, together with a part of the neighbouring San Valentino park.

The San Carlo park develops around an artificial lake that exploits the presence of the waters of the nearby Vallona canal.

The first news on the San Carlo lake, also known as the Roje lake, dates back to 1424, when it is said that a certain Stefano Marangon owned a sawmill for logs in that area.

From 1492 the area became the property of a Venetian family, the Alberti, who created a hammer, an entrepreneurial activity centred on a hydraulic system that exploited the motive power of water to move a hammer to work metals. This news allowed to suppose the presence of a more or less wide pond in the area of activity of the hammer.

In the second half of the nineteenth century, Valentino Galvani took possession of the factory and transformed it into a branch of his ceramics factory, making some changes, including the installation of a hydraulic turbine, necessary to supply the energy to knead the soil with which they produced ceramics.

In 1888, again the Galvani family transformed the former hammer into an electrical workshop with five employees and two alternating current generators. This was the first power plant in Pordenone, which remained in operation until 1969.

The specimens of plants that can be found inside it represent an interesting point of contact between the vegetation of dry soils and that of wet areas. The thematic green of this area is characterized by the presence of weeping willows, alders, beeches, hornbeams, yews and oaks.

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