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Parco naturale
La Mandria

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The **Mandria Park** is an important reality of environmental protection, habitat for wild fauna and the most significant example of lowland forest present in Piedmont. Established in 1978 as a regional "protected area", it has a core area surrounded by about 30 km wall and has a remarkable historical-architectural heritage consisting of over 20 buildings, including the Borgo Castello complex, numerous farms, the remains of a medieval village and two hunting lodges.

The Mandria Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Furthermore, walking through the paths and alleys of the park, we find ourselves in one of the most important sites of the Natura 2000 network: the network of parks and protected areas created by the European Union to coordinate and connect the different protected areas. In the park, in every season of the year, you can admire different scenarios and perform various activities. Late spring and summer are the months of flowering, autumn is the season for the deer's bell and foliage, in winter the paths remain trouble-free even with snow and you can admire the surrounding mountains cloaked in white. Entrance to the park is free, with opening hours variable following the seasons.

To get to know better this wide former royal hunting reserve, which is the largest fenced park in Italy, maybe in Europe, you need at least a whole day, or even better, a stay of a few days to enjoy the many services offered such as guided tours, visitor centers, farms and museums (the Royal Apartments at Borgo Castello).

The routes open to the public amount to over 40km (see map), so you have the option to hire bicycles, horses, carriages. The visit with the park guides, day and night, is the ideal way to get in touch with nature and learn about its delicate mechanisms. Let yourself be carried away by wilderness – many areas are forbidden without a guide. Special observation huts are also available for nature photographers. For school groups there are proposals for specific visits and education projects. For those who love outdoor sports, **La Mandria is truly an ideal place, with long shadowy paths, measured circuits and numerous events.**