



Within the framework of the 2024 EU Green week, dedicated to the topic of water resilience, the Comitato No Inceneritore a Santa Palomba Committee and the Ecomuseum Lazio Virgiliano, aware of the vital, historical and cultural value of water, are promoting a programme of events called "The Water Tree", to valorise the heritage of "resilient" water, existing in 11 municipalities of the Region of Lazio (Albano Laziale, Aprilia, Ardea, Ariccia, Genzano di Romagna, Lanuvio, Nemi, Pomezia, Rocca di Papa, Rome and Velletri) and which characterises the catchment area of the INCASTRO river, known in antiquity as the sacred Numico river.

The Incastro river constitutes the natural link between the great crater of the Latium Volcano and the Tyrrhenian Sea and is characterised by its tree shape that is also visible from the satellite. For this reason the 'Water Tree' is the title of our project.

With The Water Tree we intend to promote what is an authentic naturalistic heritage that is intertwined with an equally extraordinary patrimony of history, rich in testimonies linked to Latium Latinus and the places narrated in the Aeneid.

The articulated programme will be declined through a series of appointments. The first of them is scheduled for 8 June 2024, at which the complete programme will be presented, the existing naturalistic heritage will be illustrated the river contract as an instrument of valorisation will be discussed. Will follow guided tours in the catchment area on 9, 15 and 16 June and the final event on 22 June 2024 the experience gained during the previous events will be shared.

Representatives of territorial realities and experts (naturalists, archaeologists, historians) will participate in the activities as speakers, and the widest possible involvement of institutions and associations in the area will be promoted.

The recipients of the activities are students, families and all those interested in the knowledge and protection of the territorial water heritage.

ANCIENT ALBUNEA and the LAKE of TURNO (or of GIUTURNA) – 16.06.2024

On Sunday 16 JUNE will take place the last guided tour of an area rich in myths and history, narrated in the Virgil's Aeneid

The tour will start at 9.30 a.m. at the lake of Turno (or Giuturna) in Pavona of Castel Gandolfo. According to the myth, the goddess Giuturna, sister of King Turno, lived in this area and from her named a spring and the homonymous lake.

We'll continue to visit the Grotta del Fauno. It is a cavern flooded by waters flowing from a sulphurous spring inside. It is a magical place chosen by the Latin priests for their rituals. Virgil himself writes in the Aeneid that the Latin king went to the cave of his father Faunus, considered the ancestor of the Latins, to consult his oracle, and it was here that he learned that his daughter Lavinia would marry a foreign hero (Aeneas).

Then we'll visit the Solfatara lakes: the white lake with its numerous water springs that make it sizzle with a highly suggestive visual effect, and the Red Lake, whose colours are due to the presence of the algae that gives this particular colour to the mirror of water.