



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 Roma, 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.

## **Lake of Nemi and latin emissary – 09.06.2024**

9 JUNE 4.30 p.m.

The inauguration of the Temple of Diana in the volcanic crater of Lake Nemi coincided with the construction of a 1653-metre-long underground artificial emissary that...

The sacred waters of Lake Nemi, with the federal sanctuary of the LATIN peoples dedicated to Diana, were connected to those of the great river basin of the Incastro River by an artificial outflow built in the 6th century BC. This is an extraordinary work of Latin hydraulic engineering, unique in the world for its length of over 1600 metres and built by the Latins with an excavation technique that is still surprising today for its connection capacity.

The Latins were, in fact, masters in the art of hydraulics. The artificial emissary kept the level of the lake constant by channelling the water into the ditch of the Incastro, an ancient Numicus river, passing through the Ariccia valley to Ardea.



Aims of the visit: to promote knowledge of Lake Nemi and the Latin effluent, the history of the area and the hydraulic art of the Latins.