

# Golene Foce Secchia Park

"Drainage systems, syphons, embankments and meanders:  
the river's strength and man's cleverness"

**Managing institution:** Agreement between the towns of Moglia, Quingentole, Quistello and San Benedetto Po and the Consorzi di Bonifica dell'Emilia Centrale and Terre dei Gonzaga in Destra Po organisations

**Established in:** 2005

**Area:** 1,177 hectares

**Protection status:** Supra-municipal interest local Park

**Year of joining Mantuan Oltrepò**

**Parks System:** 2007

## Information

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The **Golene Foce Secchia Park** (a Supra-municipal interest local Park) encloses the final section of the Secchia river, from the border with Emilia until it meets the Po. Here, the Apennine tributary winds along between high embankments which delineate floodplains significantly smaller than those of the Great Po River.

Set up in 2005, the Park covers an area of around 1,200 hectares, including territory from the municipalities of Quistello, Quingentole, San Benedetto Po and Moglia, and encloses agricultural systems and natural river environments, connected by a wide network of inter-farm roads which fan out from the main embankments.

Even more so than for the agricultural and natural areas, the wilderness area is characterised by **territorial geomorphology** dominated by tight **meanders** of the river and major hydraulic systems, testimony of the thousand-year-long work by the people of the Mantuan Oltrepò to manage the waters. In this regard, the **facilities of Mondine (a)** and **San Siro (b)**, as well as the **syphon (c)** with which the Mantua-Reggio Emilia Agro canal passes under the Secchia, delivering its own water into the Po at the Moglia di Sermide drainage plant, in the **Golenale del Gruccione Park**, are of notable interest.

The Park is particularly suitable for cycling for young people and others thanks to the 30 km circular panoramic path which runs along the top of the embankment, alongside significant historical, artistic and hydraulic sights (**Polirone Abbey**, **Pieve matildica di San Fiorentino church** and **Gorni Museum** of Nuvolato, **the Bondanello drainage system (d)**, the **San Prospero syphon**, etc.) and connects to the wilderness areas of the **Mantuan Oltrepò Parks System** via the **Parks Cycle Route**. The Secchia cycle ring is also part of the **Eurovelo EV7** route and the **province of Mantua cycle routes 3d and 3s**.

