

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills in various shades of green, with a brown path winding through them. On the left, there is a green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the tree. The background consists of light blue and white wavy bands representing the sky.

# PARKS and GARDENS

*Most important and famous  
green areas around Bologna*

# MARGHERITA GARDENS

*It is the largest and certainly the most popular city park. It provides Bologna with an ample green and public place.*

*It is vaguely inspired by the English romantic parks: big tree-lined avenues, a little lake surrounded by artificial gypsum cliffs, wide lawns, oaks groves and other more natural edges, a series of considerable samples trees, mainly exotics.*

*Now it is possible to admire a fine Travertine grave at the edge of the central lawn.*

*On the south side of the lake it is possible to see a short open-air section of the ancient Savena canal.*



# MONTAGNOLA PARK

*It is the oldest park of Bologna and it has always been a location used for performances, games and sport competitions.*

*This park is open to the public since 1664.*

*In 1896, in the park, were built a monumental flight of stairs and a circular basin in the middle of the garden.*

*In Montagnola, there are also centuries-old plane trees from the Napoleon period.*



# VILLA GHIGI PARK

The park is located on the first hill slopes south of the city, just outside Porta San Mamolo. It has a surface of 28 hectares.

Open in 1975 the park is a perfect example of the typical hill landscape. Since 2004 Fondazione Villa Ghigi has been running the park proposing special educational guided tours about season cycles and vegetation.



# BOTANICAL GARDEN

The Botanical Garden of the University of Bologna is one of the oldest in Italy. It was founded in 1568.

The total area is about two hectares, reaching the ancient city walls.

It shows unique collections of plants and the reconstruction of natural areas in which the species are associated just like in natural areas.

The greenhouses are four: two contain tropical plants and two others a collection of succulents. Other sectors include medicinal plants, ornamental area, the forest.



