Guide to the parks in the hills of Bologna

San Luca



San Luca is a basilica famous for its circular shape and for the painting behind the altar of the legendary Madonna of San Luca which is carried once a year down to the center to the Cathedral of San Pietro on Via Indipendenza.

Starting point: Meloncello Arch after Porta Saragozza

Route: it winds for four kilometers under a portico of over 600 arches: the longest in the world!

Get ready to climb a lot of stairs!

Basilica hours:

Every day

Church: from 7:00 am a to 7:00 pm

Courtyard: from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

San Michele in Bosco



Starting point: Remo Scoto Garden at via Codevilla n. 5

Route: from the Remo Scoto Garden, first follow the path that then becomes a dirt road and winds up hill until you reach the level of the Rizzoli hospital. Below you will find the panoramic square in front of the Church of San Michele in Bosco.

Church hours:

Every day from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Villa Ghigi



Starting point: Porta San Mamolo

Routes:

- Entrance via San Mamolo Norma Mascellani Garden: the lower entrance is located off via San Mamolo, starting at the Mascellani Garden, where you'll find a newsstand and an ice cream stand. Very close to Camplus Valverde, below the residence to the left. The beginning of the road is paved and residential, then it becomes a dirt road as you go futher into the park and uphill.
- Entrance via Gaibola: to access the upper part of the park, where there is also a parking lot.

Hours:

Always open

Casa del Custode



The Casa del Custode is a lovely building inside Villa Ghigi where you can relax surrounded by greenery and eat while enjoying a great view.

Opening hours:

Closed on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday

Thursday, Friday: 6:30 - 10.30 pm

Saturday: 6:30 - 11:30 pm

Sunday: 6:30 - 10:00 pm

Check the hours outside the summer season

Parco San Pellegrino



Starting point: Porta Saragozza

Route: Walk along the entire via Saragozza until you reach the level of Villa Spada. From behind Villa Spada take the CAI 914 trail (see the map on the next page). To reach the most panoramic part, continue along a section of via Casaglia, always uphill. You can see the Basilica of San Luca from a particular angle.

Hours: Always open



Ai 300 scalini



A small outdoor bar hidden behind a vineyard that organizes, especially during the summer months (May/June - September/October), events such as concerts, theater performances, stand up comedy, poetry readings, yoga classes, etc. The association takes care of a charming garden of medicinal plants.

to follow the blog: http://ai300scalini.blogspot.com/
to buy tickets: https://www.facebook.com/ai300scalini/?locale=it_IT

Parco Talon



aka Parco della Chiusa

Starting point: take bus #20 from via dell'Indipendenza (in front of H&M) towards Casalecchio di Reno. Get off at the Casalecchio San Martino stop (where you see the orange-colored little church of the same name)

Routes: there are several paths in the woods, in the meadows, along the Reno river, and also in the hills. Check the map of the trails directly on the <u>website</u>. Try the ancient Bregoli trail, which can be done in a loop starting from the Church of San Martino, reaching up to the Basilica of San Luca, descending down the San Luca portico towards via Saragozza, returning to the center.

Hours:

Always open

Agriturismo Parco della Chiusa



Inside the Parco della Chiusa, or Parco Talon, there is a farmhouse where you can eat and also stay overnight. It offers typical Bolognese products and a place to relax and admire the beauty of the Bologna countryside. **Don't miss the lavender field in spring.**The farmhouse organizes events related to nature and agriculture.

We suggest visiting the website to check the hours, availability and event calendar: https://www.agriturismoparcodellachiusa.it/