

The River Savio has its source in the western side of Monte Fumaiolo and winds for 96 km. along the valley. Its natural track has been preserved relatively well and, in the territory of Cesena, it shows an environment which is one of the purest of the whole Romagna.

These were the premises to the birth, in 1993, of the River Savio Natural Park, 6 km. long around a loop which once hosted a cave, few meters from the two historical bridges of Cesena. According to the project the area is destined as follows: a part will be turned into a humid area for nidification and rest of birds, a part is already destined to the use of citizens in search of nature and of school classes, as well.

A foot path already follows most of the boundaries of the Park, and is also available for bikers (mostly on the left bank, near the loop of Ca' Bianchi). However there are other places of interest along the Park, beginning from the New Bridge of Cesena, followed by the Old Bridge (nearby, the landing-stage for canoeing). Then, the entrance to the didactical path and a bridge-passage for bikers and pedestrians (a first ford has been realized a few meters after, near the parking). After that, the Electric Central Brenzaglia, good example of industrial archeology. Then you find the loop of Ca' Bianchi, with another ford, and finally the mill of Mulino Cento, which represents the southern border of the Park.

Very interesting are the species of animals and plants which you can find inside the Park. The trees divide the area in two belts: the one near the waters shows white willows with black and white poplars; the second presents locust-trees. Although the Park is relatively small, many animals are visible here, both birds (herons, king-fishers, woodpeckers and raptors) and mammals (hares, porcupines, foxes, roe-deers, etc.)

The realization and the administration of the Park belong to the Association for the River Savio Natural Park. It produces didactical and promotional initiatives, including refresher courses for teachers and experiences for pupils. Eventually, in the seat of the Association a video centre and a library are available.