The “Villa Bagnara” Visitor Centre is located in Masone, a little inland town 40 km far from Genoa. Masone is one of the ten municipalities involved in Beigua Regional Nature Park, recognized as European and Global Geopark under the auspices of UNESCO.

The Visitor Center covers an area of 195 m² including permanent and temporary exhibitions, audiovisual hall and conference room.

The “Villa Bagnara” Visitor Center deals with the issue of traditional activities and typical products of Parco del Beigua with the help of modern multimedia equipment giving the visitor the opportunity to discover the traditions of the rural culture in the Park valleys through a universe made of sounds, fragrances and tastes.

The permanent exhibition is composed of four different halls.

The first hall is dedicated to the Park area and its natural resources: biodiversity, geodiversity, history.

A multimedial model provides informations about the physical features of the Beigua Park – Beigua Geopark, the trails network, the geosites map, the touristic facilities and so on.

The second hall is dedicated to the local products of the wood such as soft fruit, mushrooms, officinal herbs; a special site hosts the wonderful world of bees and honey.

Passing through the third exhibition hall the visitor receives informations about the historical culture of the local chestnut cultivation and about its own economy.

The fourth hall enables to know the milk spinneret and all kind of workings in the local dairy farms to produce cheese, yogurt, etc.

Different screenings about nature and human activities are shown in a dedicated hall.

Inside the Visitor Center a Geopark Corner is available to have informations about the Beigua Geopark and the International Networks of Geoparks (EGN and GGN).

During all the year the Visitor Center hosts cultural events, temporary exhibitions, lectures, workshops, educational programmes and training courses.

The Visitor Center is open by previous booking for schools and organized groups.

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