



Museo
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GEOLOGICAL SECTION - MADONIE GEOPARK MUSEUM

The Madonie constitute a territory of enormous geological interest; the fact is that in it rocks outcrop that cover a time span of over 200 million years and are representative of the geology of Sicily. The Geopark museum has collections of rocks and fossils coming from the Madonie area, for purposes of study, research and promotion. The geological history of the Madonie Nature Park, the environments of formation of rocks and their evolution in time are presented to the visitor.



The Museum at Petralia Sottana



Interactive room



Educational programme



Rock library

The Geopark is a territory that includes a particular geological inheritance and through a strategy of sustainable territorial development supported by the European Community promotes its growth, knowledge of it and tutelage of it. The geo-palaeontological collection on display is the result of the tireless work of study and collection that the geologist Giuseppe Torre carried out in the Madonie in his professional and scientific life. His admirable studies made it possible to discover 7 new fossil species, as recognized by authors, who have named no fewer than 3 of the new species found after him. The animal groups discovered as fossils in the Madonie belong to classes of Sponges, Lamellibranches, Cephalopods, Gastropods, Foraminifers and Corals. The interior of the museum is divided into three sectors: 1) The earth, geo-chronology and palaeography; 2) Interactive area: it represents an environment typical of the Madonie about a million years ago, faults, folds, and karst and fluvial phenomena; 3) Fossil collections, ammonites and structural forms of the Madonie. The Geopark is a museum conceived for everybody, but above all for young people, for them to develop full awareness and respect in relation to the memory of the earth, as well as representing a starting point for undertaking the different geological and natural itineraries inside the Madonie Park. Itineraries created: Geological path, The Stones and the water and Geological-urban path.

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Opening times:

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