












European Geoparks Week in Madonie Geopark Italy 2016







Dates of geoparks week: **14th May to 11th June**

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Category	Date dd.mm.	Activity / Event
1. Geo & Geo     	14.05.	Geo & Geo risk – The hydrogeological risk, one of Madonie Geopark’s calamity – Caltavuturo – A new dedication to the Madonie Geopark section at the Civic Museum and a conference titled “The hydrogeological upheaval in the Madonie Geopark. Precautionary measure and mitigation of a territorial and social risk in actual fact”. Professional Continuous Updating (PCU) credits for geologists will be available by Regional Order for Sicily’s Geologists (ORGS).
	20.05.	Geo & Mine – The Salt trail – Petralia Soprana – Guided walk along the Salty River trail to discover complicated geological matters bringing out the purest salt mine in Europe. Natural and anthropic environmental impact will be considered. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.
	21.05.	Geo & Geomorphology – Tiberio Gorge attracts geo-tourists from all over the world – San Mauro Castelverde – A guided tour deep inside the gorge offering one of the most natural corner of Madonie Geopark.
	21.05	Geo & Geomorphology – Geotourism and outstanding geological sciences in the Madonie Geopark - Isnello – A guided walking tour, in holistic approach, through the Geological Urban Path to explore the strong connection between rocks and man, the local hydrographical evolution on a near deep gorge, faults planes and paleo-channels evidence. Beautiful natural views will embellish a very didactic excursion. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.
	28.05.	Geo & karstic landscape – A close view at our karstic landscape – Petralia Sottana (Piano Battaglia) – An easy walk all around at the Battaglietta swallow-hole to find out the most important open air and underground karst phenomena.

	<p>28.05.</p>	<p>Geo & Geotourism – Geotourism and outstanding geology for Madonie Geopark – Caltavuturo – A guided rise to the top of a strategic mountain and one of the first geological path in the Madonie to follow, layer by layer, hundred millions of years. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.</p>
	<p>02.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Minerals\Mines – The sulphur paths – Caltanissetta – A guided tour in the inner sulphur basin of Sicily and a visit to the historic linked Mineralogical and Palaeontological Museum founded in 1866. Only here will be possible to understand what happened during the Messinian, the last age of the Miocene, and how the “carusi”, children-aged laborers, spent their lives working hard in dark and terrifying sulphur mines. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.</p>
	<p>03.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Urban Geological Path - Geotourism and outstanding geology for Madonie Geopark – Petralia Sottana – Walking through the Geological Urban Path where a new Regional geosite has been validated by the Regional Department for Territory and Environment. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.</p>
	<p>04.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Geosites - Geotourism and outstanding geology for Madonie Geopark – Petralia Sottana, Sant’Otiero Geosite – A scientific guided visit to the new National Sant’Otiero geosite validated by the Regional Department for Territory and Environment where a very rare fossil in Italy, the Daonella Tirolensis, is well displayed in a beautiful outcrop. PCU credits for geologists will be available by ORGS.</p>
<p>2. Geo & Culture/Music/Literature/Arts/Food /Sport/etc.</p>		
	<p>15.05.</p>	<p>Geo & Food/Sport – History and Feelings, Tastes and Emotions – Blufi – A peculiar festival about wild fennel, a very popular vegetable useful for Mediterranean Diet. Sport events, and folk music and crafts fair will be available. All connected to the strong cultural identity of the little Blufi village where an oil spring is still considered miraculous.</p>
	<p>21.05.</p>	<p>Geo & Sport – Orienteering is useful to know and live Madonie Geopark – Geraci Siculo – The 18th Orienteering Regional championship for Schools will be inside one of the most beautiful village in Madonie and Italy.</p>

	<p>21.05. 22.05.</p>	<p>Geo & Anthropological Culture – Spring Feast – Castellana Sicula – The local tourist office in collaboration with Castellana Sicula municipality will celebrate the Spring Feast 2nd Edition to say more, this year, about “Our Village” and promote local products and their/our cultural heritage. The only Ethno-Anthropological Museum in a very interesting archaeological area will worth a visit.</p>
	<p>04.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Farm holidays – Holiday farm in self-defence against hydrogeological risks – Castellana Sicula, Agriturismo Gelso - An invitation to visit the Farm holidays, Agriturismo Gelso, to find out how to protect land from hydrogeological risks and how to spend a holiday in nature and eat in a traditional way under an Environmental Quality Hallmark.</p>
	<p>05.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Landscape – Between “manna”, ancient olive trees to Tiberio Gorge – Pollina – Guided visit to the Manna Museum and Pollina village then a walk, to discover life in the country and wild landscapes, to reach Tiberio Gorge, a perfect geo-place to relax and enjoy your holiday.</p>
	<p>05.06</p>	<p>Geo & Archaeology – Monte d’Oro Geosite in a strategic location – Collesano – Ecological holistic guided walk to the top Gold Mount to visit an Arab-Norman archaeological site where the strategic settlement “Qal’at as-sirat”, i.e. The Rock on the right way, between Mediterranean Sea and Madonie Geopark.</p>
	<p>11.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Geotourism – Geo in the Geotouristic resources and Art in the linked Cultural resources - Petralia Soprana, Raffo Mine – Guided holistic visit along Salso River and visit to the Contemporary Art Museum Under Salt inside the salt mine. Underground is possible to admire and interpret permanent installations and salt statue carved during the International Biennial for Salt Sculptures 2011, 2013 and 2015. PCU credits for geologists will be available by the Regional Order of Geologists of Sicily (ORGS).</p>
<p>3. Geo & Education</p> 	<p>22.05.</p>	<p>Geo & Family Edu – Discovering why family choose to meet in an Educational Environmental Centre – Cefalù – A guided walking tour for families, around the Environmental Centre, to discover a magic ecosystem in a superb view dominated by imposing quartz rocks carved by time and painted by variegated lichens.</p>

   	<p>24.05.</p> <p>27.05.</p> <p>28.05.</p> <p>05.06.</p>	<p>Geo & Water Edu – Roks, water and “genius loci” in use in Scillato territory – Scillato – A guided visit at the Water Museum for pupils and teenagers of Madonie Geopark and a walk to the near gorge that is an interesting but informal geosite indicated on the book “<i>Geosites Atlas - In the Madonie Park area</i>”.</p> <p>Geo & Clean Edu - The new Legambiente Environmental Centre “The griffon-vulture” is going into action – Petralia Sottana (Piano Battaglia) – A day to clean the greatest doline in Madonie, where once clean and shallow waters gave birth to our corals now up in a mountain at 1,600 m a.s.l.</p> <p>Geo & Good Health Edu – Nordic Walking is good for body and soul – Petralia Sottana (Piano Battaglia) – Lesson and proof on how Nordic Walking can help geotourism along the first geological path of Sicily and on how is possible to maintain good health.</p> <p>Geo & European Edu – Discovering why European boys and girls choose to meet in an Educational Environmental Centre – Cefalù – A guided walking tour for teenagers coming from Italy, Spain and Poland around the Environmental Centre, to discover a magic ecosystem in a superb view dominated by imposing quartz rocks carved by time and painted by variegated lichens.</p>
<p>4. Geo & EGN/GGN</p>     	<p>10.06.</p> <p>04.07.</p> <p>05.07.</p> <p>06.07.</p>	<p>Madonie Geopark PPF Workshop “Madonie Geopark: between Past that’s present and Present for Future” to close Madonie EGN Week 2016 and long-term planning Madonie EGN Week 2017. At the workshop with a legal aid by Regional Government, open to everyone care sustainable development, will participate the Regional Minister for Territory and Environment of all Sicily.</p> <p>Pollino Geopark - A delegation from Madonie Geopark and a delegation from Regional Department for Territory and Environment of Sicily will attend the 8th Workshop of the Italian Geoparks organized by Pollino Geopark in middle-southern Italy.</p> <p>The workshop will involve all Italian Geoparks and three days under the subject “UNESCO Global Geoparks: protection, enhancement and management of geodiversity.”</p>