

The Ice Trail

The production of natural ice, which developed in the Pistoiese mountains between the end of the 1700s to the mid-1900s, was centred in the Reno valley between the villages of Le Piastre and Pracchia. At that time thousands of tons of ice were produced used water from the river, the low winter temperatures and an ingenious system of artificial channels and lakes. An example of this production process is the Madonnina Iceworks (at Le Piastre). The Madonnina represents the 'workplace' on the Ecomuseum's blue trail, while educational activities take place in the study and exhibition centre in Pracchia. This features working models, instruments used in the making of ice, and a multi-media room.



Ghiacciaia della Madonnina (Madonnina Iceworks)

*SR 66, Le Piastre:
Guided tours
by appointment*

Polo didattico (Study and exhibition centre)

*Via della Noce, Pracchia
From April to June and
from September to October,
Saturdays and Sundays
4-7pm
July and August
From Tuesdays to Sundays
4-7pm*

