

WHV – Volunteering in Foreste Casentinesi Ancient Beech Forests

Ancient and Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and Other Regions of Europe, Italy

Natural property inscribed on the
World Heritage List since 2007

20/06/2018 – 30/06/2018



This transboundary property stretches over twelve countries. Since the end of the last Ice Age, European Beech spread from a few isolated refuge areas in the Alps, Carpathians, Dinarides, Mediterranean and Pyrenees over a short period of a few thousand years in a process that is still ongoing. The successful expansion across a whole continent is related to the tree's adaptability and tolerance of different climatic, geographical and physical conditions.

Project objectives:

The aim of the project is to support and promote the main activities of the National Park Foreste Casentinesi while offering the volunteers an authentic experience of its daily life, with a strong focus on the ancient forest, under the supervision with the Foreste Casentinesi National Park authorities and the Forest Service of Carabinieri Corps. The project will have a special focus on the fauna and flora of the site.

Project activities:

The volunteers will restore trekking paths inside the buffer zone, remove trash, and clean bushes and branches, and monitor endangered species of the fauna – especially wolves. In addition, they will check the perimeter of the non-access integral reserve zone to preserve and maintain the paths of the forest. The volunteers will also have the opportunity to bond with the local communities and tourists to gain knowledge and raise awareness on the values of the World Heritage site and sustainable management principles.

Partners:

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