

DIPARTIMENTO DI ARCHITETTURA, INGEGNERIA DELLE COSTRUZIONI E AMBIENTE COSTRUITO

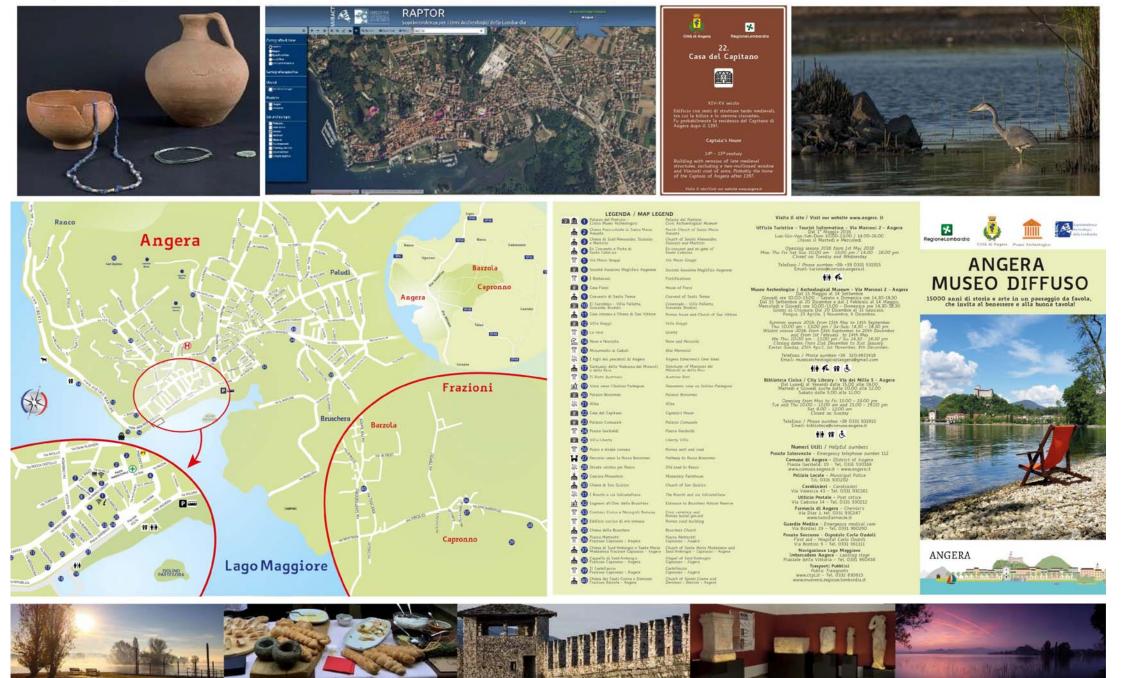


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ANGERA OPEN-AIR MUSEUM

Angera is an old town in the Province of Varese on Lake Maggiore. The surrounding area contains important Roman and prehistoric sites. In the medieval period it was an important base of the Viscontis, and later the Borromeo family. In 1982 the Archaeology Museum was opened, which since 2010 has focussed on local heritage development projects. 2012 saw the start of a research and revision project leading to the digitalization of the museum inventory and data concerning archaeological discoveries in Angera from 1442 up to the present. These records regarded 300 sites, published in di Città in Città, edited by Cristina Miedico and Grazia Facchinetti. In collaboration with the Lombardy Archaeology Superintendency, and thanks to funding from Angera Council, these sites have been inserted into the new superintendency WebGIS, named 'RAPTOR. This archaeological map constitutes the database for all Angera's sites of artistic and historic importance, which include the famous Rocca di Angera (the castle), numerous churches and the Austrian port, together with stunning landscape that includes the Bruschera Nature Reserve, San Quirico Hill, the vineyards and countryside of the Ronchi and Barzola and Capronno village.



On May 1st 2016, following work which has involved the entire community, the council inaugurated the Angera Open-Air Museum, the first such census of the municipal territory. Forty sites of archaeological, historical, artistic, ethnographic, religious, environmental and landscape importance were selected. For each one descriptions at three levels of detail, in Italian and English, were prepared: a definition, a brief summary, and a more detailed description. The definitions and brief summaries appear on 40 bilingual signs, one placed next to each site. These panels were prepared in accordance with road sign regulations, using a highly legible font. Each one is connected to the site www.angera.it, where longer, bilingual site descriptions may be found. The first site is the Palazzo del Pretorio, a fifteenth-century building which is now home to the Archaeology Museum and the Open-Air Museum Information Centre, Nucleo Centrifugo. The area provides WiFi and visitors can receive and download all the necessary information and obtain a printed map; walking and cycling itineraries start here. Routes suitable for families with small children, people with physical or cognitive difficulties, and guided tours in various languages are available, as well as for the deaf with sign-language guides. The website also contains pages about local history and traditions, food and wines, the landscape, legends, pathways and itineraries, and is linked to visitor reception

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