

## Ecomuseums

### The Fortress of Riolo

#### Museum of the landscape of the Faentan Apennine



The Fortress of Riolo, ancient stronghold of the Senio Valley, was built like its village towards the end of the 15<sup>th</sup> century, in order to protect the city of Bologna..

The Fortress, which used to hold a defensive function, is a splendid example of the military fortification that followed the evolution of offensive techniques during the late Middle Ages. The main core, still quite complete and well visible, was actually modified and widened, in particular **following the invention of gunpowder artillery**. The fortress presents a typology called “of transition”, in which are mixed medieval and renaissance architectural characteristics, like the moat and storm drains allowing plunging fire or the rooms equipped with embrasures allowing supporting grazing fire.



**The tour of the museum** expands on three floors. From the cellar to the highest floors you will be able to live the adventures of medieval knights wearing and clasping instruments used in battle, to discover the functioning of war machines, to listen to the tales of Caterina Sforza, and to learn construction techniques used during the Middle Ages.

In the central tower the archaeological section hosts finds from the Age of Iron to the roman period. In the section dedicated to the landscape, informative panels, binoculars and a 3D viewer offer a wide sight of the surrounding area.

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## Where to find us

The Fortress of Riolo is located in the centre of Riolo Terme (RA).

Leave the A14 motorway at Imola (BO) or Faenza (RA)

*From Imola:* take the via Emilia in the direction of Rimini until arriving in Castelbolognese, there take the SS. 306 for about 9 km until arriving in Riolo Terme

*From Faenza:* take the via Emilia in the direction of Bologna until arriving in Castelbolognese, there take the SS. 306 for about 9 km until arriving in Riolo Terme - [map](#)

## Rates

\* Entrance: € 3 per person

\* Reductions: € 2 per person (*children up to 12 years old, over 65*)

\* Guided tours (*including the entrance*): € 4 per person

\* Free for children under 6 years old and for disabled people

Opening hours and periods, conventions, links and more on the [Useful information page](#).