



Parco del Valentino

Torino, Viale Virgilio

The biggest green area in town: parco San Valentino stands in a wonderful position, less than 1km from Porta Nuova railway station, facing the hill and running along the left bank of the river Po, between Umberto I and Isabella's bridges.

The name has medieval origin, from then on it was used the name Valentino, which was used for the Royal residence and for Savoia's castle too.

Thanks to the French architect Barillet-Deschamps, from '800 the garden was restyled: alleys and woods were arranged including a riding track, and small lake used as *patinoire* during the winter.

Even before the work completion, the park started to be used as international expositions from 1829 and 1961. During the Esposizione Generale Italiana in 1884 was realised the

Borgo medievale: a rebuilt of a middle age area exactly as it was in Piemonte and Val D'Aosta.