

## DISCOVERING THE BEAUTY OF THE ITALIAN PARKS

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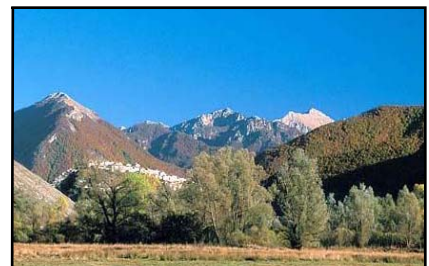
### **Abruzzo National Park**

Its current area of about 50,000 hectares includes 22 towns belonging to three Italian regions: Abruzzo, Latium and Molise. It is one of the oldest Apennine parks in Italy and it played a fundamental role in the preservation of some of the most important species of Italian fauna: Marsican Brown Bear, Chamois and Wolf. The mountains of the park are characterized by a varied landscape in which rounded peaks (typical of the Apennines) and steep slopes (typical of the Alps) alternate. The Sangro is its main river, into which many streams from the side valleys flow. Its flora is rich and interesting as well, consisting of about 2,000 species of superior plants.



### **Monti Simbruini Regional Park**

It covers an area of about 30,000 hectares of one of the most important mountainous complex of Central Italy, whose highest point is Mount Viglio (2,156 metres). The park is characterized by many woods (mainly beechwoods), which cover around 75% of its territory, and spring waters (indeed the name Simbruini comes from the Latin "sub-imbribus", in the rain). It is very rich in flora (especially in very rare endemic species), with beautiful bloomings during spring, and in fauna (wolves and Marsican bears).



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