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Opening times	Tuesday and Wednesday, opening on request by calling 051-780021 Thursday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m. Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday 3.30 p.m.-6.30 p.m.
Closure	Closed from 25 th December 2022 to 1 st January 2023.
Tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full price €5. • Reduced €2: residents in Castenaso, over 65, 14-18 years, university students, YoungERCard holders, Card Cultura holders, Coop members, groups over 10 people. • Free: people with disabilities and their companion, under 14, teachers, journalists, tourist guides, ministerial officials. On first Sunday of the month. <p>Guided tour: €2 per person, €1 for groups of more than 5.</p>

MUV Museo della civiltà Villanoviana

In 1853 Count Giovanni Gozzadini discovers in his *villa* in Villanova, near Bologna, the first archaeological ruins of a previously unknown italic culture, which he gave the name of "Villanovan", used by then.

This term refers to a proto-historic culture that developed not only in the Pianura Padana, but also in the central Italy (Tuscany, Lazio and Marche) and southern Italy (Campania).

Those same territories would have seen the development of the Etruscan civilization, of which the Villanovan period is considered the first stage.

The Marano necropolis

In 2007 in Marano di Castenaso, a Villanovan necropolis of VII century BC was discovered and the Museum now exhibits it. This necropolis is made up of 8 tombs by incineration and in each burial there is a funerary sign: river stones; sandstones and limestones; rectangular-shaped stones topped by a disk, there can be also a complicated low relief decoration. Alongside funerary stones, personal objects are displayed in Museum: not only biconical cinerary, but also ceramic and bronze vessels, employed during the funeral banquets and daily use. In addition, there are personal ornaments, such as brooches, dress-pins, bracelets and necklaces.

The Swords' Stone

The most relevant funerary sign of Marano necropolis is the "Swords' Stone". It is made of sandstone and is composed by a rectangle topped by a disk. The Stone is particularly precious and popular due to its complicated low relief decoration. On the top of the disk there is a fantasy beast, whose head is backwards, surrounded by 4 swords and 6 spoked wheel. On the bottom of the disk there's a duel between two warriors, whom are fighting with swords and wearing helmets, and a parade of ducks.

The Villanovan hut

Outside the MUV there is a life-size reconstruction of a completely furnished Villanovan hut of 2.800 years ago. Even if the materials of the hut are perishable, it has been possible to rebuild it using different types of sources: archaeological, material, visual and architectural.