

## Collodi

is a small village in Pescia, reachable in 2 minutes. This charming village is where Carlo Lorenzini, the author of the famous novel "The Adventures of Pinocchio", took his pen name. His mother was born in Collodi, and he spent a good part of his childhood there. The importance of this artist is felt as soon as you immerse yourself in the alleys of the historic center, where colorful paintings depicting the most famous scenes of the funny wooden puppet adorn the walls of the houses. As soon as you arrive, you will immediately notice the small houses perched on the steep hill like a fascinating "waterfall". In the upper part you will find the Ancient Fortress and the Parish Church of San Bartolomeo, from which you can enjoy breathtaking panoramic views, while in the lower part stands the majestic Villa Garzoni.

### The Pinocchio Monumental Park

is definitely the main attraction. It was created in 1951, when a group of artists participated in a competition announced by the then Mayor of Pescia for the creation of a decorative monument dedicated to Pinocchio. This led to the construction of the first part of the park and the Piazzetta dei Mosaici in 1956, where the main episodes of Pinocchio are reproduced through colorful mosaics all around the square. It offers a space for play and imagination for the youngest.



### Villa Garzoni

is a typical example of 18th-century Italian gardens, built on multiple levels and made into a true work of art thanks to the skillful interweaving of colorful flower beds, gushing fountains, statues and hedges pruned according to particular decorations. This creates a sense of movement that accompanies the visitor's gaze far and wide, and is made even more intense by the swans and ducks that swim freely in the two large ponds on either side of the entrance.



Inside there is also a more modern structure, the Butterfly House, a kind of tropical greenhouse that houses a wide variety of butterflies and exotic plants from all over the world, which you can admire in all their variety of colors. There are also numerous birds and parakeets that fly around inside.