

ITALIAN TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

10–16 May 2026

Bosco Buri – Verona (Italy)

LOGISTICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

– VOLUNTEERS & JUDGES–

The Italian Tree Climbing Championships 2026 (CITC) will take place at Bosco Buri (Verona) from 10 to 16 May. The preliminary phase for setting up the competition sites is scheduled from Sunday 10 May to Tuesday 12 May. Equipment inspection and competitions will take place from 13 May to 16 May, with a “free day” on Friday 15 May.

WHAT IS PROVIDED FOR VOLUNTEERS

All volunteers will be provided with:

- Accommodation (camping) from Sunday 10 May to Saturday 16 May. Mandatory check-out for everyone: Sunday 17 May at 10:30 AM.

The camping area will be located inside Villa Buri Park in Verona. The site is rustic: camping is possible with tents or camper vans, but without electricity, water connections, or waste disposal facilities.

Toilets and showers are available at Villa Buri.

- Takeaway lunches will be provided on:

Sunday 10 May

Monday 11 May

Tuesday 12 May

Wednesday 13 May

Thursday 14 May

Lunch on Friday 15 May will be provided only for volunteers involved in organizing the conference.

Lunch on Saturday 16 May will be provided only for those involved in the Masters event.

- Breakfast will be provided on:

Monday 11 May

Tuesday 12 May

Wednesday 13 May

Thursday 14 May

Breakfast on Friday 15 May will be provided only for volunteers involved in organizing the conference. Breakfast on Saturday 16 May will be provided only for those involved in the Masters event.

- Additional inclusions:

1 dinner on Saturday 16 May

Accident insurance coverage.

ACCOMPANYING PERSONS

Accompanying persons must organize their own meals. Accommodation is available, as for volunteers, in tents or camper vans inside Villa Buri Park, with a voluntary contribution payable on site to the Secretariat.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

12 April 2026, or earlier if the maximum number of volunteers is reached.

CONFERENCE – 15 MAY 2026

On the competition rest day, Friday 15 May from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM, an important conference titled “Ancient and Veteran Trees” will take place, focusing on the value and management of veteran and monumental trees. The keynote speaker will be Ted Green, who, with more than 50 years of scientific and practical experience, is considered one of the world’s leading authorities on veteran trees, fungi, and soil microorganisms associated with them.

He is also widely recognized for his educational and communication skills, having discussed tree health topics with the BBC and in professional publications. He is the author of the book “Treetime”, which recounts his professional experience. He will be joined by two other influential figures in modern arboriculture: Jill Butler and Reg Harris.

The conference will be simultaneously translated, ensuring full accessibility for all participants.

To partially cover organizational costs, a symbolic participation fee of €10 is required.

⚠ Places are limited. Registration for the conference must be completed through the general registration form, while payment will be made on site.

For participants not attending the Italian Tree Climbing Championships, registration and payment details will be announced later.

ARRIVAL OF JUDGES

While waiting for the final program to be published on the SIA website (www.isaitalia.org), please note that: **those participating as judges must be on site starting from Sunday 10 May at 8:30 AM.**

REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION

To participate, foreign volunteers must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Be SIA/ISA members
- Hold a valid professional certification or authorization for tree climbing work issued in their country.