LIPARI ISLAND, THE WESTERN SIDE
3-4 hours + bus transfer from/to Lipari town
difficulty: medium, elevation range 350 m
The walk begins from the kaolin quarries, exploited until the
1970s, where there are remains of former strong
hydrothermal activity; visit to the paleo-lake of Timpone
Pataso, the main site of paleobotanical interest of the island;
to the marine terraces along the coast which date back to
100,000 years ago; to the xeric Mediterranean grasslands of
Hyparrhenia hirta where a large populations of dwarf palm
Chamaerops humilis occurs; and finally to the archaeological
site of thermal bath of San Calogero (16th century BCE-4th
century CE).