

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).

