The Historic Garzoni Garden is a spell from the Eighteenth century which reached us intact. It is a unique and delicious (open for groups with a guide): there the guards the village of Castello, then the country house of the noble Garzoni family, eventually their luxurious residence. The stoup hill, which could prevent the making of a wide garden, served to create a stunning scene of greenery and water, and the large house became a four-storey villa that hides a cool Summer House and a chapel (both of them not open to visitors) at its back. The whole estate was sold in the second half of the 1920s by the last descendant of the Garzoni. Since then the Garzoni Villa and Garden passed to the hands of several owners in sequence. In precarious conditions in the early 2000s, thanks to the present owner in collaboration with the Fondazione Nazionale Carlo Collodi and the Sviluppo Turistico Collodi Ltd, it gained back its former glory, and the Collodi Butterfly House was added to it.

In the lower part of the Garden (parterre) and at the entrance, some buildings once for agricultural use now house services to the visitors: in the “Spazio di Resina” there is the ticket office and the Historical, Artistic and Environmental Documentation Centre, with a temporary exhibition area and the Permanent Exhibition on the Historic Garzoni Garden. This traces back the story of the Garden through a vintage TV documentary movie (1954) and large panels reproducing archival documents since 1500, old photographs, images of the Garden before and after restoration. Materials that cannot be found elsewhere, to discover which changes the Garden went through over the centuries, which architects worked here, who is the great Italian actor who shot a romantic movie in this location, which famous politicians have visited the place. The “Spazio di Pola” at the exit is home to the café-restaurant Villa Garzoni, with a nice outdoor area and a dining room overlooking the garden (open also for external customers).

The Garzoni Garden is joint to the Villa (not open to visitors) that raises above it. It was once a fortress to guard the village of Castello, then the country house of the noble Garzoni family, eventually their luxurious residence. The stoup hill, which could prevent the making of a wide garden, served to create a stunning scene of greenery and water, and the large house became a four-storey villa that hides a cool Summer House and a chapel (both of them not open to visitors) at its back. The whole estate was sold in the second half of the 1920s by the last descendant of the Garzoni. Since then the Garzoni Villa and Garden passed to the hands of several owners in sequence. In precarious conditions in the early 2000s, thanks to the present owner in collaboration with the Fondazione Nazionale Carlo Collodi and the Sviluppo Turistico Collodi Ltd, it gained back its former glory, and the Collodi Butterfly House was added to it.

The Historic Garzoni Garden and its restaurant can be the most beautiful setting for your wedding (authorization for the ceremony outside the Town Hall: Comune di Pescia), +39 0572 429613, to book the Garden and additional services: Fondazione Nazionale Carlo Collodi, +39 0572 429613)

The Collodi Butterfly House is a beautiful stone and crystal-made greenhouse, full of light and perfectly air-conditioned, with exotic plants in large terrariums. Here hundreds of tropical butterflies have the best conditions to live, fly, reproduce. They mainly come as chrysalides from specialized farms, develop to butterflies in a special incubator. Yet butterflies prove to live so well in this environment that many of them reproduce spontaneously. Eggs laid on leaves or branches, leaves chewed up to the stem by caterpillars, chrysalides hanging from the branches prove it. The butterflies feed on sweet nectar they suck from flowers, or fruits the staff prepares for them. Thanks to the Collodi Butterfly House, wonder makes us learn that both animal and vegetable life can and must keep a balance between them by a successful interaction, and the butterflies are back in the Garden Garzoni.