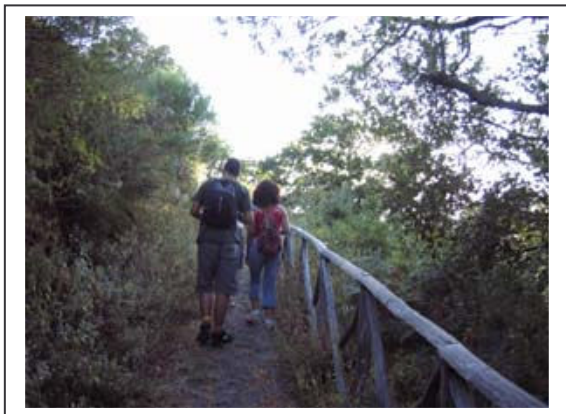
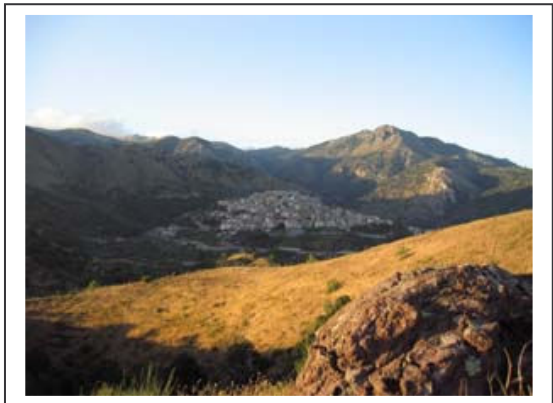


.....Walking on top of the inactive volcano Moio.....

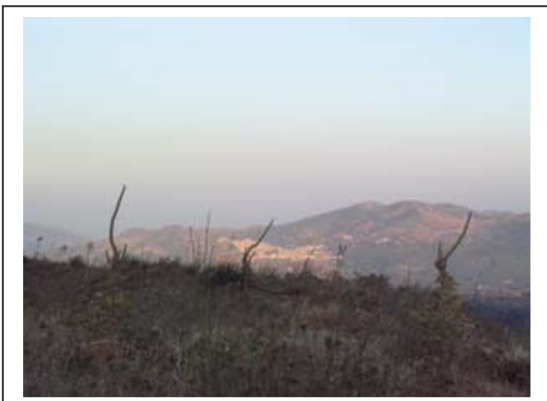
To reach the little volcano of Moio follow the road signs to Mojo Alcantara. Once in town take the road to the right that leads to Malvagna. You will see a gas station. Proceed for about 500 meters and park your car, continuing on foot until you reach a narrow path that climbs along the lava shoulders. It will lead you to the top. Although there are signs indicating the beginning of the path, you can locate it better by looking for an old farmer's hut and the ruins of an old building nearby. Once you reach the top you can admire a majestic view of Mount Etna overlooking the Alcantara Valley below. The best time to enjoy the view is at sunset.



Once you reach the top of the crater you can enjoy a view of the Alcantara Valley from Francavilla to Randazzo with Etna in the background. You can actually climb down to the bottom of the crater. The mouth is now covered with abundant vegetation which in the course of millennia has all but erased the arid and dry lava landscape.



The crater of Mojo is unique among the many other craters that dot Mt. Etna. It is 703 meters above sea level and it has a diameter of 700 meters at the base.



It is generally believed, and there are ancient scientific documents that support this view, that this was the mouth that erupted about a thousand years before the birth of Christ and created an extension of land of about 30 kms, forming the peninsula of Cape Schisò, in the sea below Taormina. In the VIII century, Teocles from Chalcide founded the city of Naxos which is believed to be the earliest Greek colony in Sicily. That same eruption is believed to have created the stunning Alcantara Gorges in the territory between Motta Camastra and Castiglione di Sicilia. The waters of the river, which formed natural pools along its course, in time also carved the unusual shapes of the gorges that attract thousands of tourists every year.

