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Roman baths of Forum Traiani

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■ The Nymphaeum

Inside the Baths I complex and East of the *natatio*, connected to it through two openings, you have an area with a pool (figs. 1-2), definitely recognised as the Nymphaeum by an inscription found in loco (fig. 3).

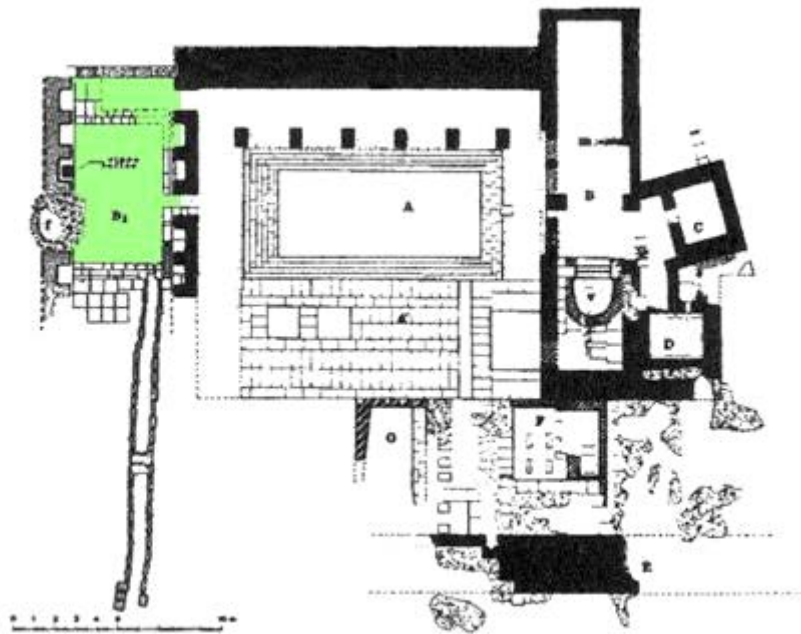


Fig. 1 – Baths I; in green the Nymphaeum (from Bacco-Serra 1998).



Fig. 2 - The Nymphaeum viewed from the North (photo by Unicity S.p.A.)

The space has a rectangular pool with steps on the short sides, decorated by five rectangular niches on the the western side and seven on the eastern one. They found an inscription in a niche on the eastern side which enables us to hypothesise that they contained other inscriptions or sculptures which have not survived till our days.



Fig. 3 - View of the Nymphaeum with the inscription repositioned and protected (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

The water flowed on the short southern side through two mouths and on the western one through one opening (fig. 4); while on the northern side a duct sent waste waters towards the river (fig. 5).

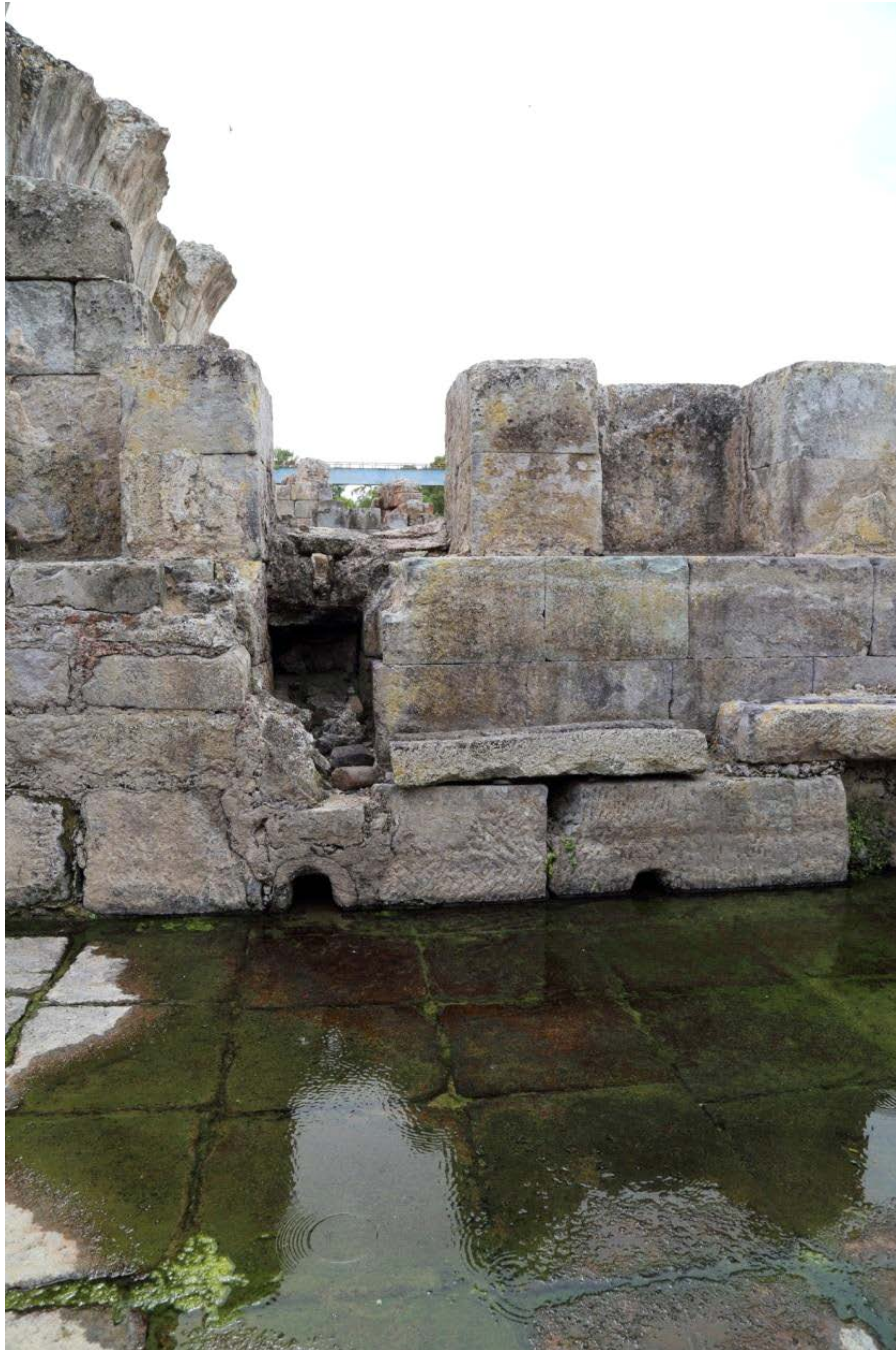


Fig. 4 - View of the western wall of the Nymphaem, with the supply of water; on the bottom of the wall you can see the holes used to drain water (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

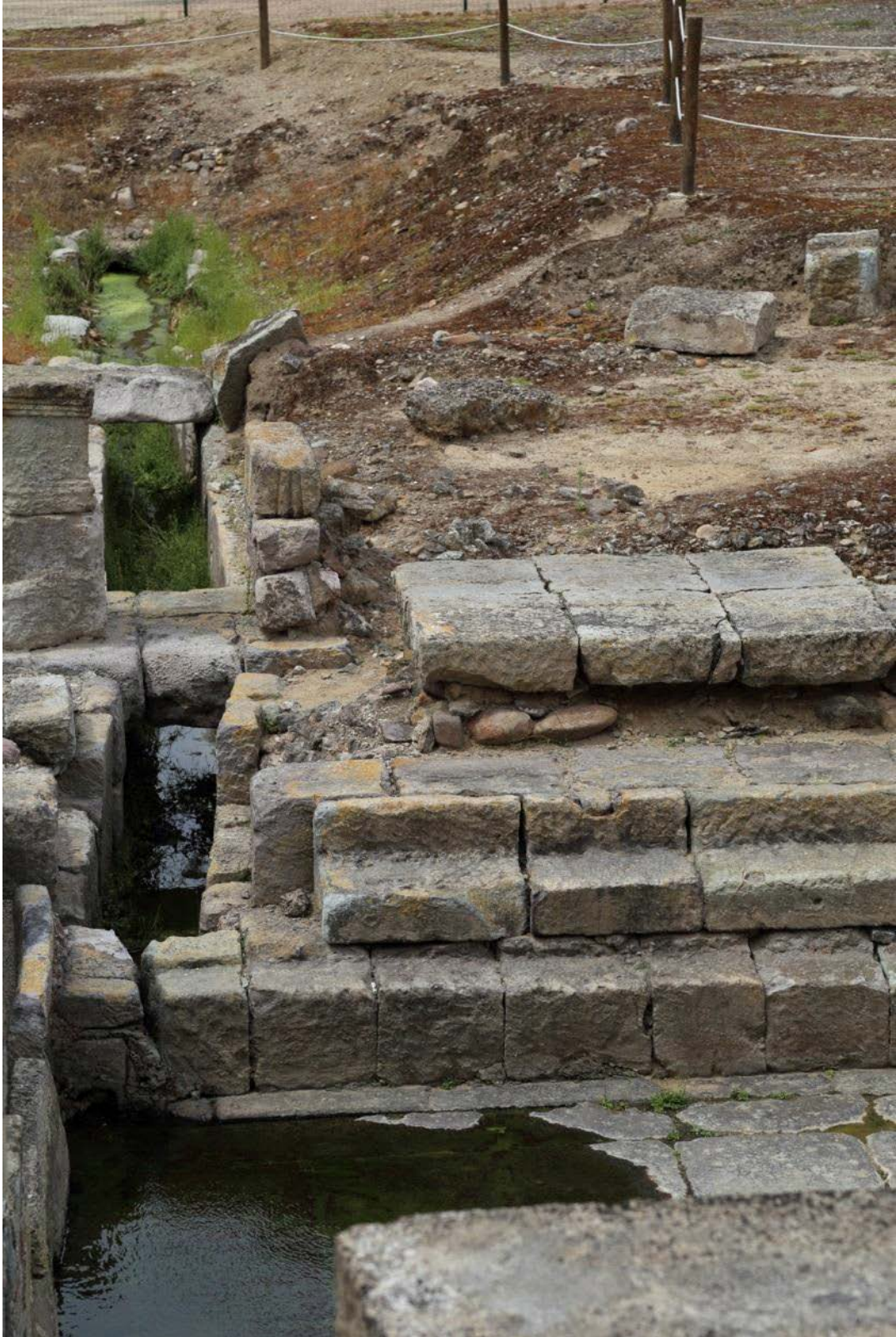


Fig. 5 - Northern side of the Nymphaeum, drainage of water towards the Tirso river (photo by Unicity S.p.A.).

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