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The article discusses how justified it is to call the cult of Diana Nemorensis a cult of women, on the basis of archaeological and epigraphical evidence. It also discusses the various functions connected to the goddess Diana in ancient literature, referring to a multifaceted goddess. It is argued that it’s not a question of a goddess of a very strictly defined group, but of a protectress of the community in a very wide sense.