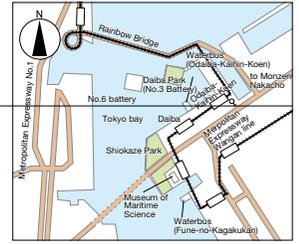


Daiba Park

Administrator ■ Tokyo Waterfront Group

- Location Daiba 1-chome, Minato Ward
- Contact Information Shiokaze Park Administration Office tel: 03-5500-0385 (1-2 Higashi-Yashio, Shinagawa-ku 135-0092)
- Transport 12-minute walk from Odaiba-Kaihlin-Koen on Yurikamome (Shinbashi to Toyosu), 15-minute walk from Tokyo Teleport (Rinkai line)
Water-bus: About 50-minute ride from Ryogoku or Kasai-Rinkai-Koen on Tokyo Mizube Cruising Line (tel: 03-5608-8869).
Water-bus: 20-minute walk from Odaiba-Kaihlin-Koen (20-minute ride from Hinode Pier on Tokyo Water Cruise)(tel: 0120-977-311).



When the US fleet led by Commodore Perry arrived in Uraga in 1853 during the Bakumatsu (the end of Tokugawa shogunate), the shogunate government did not have large ships to protect Edo from the attacks of foreign ships. More than the general citizenry, it was the shogunate that was surprised by the arrival of Perry's back ships. It didn't have any large ships to protect Edo from foreign at tack. So, the construction of daiba, or artillery batteries, was conceived. Of the 11 originally planned, only six were actually built off the shore of Shinagawa. But they were never used, and eventually abandoned. The park is what was once the Shinagawa Battery, designed by Tarozaemon Egawa, the magistrate of Izu-Nirayama.

Six batteries remained into the 20th century, but four were removed with improvements to Tokyo Bay. Only the No. 3 and No.6 batteries retain their original shape, and are designated historical monuments by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government.

No. 3 battery

Completed in May of 1854, this battery suffered damage in the Great Kanto Earthquake and was subsequently restored. It was developed into a park that opened in 1928. At first it was an island, but later landfill work connected it to the land. The surroundings are stone walls of 5 to 7 meters tall, with dirt mounds on top. The remains of a boat launch on the north side are reminiscent of when the battery was manned.



No. 3 battery

No. 6 battery

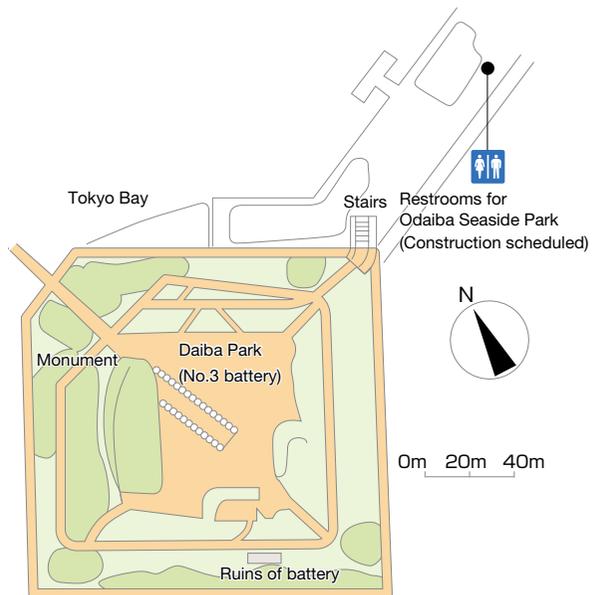
On the north side resides the remnants of the port made with stone. It can be viewed by climbing the bank of Daiba Park (the No. 3 battery).

Rainbow Bridge

Looking up from the park, Rainbow Bridge is a magnificent sight. The view of the park from the south walkway on the bridge is also spectacular.



Artillery emplacements, cherry trees, and Rainbow Bridge



Opened / July 7, 1928 Area / 29,963.40 m² Trees / Tall trees: 590, shrubs: 300 m², Grass: 21,000 m²
Main plants / Acer palmatum, black pine, Japanese zelkova, cherry (Oshima-zakura)