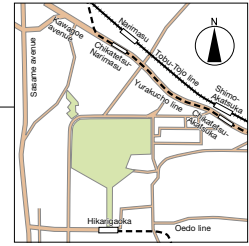


Hikarigaoka Park

Administrator ■ Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association

- Location Hikarigaoka 2/ 4-chome, Asahi-cho 2-chome, Nerima Ward;
Akatsuka-Shin-machi 3-chome, Itabashi Ward
- Contact Information Hikarigaoka Park Administration Office tel: 03-3977-7638 (4-1-1 Hikarigaoka, Nerima-ku 179-0072)
- Transport 8-minute walk from Hikarigaoka (Oedo line). 15-minute walk from Narimasu (Tobu-Tojo line).
15-minute walk from Chikatetsu-Narimasu (Fukutoshin line, Yurakucho line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



This park traces its origins to a great green space project to celebrate in 1940 the 2,600th year since the founding of Japan. However, the plan was changed with the outbreak of World War II, and the army's Narimasu Airfield was built instead.

After the war, the site was administered by the U.S. military under the name Grant Heights. It was eventually returned to Japanese administration in 1973, with about a third of the area secured for use as a park. Development of the surroundings commenced in 1981, eventually to become one of the largest high-rise communities in Tokyo with 15 schools including primary, middle, and high schools, public housing, public offices, and 12,000 Metropolitan apartment units.

Grass field

The lawn field expands 6 hectares with cherry blossoms and Japanese zelkova scattered around the area, and the total area is a soothing hill. Forest area surrounding the lawn field was constructed by transplanting big trees such as deodar cedar, cherry blossom, ginkgo tree, Japanese stone oak, and pine trees of the Grant Heights period.

Bird sanctuary

The 2.4-hectare section has a pond, sandy bank, trees, and grassy area so wild birds and a variety of other creatures can live in peace. That environment can be seen from the observation hut that is open Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Day camp field

This area was made for urban kids who have little opportunity to experience nature to try outdoor activities and communal living close to home. The objective is to teach lessons for real camping and to improve outdoor etiquette. The approximately 3,000 m² field has a cooking house, and provides ovens, food preparation counters, outdoor tables, and other equipment. Use is limited to groups of primary and middle school children and the physically disabled.



Grass field

Opened / December 26, 1981 Area / 607,823.73 m² (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)

Trees / Tall trees: 16,300, Shrubs: 60,200, Grass: 76,000 m²

Main plants / Ginkgo, camphor, Japanese zelkova, cherry (someiyoshino, yama-zakura), Chinese evergreen oak, buckeye, stone oak, lily magnolia, tulip tree, sasanqua, Japanese dandelion

Facilities / Baseball field, athletic field, tennis courts, archery range, monument (arch of light), water view facilities (fountain), day camp-ground, barbecue field, gateball court, youth soccer field

Archery court / odd numbered days: Western-style bows, even numbered days: Japanese-style bows, 1 hour usage ¥ 210, equipment rental ¥ 140, contact the archery court (tel: 03-3976-8151) for more information

Barbeque field

Anyone can enjoy a barbeque in the area around the day camp field. Bring the family and enjoy an outdoor meal. (Cooking equipment is not provided; please bring your own. Reservations required.)

Ginkgo trees

Forty giant ginkgo trees that are more than 130 years old line up along the 400 meters long interaction path that connects Hikarigaoka station and the park. These ginkgo trees were planted as roadside greens in front of the old Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building in Yurakucho, but they were moved here due to construction on the JR Keiyo line. Also, across the Zelkova field, 28 trees from the Grant Heights period were transplanted in the park, creating a line of ginkgo trees that stretch about 200 meters long. A beautiful golden tunnel continues during the late autumn season.

Water view facilities

The water-themed facilities were donated by the Japan Lottery Association in 1992 and installed in the zelkova field to the east of the administration center. They include a fountain, waterfall, and stream.



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