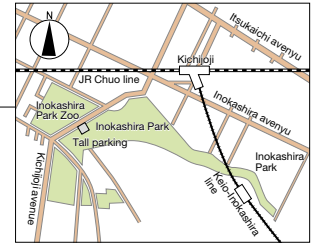


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Inokashira Park Zoo



Administrator ■ Tokyo Zoological Park Society

- Location 1-chome Gotenyama, Musashino-shi / 4-chome Inokashira, Mitaka-shi
- Contact Information tel:0422-46-1100 Inokashira Park Zoo (1-17-6 Gotenyama, Musashino-shi, 180-0005)
- Transport 10-minute walk from Kichijoji (JR Chuo line, Keio Inokashira line), Parking lot (inside Inokashira Park, toll)
- Closed Mondays (the following day if the Monday is a national holiday), New Year's holidays (December 29 - January 1)
- Open 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (5:00 p.m. close)
- Admission Adults ¥ 400, junior high school student ¥ 150, 65 years old and over ¥ 200 *children under elementary school or junior high school students living/attending school in Tokyo are free of charge
- Free days Park Opening Memorial Day (May 17), Greenery Day (May 4), Tokyo Citizens' Day (October 1)



Nestled in gorgeous greenery of Inokashira Park that deeply reminisces the Musashino area, the park is divided into two areas; zoo (Main park) on the west side and Aquatic life park (a separate part of the park) surrounded by the Inokashira pond. Focus of animals found in Japan, there are about 170 species of native creatures bred and exhibited in the park. There are also facilities such as sculpture garden, Doshinkyō, and Sportsland (mini amusement park), adding more ways to enjoy the park.

Animals living in Japan

Inokashira Park Zoo's best feature is that it places much efforts in breeding and exhibiting animals from Japan. At the zoo, you can see ungulates such as Yakushima Sika deer and serow, medium-sized beasts such as the Japanese marten and badger, mammals as tiny as a family of wild mice, copper pheasant that are a Japan endemic bird species, and other small birds living in the forests of the park. Tsushima leopard cats are only found in Tsushima, Nagasaki and are one of the most endangered wild species in Japan. We are working on conservation activities in cooperation with the national government and other zoos. Squirrels Trail is a walk-through type of exhibition cage where Japanese squirrels live. You can observe squirrels climbing up and down the trees and eating walnuts up close.

Introduction to the Zoo

In addition to the animals of Japan, there are also friendly animals for children visiting the zoo for the first time. At the guinea pig petting corner, you can feel the warmth and movement of living beings by petting the guinea pigs. The Duck's Lunch event is held every first and fourth Sunday, and you can experience feeding the ducks. You can also meet popular foreign animals such as the capybara, Fennec fox, and Humboldt penguin.



Tsushima leopard cat



Fennec fox

Date of Opening / May 17, 1942, Open Area / 115,500 m²

Main Animals / Japanese squirrel, Japanese marten, copper pheasant, Mandarin duck, little grebe, Tokyo butterfly bitterling

Main Plants / bald cypress, Rhododendron, Japanese camellia

Facilities / Meeting hall, Doshinkyō



Creature Garden

There are also beautiful animals living within the nature of the park. The creature garden is designed so that it is easier for insects, frogs, and lizards to gather and for visitors to easily see. At the “Let’s play at the creature garden” event every Sunday, you can enjoy looking for animals with the park staff.



Special exhibitions of the Museum

The theme rotates several times a year. Rather than just arranging explanation panels and zoological specimens, the museum uses hands-on exhibition techniques so that children may enjoy.

Aquatic Garden

The aquatic garden displays creatures living on the waterfront. Various water birds such as Mandarin ducks and other families of ducks in the exterior field and family of herons and cranes are showcased.

With its focus on freshwater fish, you can observe various creatures that live around water including amphibians such as the Japanese giant salamander and frogs, reptiles such as turtles, and aquatic insects such as predaceous diving beetles through the glass of the aquatic garden. Successive rearing of endangered species such as Tokyo bitterlings and Musashi sticklebacks that are considered to have inhabited in Inokashira Pond take place in the garden.



Mandarin duck

Sports Land (mini amusement park)

Retro playground equipment such as a merry-go-round, sky basket, and replica bullet train are still trendy among children today.

Enjoy more of Inokashira Park Zoo

● Guided Tours

Animal specialists will guide you around the park with specific themes

Available the first, Second and fifth Saturday and second, fourth, and fifth Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

● Zookeeper's Guide

Zookeepers will introduce you the animals they caretake
Zoo: every Sundays, Aquatic Garden: fourth Saturday and Sunday

● Let's Play in the Creature Garden

Every Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (second Sundays from November till March)

Sculpture Garden/Doshinkyō

Artworks of the sculptor Seibou Kitamura, a known artist for his Peace Statue in Nagasaki, are on display in sculpture building A, building B, and the art studio. There are about 300 artworks on display including the outdoor sculptures scattered inside the forests. The original mold of the Peace Statue is displayed in sculpture building A. Doshinkyō is the removed and reconstructed reading room of Ujo Noguchi, who lived in Kichijōji and wrote many children songs including Akaikutsu (red shoes) and Shabon-dama (soap bubbles). It can be used for haiku gathering or tea parties for a fee.



Peace Statue



Doshinkyō