

# Koganei Park

Administrator ■ Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association

- Location      Sakura-cho 3-chome, Sekino-cho 1/ 2-chome, Koganei City; Hana-Koganei-Minami-cho 3-chome, Kodaira City; Mukodai 6-chome, Nishi-Tokyo City; Sakurazutsumi 3-chome, Musashino City
- Contact Information      Koganei Park Administration Office tel: 042-385-5611 (1-13-1 Sekino-cho, Koganei-shi 184-0001)
- Transport      Koganei-Koen-Nishiguchi bus stop on Seibu Bus from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line).  
Edo-Tokyo-Tatemonoen-mae, Koganei-Koen-mae or Sports-Center-mae bus stops on Kanto Bus from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



This wide open park situated along the Tamagawa River water supply is an enormous 80 hectares. That is 4.9 times the area of Hibiya Park and 1.5 times that of Ueno Park.

It is a park full of variety. A broad expanse of grass, groves of trees around that, a cherry tree garden, children's field, Japanese archery range, SL(C57) steam locomotive display, and 16 tennis courts are just some of the park's features.

The predecessor of the park was the Koganei green area planned to celebrate in 1940 the 2,600th year since the founding of Japan. After the war, it was used as a temporary residence for the Crown Prince. About 40 percent of the land was lost when opened up for agricultural development, but the remaining land was officially opened as a metropolitan park in 1954.

## Cherry tree garden

There are more about 1,700 cherry trees planted in the park, including varieties such as yama-zakura, sato-zakura, oshimazakura and someiyoshino. Of those, 430 trees in a 2.9-hectare cherry tree garden create an unforgettable sight for a month in the spring. The cherry



Cherry blossoms coloring the park in spring

blossoms in the park were gradually planted starting in the 1950s.

And today, the park is well known for its cherry trees, attracting large crowds to see them in bloom. Most of the cherry trees along the banks of the nearby Tamagawa River water supply are yama-zakura, first planted in the rule of the shogun Yoshimune. In 1924, this area was designated as a scenic spot.



Cosmos flowers blooming on the azalea mountains

## Tree grove

The grove made up of konara oak, sawtooth oak, Japanese red pine, and other trees takes up a wide area of 16 hectares. Most of that is now a bird sanctuary, creating a haven for wild birds as well as protecting the trees themselves. The goal of the tree grove is to retain as much as possible the scenery of old Musashino that is increasingly rare in Tokyo today.



Rascal field

Opened / January 14, 1954      Area / 802,341.05 m<sup>2</sup> (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)

Trees / Tall trees: 15,200, shrubs: 38,300 m<sup>2</sup>, Grass: 135,000 m<sup>2</sup>

Main plants / Japanese apricot, storax, nettle tree, sawtooth oak, konara oak, kobushi magnolia, cherry (someiyoshino, yama-zakura, sato-zakura), crape myrtle, Chinese evergreen oak, dogwood, tulip tree

Events / Plum festival (February), cherry festival (April), Children's Festival (April), outdoor Noh performance (August), full moon viewing (September), Citizens Festival (October), Cosmos festival (October) Facilities / Japanese archery range, dog run, cycling course (Cycling center tel: 042-388-3312), tennis courts & baseball field (sports facilities administration center: tel: 042-384-6662), barbecue field (tel: 03-3857-3427), Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (tel: 042-388-3300), Koganei City Municipal Sports Complex (tel: 042-386-2120)



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## Bird Watching

The grove and other parts of the sanctuary place for enjoying the birds year-round. A wide variety of birds visit in all seasons. More than 40 species have been seen there, including oxeye, Japanese pygmy woodpecker, bamboo partridge, greenfinch and Japanese grosbeak.

## Grass area

The large grassy field takes advantage of the gentle undulation of the Musashino terrace. It is divided into sections such as eucalyptus field, tsutsuji-yama field, relaxing field and children's field. Many people enjoy the area for picnicking, playing, strolls, jogging, and more.



### Archery range

Odd numbered days: Japanese archery  
 Even numbered days: Western archery  
 Range charge: 210 yen Equipment rental: 140 yen  
 Closed: Mondays (following day if Monday is a holiday)  
 and New year's  
 (December 29 to January 3)

### Koganei Park flower calendar

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| Jan.–Mar. | Winter sweet, Japanese apricot, kobushi magnolia, Japanese cornel, camellia  |
| April     | June Forsythia, ornamental peach, cherry, dogwood, wisteria, satsuki azalea, hydrangea, fragrant snowbell, tulip tree, southern magnolia, azalea |
| Jul.–Sep. | Silk tree, gardenia, clethraceae, lagerstroemia subcostata, crape myrtle, rose of Sharon, Japanese bush clover                                   |
| Oct.–Dec. | Orange osmanthus, sasanqua   |