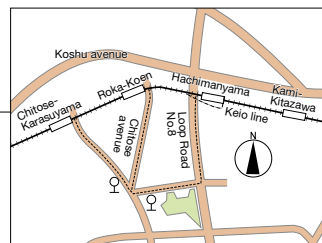


Roka Koshun-en Gardens

Administrator ■ Tokyo South Parks Group

- Location Kasuya 1-chome, Setagaya Ward
- Contact Information Roka Koshun-en Gardens Administration Office tel: 03-3302-5016 (1-20-1 Kasuya, Setagaya-ku 157-0063)
- Transport 15-minute walk from Roka-Koen or Hachimanyama (Keio line). 7-minute walk from Roka-Koshunen bus stop on Keio Bus for Chitose-Funabashi from Chitose-Karasuyama (Keio line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



Meiji and Taisho era writer Roka (Kenjiro) Tokutomi is known for his masterpieces such as *The Heart of Nami-san*, *Nature and Man*, and *Idle Words of an Earthworm*. This is where he and his wife Aiko spent the later halves of their lives. The park is composed of the residence area with their house, gardens, and graves as well as an extended area around them.

For the 10th anniversary of Roka Tokutomi's death in 1936, his wife Aiko donated this Koshu-en garden to Tokyo. Since then, the city reconstructed the park, and in accordance with Aiko's wishes, the city opened the lands as a park that preserves the scenery of Musashino in 1938. In 1968, the park added a children's playground on the southern newly acquisition area and re-opened. The park went through several expansions and construction throughout the years and was finally completed in 2009.

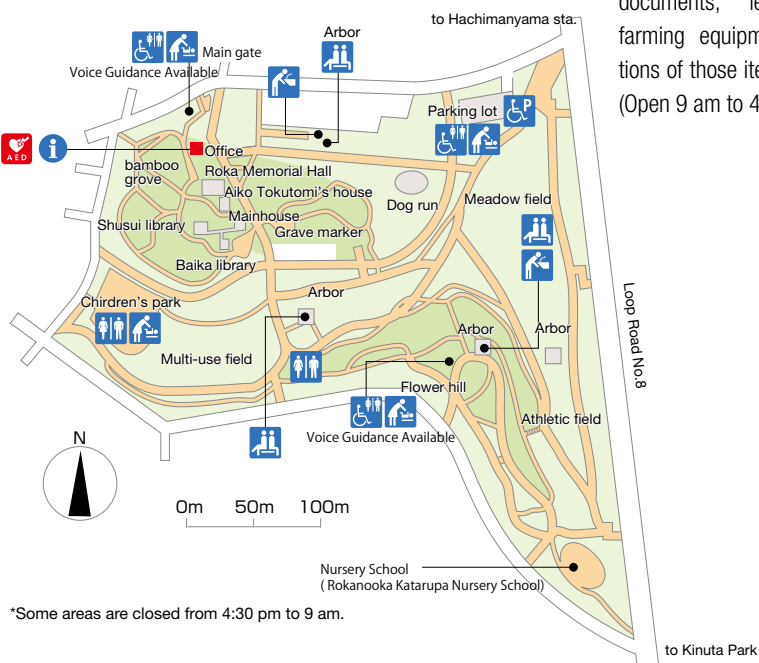
The deteriorated buildings went through renovation from 1983 to 1985. It was then called the Tokutomi Roka former house and designated as a historical landmark of Tokyo on March 10, 1986.

Roka Memorial Hall

His building was constructed in 1959 to hold heirlooms donated along with Roka's house. They include daily items, his works, documents, letters, and farming equipment. Exhibitions of those items are open to the public and regularly rotated. (Open 9 am to 4 pm. Admission free.)



Tokutomi Roka's House Main Quarter



*Some areas are closed from 4:30 pm to 9 am.



Hanano Oka

Opened / February 27, 1938 Area / 80,304.43 m² Trees / Tall trees: 2,400, Shrubs: 4,000

Main plants / Plum blossom, cherry blossom (Higan cherry of Takato), sawtooth oak, trident maple, annabel, moso bamboo, hana-chiru-sato Japanese maple, catalpa, crape myrtle, Ubayuri (*Cardiocrinum cordatum*)

Events / Roka memorial gathering (third Saturday of September) Facilities / Meeting room (Baika library, Aiko's house)