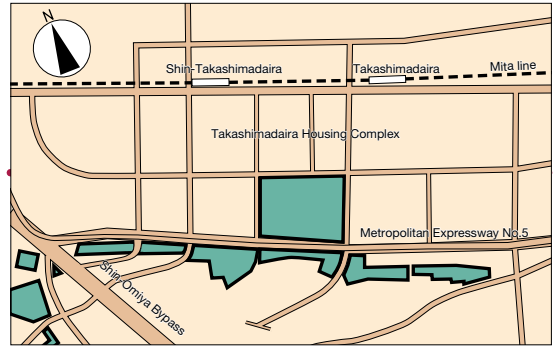


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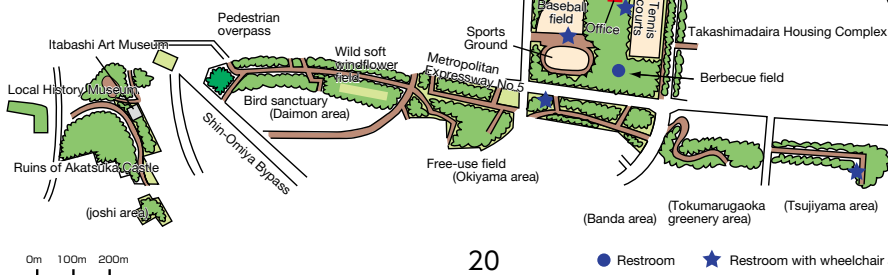
<p>Location ● Takashimadaira 3-chome, Tokumaru 7/ 8-chome, Yotsuba 2-chome, Daimon, Akatsuka 4/ 5/ 8-chome, Itabashi Ward</p> <p>Contact information ● Akatsuka Park Administration Office tel: 03-3938-5715 (3-1 Takashimadaira, Itabashi-ku 175-0082)</p> <p>Transport ● 8-minute walk from Takashimadaira (Mita Line), 3-minute walk from Takashimadaira-Keisatsusho-mae bus stop on Kokusai-kogyo bus for Takashimadaira-Soshajo from Shimo-Akatsuka (Tobu-Tojo line). 3- minute walk from Takashimadaira-Keisatsusho-mae bus stop on Kokusai-kogyo bus for Ukima-Funado or Takashimadaira from Tobu-Nerima (Tobu-Tojo line). 1-minute walk from Akatsuka-Koen bus stop on Kokusai-kogyo bus for Takashimadaira-Soshajo from Narimasu (Tobu-Tojo line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).</p>	
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Akatsuka Park stretches east to west along the Takashimadaira housing complex and the Metropolitan Expressway. The park is full of variety with its natural woods, walking paths, fields, and sports facilities.

The Akatsuka green area was to be created in 1943 as part of an urban planning project, but that plan was interrupted by war. Tokyo Metropolitan Government eventually acquired the land to form a park in 1972 under a land readjustment program, and opened Akatsuka Park in 1974.

Opened	June 1, 1974
Area	255,480.40 m ² (Some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)
Trees	Tall trees: 11,800, shrubs: 12,200
Main plants	Ginkgo, Japanese apricot, Japanese zelkova, cherry (someiyoshino), orange osmanthus, azalea, soft windflower, wax myrtle, stone oak, metasequoia, moso bamboo
Facilities	Athletic field (300m), baseball field (1 diamond), tennis courts (7 courts), barbeque field

Natural woods on a hill ● Takashimadaira – once known as Tokumarugahara – was at one time used exclusively for hunting with hawks by the shogun and his family. Featuring a hill around 20 meters high, 70-meter wide 2.3 km long Akatsuka Park runs east to west, covered with natural woods. A path running from the base to the top of the hill is so peaceful you forget that an expressway runs nearby. The name Takashimadaira comes from Edo era artillery master Shuhan Takashima using the area as a gunnery range.



Soft windflowers ● The Daimon area of Akatsuka Park holds the largest area of wild soft windflower growth in Tokyo. Following the cliffline of the Musashino Plateau, the flowers grown in a region as large as 20 meters deep and 200 meters east and west. Under the protection of local volunteers, the lovely white-petaled flowers create a world apart from the city.



Daimon area

Ruins of Akatsuka Castle ● At the west end of the park lies the ruins of historical Akatsuka Castle. This was once the residence and castle keep of Yoritane Chiba who subjugated the area with the assistance of Dokan Ota in 1456. Today, those are covered with plum groves.

Shakujii Castle in Shakujii Park, once home to the Toshima clan was overcome by Yoritane Chiba of Akatsuka Castle. Both castles are now Tokyo parks, attracting visitors interested in the historical aspects of the parks.