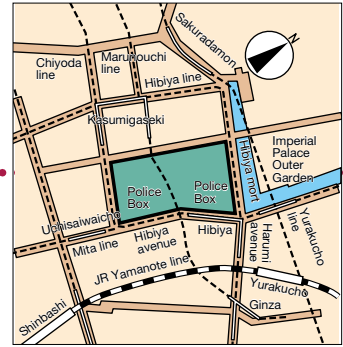


Hibiya Park



- Location** ● Hibiya-Koen, Chiyoda Ward
- Contact information** ● Hibiya Park Administration Office tel: 03-3501-6428 (1-6 Hibiya-Koen, Chiyoda-ku 100-0012)
- Transport** ● 2-minute walk from Kasumigasaki (Marunouchi line, Chiyoda line) or Hibiya (Hibiya line).
8-minute walk from Yurakucho (JR Yamanote line). Underground toll parking facilities available.



This area held the estate of Matsudaira Hizen-no-kami and others until the fall of the shogunate, and was a military parade ground through the Meiji era. It was later planned, designed, and developed as an urban park, becoming Japan's first western modern park. The park saw its 110th anniversary in 2013. Enthusiasm of the park designers who were pioneers of culture can be seen in the small outdoor music hall, first flower garden, ginkgo now of trees, and so on. Hibiya public hall and the large outdoor music hall are widely used even today.

The parks flowerbeds are blooming with colorful seasonal flowers year-round. That helps make the park a place of relaxation for people working in the nearby business district.

Opened	June 1, 1903
Area	161,636.66 m ² (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)
Trees	Tall trees: 3,100, Shrubs: 10,100 m ² , grass: 11,300 m ²
Main plants	Ginkgo, Japanese apricot, camphor, buttonball, dogwood, pine, tulip tree, rose, leopard plant
Events	Concerts at the small music hall (Wednesday and Friday Concerts), morning glory display (July), seedling sale (April and October), chrysanthemum display (November)
Facilities	Hibiya Public Hall large music hall (tel: 03-3591-6388), small music hall, parade ground, Hibiya Library (tel: 03-3502-3343), Felice Garden Hibiya (tel: 03-5501-4441), tennis courts, children's playground, food and drink stands, College of Green and Water for Citizens

Risky ginkgo ● The largest ginkgo in the park, this tree estimated to be 400 or 500 years old has a trunk circumference of 7 meter. It was to be cut down to make way for expansion of Hibiya Street in 1901. But Dr. Seiroku Honda, the park's main designer, declared that he would relocate the tree even if he had to risk his career to do so. It ended up taking 25 days to move the tree 450 meters in the park.

Remains of Hibiya guardpost ● The ivy-covered stone walled mound is what remains of the Hibiya guardpost for Edo castle, artfully included in the park plans. Shinji Pond was made utilizing the guardposts moat.

Dogwoods ● Dogwood trees here were presented to Japan in return for cherry trees sent to the United States and planted along the Potomac River. The trees were planted here at Hibiya Park and in other parks. Those visible today are descended from the original gifts.



The fountain

Monuments and sculptures ● The Lupa Romana statue presented by Italy in 1938 depicts two brothers said in Roman mythology to be raised by wolves. A Bell of Liberty from the United States also stands in the park.

Seagull field and local forest ● A fountain that stands in the center of the park was designed after the black-headed gull, the prefectural bird of Tokyo. The 51 species of trees circling the park were brought from all over Japan to commemorate the second Japan Urban Green Fair in October 1984.

Green path ● The walking path that is one with the park forms pleasant green tunnels.

Health field ● This 2,200m² field has equipment for measuring strength and for physical training. People from the business district stop by at lunch to work on improving their health.



Kubikake ginkgo tree



First flower garden



Kumogata pond

Hibiya Park Flower Calendar

January	Sasanqua
February	Japanese apricot, chimonanthus
March	Pansy, camellia, spiraea thunbergii, daphne odora
April	Cherry, forsythia, wisteria, Dogwood
May	Rose, azalea, southern magnolia, aesculus, satsuki azalea
June	Hydrangea, water lily, acanthus
July	Gardenia, crape myrtle, agapanthus, tulip tree, kalmia
August	Hibiscus syriacus, crape myrtle, white lilyturf, nerium oleander
September	red spider lily, orange osmanthus
October	Dogwood fruit, orange osmanthus, yucca recurvifolia
November	Sasanqua, chrysanthemum, ginkgo colored leaves
December	Leopard plant, Sasanqua

