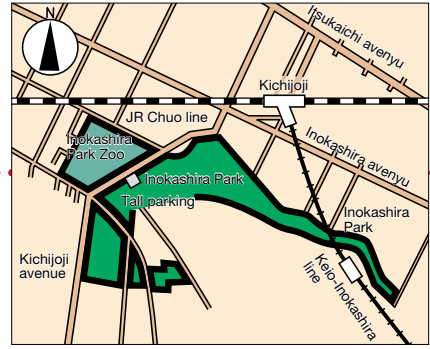


Vast greenery and a close contact with animals

Inokashira Park Zoo



- Location** ● Gotenyama 1-chome, Musashino City
- Contact information** ● Inokashira Park Zoo Gardens tel:0422-46-1100(1-17-6 Gotenyama, Musashino-shi, 180-0005)
- Transport** ● 10-minute walk from Kichijoji (JR Chuo line, Keio-Inokashira line).
Toll parking facilities available (Inokashira Park).
- Closed** ● Mondays (following day if Monday is a holiday) and New Year's (December 29 to January 1)
- Open** ● 9:30 am to 5 pm (Entry until 4 pm)
- Admission** ● General:400 yen, Jr.high school students:150 yen, Seniors 65 and older:200 yen
(Primary school and younger children/Jr.high school students living or studying in Tokyo:Free)
- Free days** ● Gardens anniversary (May 17), Greenery Day (May 4), Tokyo Citizens' Day (October 1)



Familiar animals entering on those native to Japan are exhibited in the lush greenery of Inokashira Park that retains colorful vestiges of old Musashino. Separated into the zoo and aquatic garden, the small facility features animal exhibits, sculptures, a museum, gathering hall, miniature amusement park, and others attractions.

In spite of its proximity to bustling Kichijoji station, the park provides a quiet and relaxing atmosphere that is sure to provide a breath of fresh air to ever visitor.

Opened	May 17, 1942
Area	115,500 m ²
Trees	Tall trees:4,349, shrubs:9,700 m ²
Main exhibits	Asian elephant, Japanese squirrel, Japanese marten, Copper pheasant, Mandarin duck, Tokyo bitterling, Little grebe.
Main plants	Bald cypress, rhododendron, camellia
Facilities	Gathering hall (Doskinkyo, museum)

Zoo ● In the zoo and aquatic garden together, 200 species live and are on display. The zoo has a setting among familiar trees where animals roam free. Cranes, Japanese yaku sika deer, and other animals live here in comfort. Among the larger animals, there is Hanako, the longest-living Asian elephant in captivity in Japan. Japanese squirrels share space in the squirrel trail. The exhibits show animals that were once seen all around us such as raccoon dogs, foxes, martens, Japanese pheasants, copper pheasants, and owls. In creature garden, an event to observe creatures such as insects, frogs and lizards is held once a week.



Zoo main exhibits



Leopard cat

Leopard cat ● The leopard cat is one of the most endangered species of wild animals in Japan. They live only in Tsushima, Nagasaki. The Inokashira Park Zoo Gardens supports preservation activities for this rare animal. Here, you can learn the leopard cat while learning about more about the animal's status and its natural habitat in Tsushima.

Squirrel trail ● Observe the shy squirrels quietly in this small building. The squirrels climb trees, run around the floor by your feet, and dash right past your eyes. You might even get the chance to see them eat up close.



Close encounters squirrel trail

Guinea pig petting corner ● Children love the animal petting corner where they can touch and observe guinea pigs. All we ask is you be gentle with the animals.



Various birds ● Visitors can observe cranes that live in the large free-roaming area in the center of the main garden, and get a close up view of birds that live in various parts of Japan in the Japanese Bird Cage. Their beautiful voice combined with the trees in this garden attracts wild birds that live in the park. Crop your ears and see if you can hear them.

And at the copper pheasant cage, efforts are being made to preserve the copper pheasant, a friend of the Japanese pheasant family.



White eye

Lakeside park ● The lakeside parks incorporate Inokashira Pond, displaying water creatures, swans, mandarin ducks members of the duck family, and other animals. Outreach programs using call ducks is a popular event for learning more about birds.

Aquarium ● The exhibit covers a broad range of life forms that live in and around water including mainly Japanese fresh water fish, amphibians such as the great salamander and frogs, reptiles such as turtles, and aquatic insects such as the diving beetle. The modest planning room holds special exhibitions and other limited-time exhibitions that educate visitors about the waterside environment.



Asian elephant Hanako



Water spider in aquatic garden



Tokyo bitterling in the aquarium

Museum ● The museum is used to hold various events and lectures with accompanying panel displays of animals and plants. On the first floor is a permanent display of small animals such as mice, and a picture book corner. And, on the second floor, there is a rental meeting hall.

Sculptures ● Nested within the quiet forest is the Art Studio with its wooden delta roof, and two Sculpture cabins (A cabin and B cabin). The buildings are surrounded by an open-air exhibit of sculptures.

Many sculptures by Seibo Kitamura who made the famous peace statue in Nagasaki are on display.

The original for the Peace Statue was made in this art studio and it is displayed in A cabin. Visitors can admire sculptures under the natural light of the sunbeams that shine through the Musashino groves. And music concerts and lecture meetings are held in B cabin.



Sculpture garden

Doshinkyo ● This was the reading room of Ujo Noguchi, resident of Kichijoji, and author of poems such as Akai-kutsu (red shoes) and Shabondama (soap bubbles). This tea ceremony arbor with its quaint garden can be rented for haiku gatherings, tea ceremonies, and other gatherings.

Sports land (miniature amusement park) ●

The miniature amusement park is a hit with children. It features a merry-go-round, Ferris wheel, and replica bullet train.



Peace statue

★More reasons to enjoy the park★

* Event (subject to change or cancellation)

● Guided tours

Guided tour with animal commentator
1st and 3rd and 5th Saturdays 11:00am, 1:30pm
2nd and 4th and 5th Sundays 11:00am, 1:30pm

● Sculpture garden tour

First and third Friday and Saturday of the month at 1pm
Explanations of sculptor Seibo Kitamura's works

● Challenging Makka-chan

Crayfish and river crab petting corner
2nd and 4th Saturdays 11:30am in front of the aquarium
5th Sunday 13:30pm

Various other events are held throughout the year. Due to circumstances, regularly scheduled events may be canceled or rescheduled. Visit the official website, "Tokyo Zoo Net" for details.

Zoos/aquariums are fun at night too

Do you know how animals live at night? Many animals exhibit different behaviors during the daytime versus at night. During the summer nights at the Tokyo metropolitan zoos and aquariums, you can watch nocturnal behavior of the animals that are rarely seen during ordinary opening hours as well as enjoy other various special events.

During the traditional Obon season, Ueno Zoological Gardens is open until 8 PM, allowing visitors to observe various nocturnal behavior of the animals from around the world as they roam around at night. Also, at the East Park Fujidana café and terrace next to the Shinobazu pond where bats fly around at night, visitors can enjoy the enchanting scenery as they listen to staff give talks about the animals, or enjoy live music being played by various guest artists.

At the Tama Zoological Park hours are extended until 8 PM on the weekends in August and during the Obon season. Visitors can see animals such as roaming lions dozing giraffes just as they would live in the savanna. Visitors can also enjoy events such as staff give talks about the animals or view the animals while eating or having a drink at the Africa Park restaurant.



Giraffes taking a rest (Tama Zoological Park)



Dome at night (Tokyo Sea Life Park)



Illuminated flamingo habitat (Ueno Zoological Gardens)



Cooling down at night the Shinobazu terrace (Ueno Zoological Gardens)

Hours are extended at the Tokyo Sea Life Park to 6 PM on the weekends in August, and 8 PM during the Obon season. There are many thrilling and exciting experiences to be had at the Sea Park. Visitors can listen to park guides giving talks about the nocturnal marine life, visit the corner where they can experience undersea world at night, or enjoy the night air as they lounge at the restaurant terraces or bear gardens.

During the summer one might think that walking around the zoo is too strenuous, but the summer nights are surprisingly cool, making it possible to stroll comfortably through the park. Visitors can experience the new wonder that the zoos and aquariums offer at night. So come and spend a midsummer evening of fun and excitement at the zoos and aquariums!

(Summer evening park hours and contents change each year. Visit the website in advance for up-to-date information.)