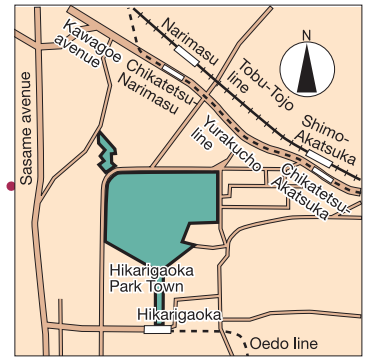


Sports park with abundant nature

Hikarigaoka Park



- Location** ● Hikarigaoka 2/ 4-chome, Asahi-cho 2-chome, Nerima Ward;
Akatsuka-Shin-machi 3-chome, Itabashi Ward
- Contact information** ● Hikarigaoka Park Administration Office tel: 03-3977-7638 (4-1-1 Hikarigaoka, Nerima-ku 179-0072)
- Transport** ● 8-minute walk from Hikarigaoka (Oedo line). 15-minute walk from Narimasu (Tobu-Tojo line).
15-minute walk from Chikatetsu-Narimasu (Fukutoshin line, Yurakucho line).
Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



This park traces its origins to a great green space project to celebrate in 1940 the 2,600th year since the founding of Japan. However, the plan was changed with the outbreak of World War II, and the army's Narimasu Airfield was built instead.

After the war, the site was administered by the U.S. military under the name Grant Heights. It was eventually returned to Japanese administration in 1973, with about a third of the area secured for use as a park. Development of the surroundings commenced in 1981, eventually to become one of the largest high-rise communities in Tokyo with 15 schools including primary, middle, and high schools, public housing, public offices, and 12,000 Metropolitan apartment units.

Opened	December 26, 1981
Area	607,823.73 m ² (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)
Trees	Tall trees: 16,300 Shrubs: 60,200, Grass: 76,000 m ²
Main plants	Ginkgo, camphor, Japanese zelkova, cherry (someiyoshino, yama-zakura), Chinese evergreen oak, buckeye, stone oak, lily magnolia, tulip tree, sasanqua, Japanese dandelion
Facilities	Baseball field, athletic field, tennis courts, archery range, monument (arch of light), water view facilities (fountain), day campground, barbeque field, gateball court, youth soccer field

Grass field ● Cherry and Japanese zelkova trees dot the large six-hectare lawn. They are spread out over gently rolling hills, making excellent shade for an afternoon nap or reading a book. The woods surrounding the lawn have been named the forest of rest, and are formed with large trees relocated from Grant Heights such as Himalayan cedars, cherry trees, ginkgoes, stone oaks, and pines.

Archery range

Odd numbered days: Western archery
Even numbered days: Japanese archery
Range charge: 210 yen Equipment rental: 140 yen
Inquire at the archery range about range use (tel: 03-3976-8151).



Relaxing benches one attraction for the eight-court omniscourt

Bird sanctuary ● The 2.4-hectare section has a pond, sandy bank, trees, and grassy area so wild birds and a variety of other creatures can live in peace. That environment can be seen from the observation hut that is open Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays.

Day camp field ● This area was made for urban kids who have little opportunity to experience nature to try outdoor activities and communal living close to home. The objective is to teach lessons for real camping and to improve outdoor etiquette. The approximately 3,000 m² field has a cooking house, and provides ovens, food preparation counters, outdoor tables, and other equipment. Use is limited to groups of primary and middle school children and the physically disabled.

Barbeque field ● Anyone can enjoy a barbeque in the area around the day camp field. Bring the family and enjoy an outdoor meal. (Cooking equipment is not provided; please bring your own. Reservations required.)



Grass field

Ginkgo trees ● These trees were planted as roadside greenery in front of the old Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building in Yurakucho, but they obstructed construction on the Keiyo Line. So they were relocated to this park's "interaction path." The 40 giant trees, all more than a hundred years old, provide shade in the summertime.

Water view facilities ● The water-themed facilities were donated by the Japan Lottery Association in 1992 and installed in the zelkova field to the east of the administration center. They include a fountain, waterfall, and stream, and are used as place for children to play in the water in the summer.



Interaction path (ginkgo trees)

