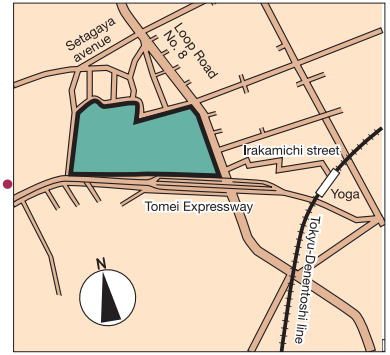


The sounds of children's laughter echoing in the wind



Kinuta Park

- Location** ● Kinuta-Koen, Okura 1-chome, Setagaya Ward
Contact information ● Kinuta Park Administration Office tel: 03-3700-0414 (1-1 Kinuta-Koen, Setagaya-ku 157-0075)
Transport ● 20-minute walk from Yoga (Tokyu-Denentoshi line). Bijutsukan bus stop on Tokyu Coach Bus for Bijutsukan for Bijutsukan from Yoga (Tokyu-Denentoshi line). Kinuta-Koen-Ryokuchi-iriguchi bus stop on Tokyu Bus for Denenchofu from Chitose-Funabashi (Odakyu line). Okamoto 1-chome bus stop on Tokyu Bus for Toritsu-Daigaku-Kitaguchi from Seijo-Gakuen-mae (Odakyu line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



The predecessor of Kinuta Park was a large green area designated under an urban planning project to celebrate in 1940 the 2,600th year since the founding of Japan. It was officially opened as a park in April 1, 1957.

Kinuta Park is green as far as the eye can see. It stands out among parks in central Tokyo as having one of the largest expanses of grass lawn. Such a large grass lawn was possible as the park was originally a public golf course. Making use of natural landform, the park made up of a grass field and trees is much enjoyed by families.

Opened	April 1, 1957
Area	391,777.35 m ²
Trees	Tall trees: 11,200, shrubs: 19,200 m ² Grass: 111,000 m ²
Main plants	Japanese apricot, camphor, Japanese zelkova, cherry (someiyoshino, sato-zakura), lagerstroemia subcostata, Chinese evergreen oak, castanopsis
Facilities	Baseball/sports field, small soccer ground, cycling course, Setagaya Art Museum (Operated by Setagaya Ward tel: 03-3415-6011)

Family park ● Thick green grass covers the gently rolling field. On holidays with fine weather, the field is dotted with families having picnics and children running around barefoot.

Large zelkovas are scattered across the field, remnants of when this area was farmland. The pristine setting is kept by prohibiting bicycles and pets on the field.

Suspension bridge ● The Yatogawa River, a tributary of the Tamagawa River, flows through the park. A suspension bridge spans the river at an upstream point, and four other bridges cross it at other places.

Bird sanctuary ● White oak, sawara cypress, storax, and other trees form a fence that surrounds the protected area. Inside that barrier is a pond where wetland plants also grow. About 12 or 13 species of wild birds visit the sanctuary, including spotbill ducks and little egrets.

Cherry trees ● Cherry trees are planted in various places throughout the park, but many of those are concentrated in the family park and Yatogawa River areas. In springtime, the park is alive with people coming to view the cherry blossoms.

Cycling course ● A 1.75 km course circles the family park. Anyone can bring a bicycle to enjoy a ride on the path. Come enjoy a leisurely ride on the course and enjoy the gentle breeze.



Family park with cherry blossoms in bloom



Family park

Athletic field / Children's forest ● Fun playground equipments are set up in the athletic playground on the east side of the park. This spot has become a big hit with kids.

Japanese apricot forest ● About 40 Japanese apricot trees relocated here in 1984 form a dense plum tree forest in this sunny area of the park. Along with arbor trees in the woods, the Japanese plumb trees attract many visitors.

Green belt ● The park area facing Ring Road No. 8 was developed together with a roadside pedestrian walkway to form a green belt. As park and roadside greenery are inseparable, pedestrians can enjoy the four seasons fully as they walk along the road.

Art museum ● Setagaya Art Museum opened in a corner of the park in March 1986. The museum features a tiled exterior and open atmosphere created by the bronze roofed vaulted dome.



Plaza in front of the art museum

