

Traditional site for cherry blossom viewing

Koganei Park



- Location** ● Sakura-cho 3-chome, Sekino-cho 1/ 2-chome, Koganei City; Hana-Koganei-Minami-cho 3-chome, Kodaira City; Mukodai 6-chome, Nishi-Tokyo City; Sakurazutsumi 3-chome, Musashino City
- Contact information** ● Koganei Park Administration Office tel: 042-385-5611 (1-13-1 Sekino-cho, Koganei-shi 184-0001)
- Transport** ● Koganei-Koen-Nishiguchi bus stop on Seibu Bus from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line). Edo-Tokyo-Tatemonoen-mae, Koganei-Koen-mae or Sports-Center-mae bus stops on Kanto Bus from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line). Toll parking facilities available (24 hours).



This wide open park situated along the Tamagawa River water supply is an enormous 79 hectares. That is 4.9 times the area of Hibiya Park and 1.5 times that of Ueno Park.

It is a park full of variety. A broad expanse of grass, groves of trees around that, a cherry tree garden, children's field, Japanese archery range, SL(C57) steam locomotive display, and 16 tennis courts are just some of the park's features.

The predecessor of the park was the Koganei green area planned to celebrate in 1940 the 2,600th year since the founding of Japan. After the war, it was used as a temporary residence for the Crown Prince. About 40 percent of the land was lost when opened up for agricultural development, but the remaining land was officially opened as a metropolitan park in 1954.

Opened	January 14, 1954
Area	793,544.33 m ² (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan)
Trees	Tall trees: 15,200, shrubs: 38,300 m ² Grass: 135,000 m ²
Main plants	Japanese apricot, storax, nettle tree, sawtooth oak, konara oak, kobushi magnolia, cherry (someiyoshino, yama-zakura, sato-zakura), crape myrtle, Chinese evergreen oak, dogwood, tulip tree
Events	Kite flying competition (January), Plum festival (February), cherry festival (April), Children's festival (May), outdoor Noh performance (August), moon viewing (autumn), Cosmos festival (October)
Facilities	Japanese archery range (90 m distant target) (closed during 2011 due to maintenance), cycling course, tennis courts & baseball field (sports facilities administration center: tel: 042-384-6662), barbeque field, dog run, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (tel: 042-388-3300) Koganei City Municipal Sports Complex (tel: 042-386-2120)

Cherry tree garden ● There are more about 1,700 cherry trees planted in the park, including varieties such as yama-zakura, sato-zakura, oshima-zakura and someiyoshino. Of those, 430 trees in a 2.9-hectare

cherry tree garden create an unforgettable sight for a month in the spring.

The trees in the garden were gradually planted starting in the 1950s. And today, the park is well known for its cherry trees, attracting large crowds to see them in bloom.

Most of the cherry trees along the banks of the nearby Tamagawa River water supply are yama-zakura, first planted in the rule of the shogun Yoshimune. In 1924, this area was designated as a scenic spot.



Cherry blossoms coloring the park in spring

Tree grove ● The grove made up of konara oak, sawtooth oak, Japanese red pine, and other trees takes up a wide area of 16 hectares. Most of that is now a bird sanctuary, creating a haven for wild birds as well as protecting the trees themselves. The goal of the tree grove is to retain as much as possible the scenery of old Musashino that is increasingly rare in Tokyo today.



Shade in the summertime

Bird watching

The grove and other parts of the sanctuary place for enjoying the birds year-round. A wide variety of birds visit in all seasons. More than 40 species have been seen there, including oxeye, Japanese pygmy woodpecker, bamboo partridge, greenfinch and Japanese grosbeak.

Grass area

The large grassy field takes advantage of the gentle undulation of the Musashino terrace. It is divided into sections such as eucalyptus field, tsutsuji-yama field, relaxing field and children's field. Many people enjoy the area for picnicking, playing, strolls, jogging, and more.



Cycling course



Children's field

Famous trees / giant trees

Of all the park's flowering trees, one particularly large tree is the sweet osmanthus planted in front of the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum. It stands 10 meters tall, and its branches span 8 meters. In the autumn, it blooms with small, fragrant orange flowers. Other large trees that are the pride of the park include tulip trees and eucalyptus.

Archery range

Odd numbered days: Japanese archery
Even numbered days: Western archery
Range charge: 210 yen Equipment rental: 140 yen
Closed Monday mornings for maintenance.
*Closed during 2011 due to maintenance

Koganei Park flower calendar

January–March	Winter sweet, Japanese apricot, kobushi magnolia, Japanese cornel, camellia
April–June	Forsythia, ornamental peach, cherry, dogwood, wisteria, satsuki azalea, hydrangea, fragrant snowbell, tulip tree, southern magnolia, azalea
July–September	Silk tree, gardenia, clethraceae, lagerstroemia subcostata, crape myrtle, rose of Sharon, Japanese bush clover
October–December	Orange osmanthus, sasanqua

