This park is blessed with abundant water and greenery. The land that is now Nogawa Park was previously the golf course of International Christian University. That golf course was purchased by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, and the park was developed under the Musashino Forest Initiative along with green zones such as Jindai Botanical Gardens, Musashino Park, Tama Cemetery, Chofu Airport, Sengenymama Park, and Fuchunomori Park. It opened in June 1980.

Nogawa Park strides Chofu, Koganei, and Mitaka Cities, and is separated into three sections by Nogawa River and Tohachi avenue. Those sections are the north side of Nogawa River touching the Kokubunji cliffline with abundant nature, the rolling grassy field between Tohachi Road and Nogawa River, and the south side with broad, open grassy fields, tennis courts, and athletic facilities. In all of those sections, the greenery surrounds you to give a relaxing feeling.

Great lawn

The grass fields that were once a golf course are shaded by mixed woods of trees such as sawtooth oak and konara oak and groves of cercidiphyllum japonicum, trident maple, camphors, Japanese zelkovas, and others. The fields are separated into areas with names such as rest field, children’s field, great lawn, and free field. They are used for picnics, resting, and other activities. Of the various fields, the children’s field has 39 types of wooden playground equipment. That allows for a variety of athletic activities.

Nogawa River

A 10-meter-wide gently curving river flows slowly through the park. Both banks of Nogawa River are planted with grasses; and one can observe river scenery close its natural form from the riverbank paths and bridges. As there are no fences, one can easily go down to the river.

Nature observation garden

Along the north side of the park is the Kokubunji cliffline, a river bank terrace formed long ago by the Tamagawa River eroding the Musashino plateau. Spring water flows from the base of the cliff, forming a treasurehouse of nature where one can observe wild grasses, birds, and insects according to the season.

The garden was opened to the public in June 1988 to keep rich natural environments and scene in good condition, and to learn about them.

Many volunteers are cooperating here to care for mixed woods of trees, make environments where creatures are easy to live in, perform observation parties of wild plants, flowers, and birds.

Opening hours 9:30 am – 4:30 pm (Closed on Mondays or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)
Nature observation center

This facility where visitors to the nature observation garden can contact with nature and learn about living with nature was opened along with that garden. Exhibitions and lectures on nature and culture centering on Nogawa River and Kokubunji cliffline are conducted, and guide walk by park rangers are held.

The center is open every day from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm except Mondays.(following day if Monday is a holiday)