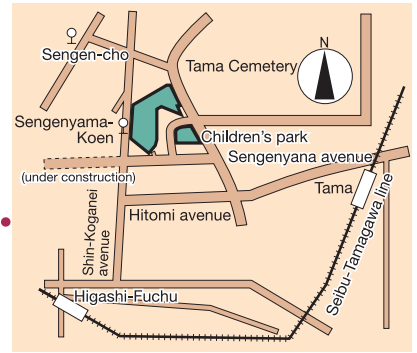


The only park with Musashinokisuge daylilies growing wild

Sengenyama Park



- Location** ● Sengen-cho 4-chome, Wakamatsu-cho 5-chome, Fuchu City
- Contact information** ● Nogawa Park Administration Office tel: 0422-31-6457 (6-4-1 Osawa, Mitaka-shi 181-0015)
- Transport** ● 1-minute walk from Sengenyama-Koen bus stop on Keio Bus for Higashi-Fuchu from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line).
8-minute walk from Sengen-cho bus stop on Keio Bus for Fuchu from Musashi-Koganei (JR Chuo line).
15-minute walk from Tama (Seibu-Tamagawa line).



The Tama plateau was worn away long ago by the old Tamagawa and other rivers, leaving what is now known as Sengenyama. The Sengen shrine is enshrined atop of Doyama which, at 80 meters above ground, is the highest of Sengenyama's three summits.

Also atop of Sengenyama is the Mitarai Shrine and the grave of Shiro Hitomi, a clan leader of Boshu in modern-day southern Chiba prefecture. During the World War II, the land was confiscated by the army for use as a munitions storehouse. After the war it was granted to the community and opened as a park in 1970.

The Tama Cemetery is located just across the Kisuge bridge, east of the park.

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| Opened | June 1, 1970 |
| Area | 83,089.73 m ² (some areas are state-owned property provided under gratuitous loan) |
| Trees | Tall trees: 5,000, shrubs: 1,100 |
| Main plants | Sawtooth oak, konara oak, cherry (inu-zakara, yama-zakura), Chinese evergreen oak, kousa dogwood, Japanese kerria, Musashinokisuge daylily, gold-banded lily |



Musashinokisuge daylily in bloom from late to early May

Tree groves ● Sengenyama hill has three crests: Maeyama, Nakayama, and Doyama. All three of those are covered with groves of trees that evoke images of old Musashino such as konara oak, sawtooth oak, and carpinus. The trees used to be used for firewood by local farmers, but today they are protected as precious scenery.

Wildgrasses and birds ● Another feature that brings back memories of old Musashino is the many wild grasses. Musashinokisuge daylily is an indigenous species that only grows wild here. *Cephalanthera falcata* and *cephalanthera erecta*, *chloranthus japonicus*, and other plants also are found here. All of those are plants whose numbers are dwindling and are thus heavily protected.

Wild birds can also be observed in the park. In early May of every year, wild grass and bird conservation groups hold the Kisuge Festival at the park's arbor.

Hilltop view ● The difference in elevation from the base of the hill is up to 30 meters, so the view from Sengenyama is spectacular, with even the mountains of Okutama visible. Mt. Fuji also can be seen from Maeyama, making it one of the top 100 points in the Kanto region for viewing the mountain.

