

This garden is one of a pair of feudal era clan gardens surviving in Edo (modern-day Tokyo). The other is Koishikawa Korakuen Garden. The Shiba Detached Palace Garden is a classic, strolling, spring-fed garden pond-centered garden featuring rock and land formations. The land on which the garden is located was originally under the shallows of Edo Bay, but from 1655 to 1658, this area was reclaimed and in 1678, came to be used for the official residence of Okubo Tadatomo, an official of the ruling Tokugawa Shogunate. When Okubo built his samurai style residence, he brought garden designers from his clan fief in the Odawara area to Edo to build the garden that became known as "Rakujuen." This residence passed through the hands of several persons and finally, during the final years of the Tokugawa Shogunate, it became the official residence of the Kishu branch of the Tokugawa family. In the 4th year of the Meiji Period (1871), it became the residence of the Arisugawa-no-miya family. It was purchased by the Imperial Household Agency in 1875 and became the Shiba Detached Palace. In the Great Kanto Earthquake that occurred on September 1, 1923, the ensuing fires consumed the building and virtually all the trees. In January 1924, as part of the commemorations of the beginning of the reign of the Showa Emperor, the property was given to the City of Tokyo. The garden was restored and the grounds were opened to the public in April of the same year. In June 1979, the garden was officially designated by the national government as a place of scenic beauty and special historic interest.

旧芝離宮恩賜庭園 Kyu-Shiba-rikyu Gardens

Date of inauguration as a park: April 20, 1924

Area: 43,070.53m²

Main plants: Japanese Black pine (*Pinus thunbergii*), camphor tree (*Cinnamomum camphora*), azalea (*Rhododendron indicum*), machilus thunbergii (*Machilus thunbergii*), iris (*Iris ensata*), balloonflower (*Platycodon grandiflorus*), clavagellaceae (*Crinum latifolium*), wisteria (*Wisteria floribunda*), Leopard plant (*Farfugium japonicum*), and spider lilies (*Lycoris radiata*)

Wild birds: Resident birds: Little egret (*Egretta garzetta*), Spot-billed duck (*Anas pocillorhyncha*)

Migrating birds: Tufted duck (*Aythya fuligula*), Northern Pintail (*Anas acuta*), Common pochard (*Aythya ferina*) etc.

Hours: Open from 9:00 to 17:00 (Entry until 16:30)

Closed: Year-end holidays (December 29 to January 3)

Entrance fee: ¥150 (Persons 65 and over: ¥70)

(No charge for primary school children or younger, and junior high school students living or attending school in Tokyo)

*20% discount for groups of 20 persons or more

Related facilities: Japanese archery range (9:00 to 16:00: ¥140/hour).

*Equipment not provided. No instruction personnel available.

*For more details, please contact the office.

Park location: 1-4-1 Kaigan, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0022

Contact: Kyu-Shiba-rikyu Garden Office

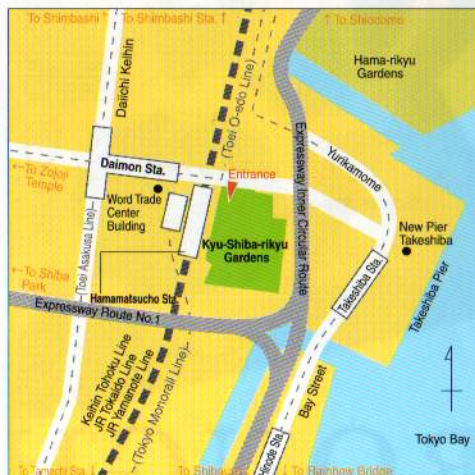
Tel: 03-3434-4029

Access: JR Hamamatsu-cho Sta. North Exit (1 minute on foot)

Toei Asakusa Line/O-Edo Line, Daimon Sta. (5 minutes on foot) A-09, E-20

Yuri-kamome Line, Takeshiba Sta. (10 minutes on foot)

*No parking available



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