

Special Historic and Scenic Park

Koishikawa Korakuen

小石川後楽園

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A deep ravine still remains in O-edo (Tokyo)

In the early Edo Period, in 1629, the founder of the Mito Tokugawa family, Yorifusa, maintained a separate Edo residence, the garden of which was completed during the reign of the second clan ruler, Mitsukuni. This garden features a central pond and hills, making it perfect for a stroll. When Mitsukuni set about constructing the garden, he incorporated some concepts of the Chinese Confucian scholar Shushunsi of the Ming dynasty, including a garden reproduction of Seiko Lake (China), a "Full Moon Bridge" and other features with cultural origins in China.

The name of the garden, "Korakuen," came from a Chinese text in Hanchuen's "Gakuyoro-ki" admired by Mitsukuni which said that there is "a need for those in power to worry about maintaining power first and then enjoy power later." Thus, the name Korakuen, meaning "the garden for enjoying power later on," was chosen.

Under the terms of the Law for Preservation of Cultural Assets, Koishikawa Korakuen has been designated an important historical asset and site of special historical significance. This double designation has been given only to such important sites as Koishikawa Korakuen, Hama Detached Palace, Kinkakuji, etc.

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Park location: 1-6-6 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 112-0004

Area: 70,847.17m²

Inauguration as a garden: April 3, 1938

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

Closed: Year-end holidays (December 29 to January 1)

Entrance fee: ¥300 (Persons 65 and over: ¥150)

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

Related facilities: Kantoku-tei

Western-style rooms: 1 (40 persons); 3 (15 persons)

Japanese-style rooms: 1 (20 persons); 1 (10 persons)

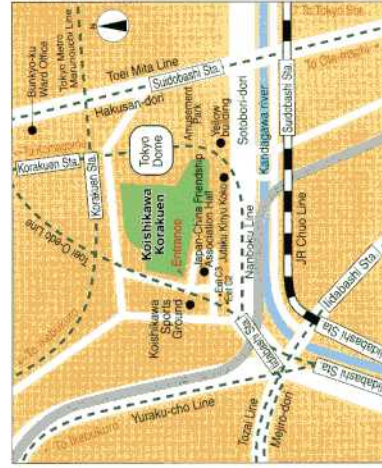
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Access: Toei O-edo Line, Iidabashi Sta. (2 minutes on foot) E-06

JR Sobu Line, Iidabashi Sta. (8 minutes on foot)

Tokyo Metro Tozai Line/Yuraku-cho Line/Nambuoku Line, Iidabashi Sta. (8 minutes on foot) T-06, Y-13, N-10

*No parking available



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