

Discover Your Favorite Giant Trees!

Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden

Oasis of the Metropolitan



Across a spacious lawn area, you can see a giant tulip tree, and beyond, the towers of metropolitan Shinjuku. Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden boasts around 300 giant trees, including the first London plane trees ever planted in Japan. Visit and enjoy the stories and histories of the giant trees that have watched the development of Shinjuku.

【Access】

- 10 min from Shinjuku sta. (JR/KEIO/ODAKYU Lines)
- 15 min from Seibu Shinjuku Sta. (SEIBU SHINJUKU Line)
- 5 min from Shinjuku-gyoenmae Sta. (Marunouchi Line(Subway)), and Shinjuku 3 chome sta. (Toei Shinjuku Line(Subway))

【Admission】

- Adults ¥500 (Group discount ¥400)
- Seniors (65 and over) and Students ¥250
- Children (15 and under) FREE

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Need 5 people to encircle!

London Plane Tree
(*Platanus acerifolia*)

Trunk girth 630cm
Height 26m
Est. Age Over 120 years



Don't miss a giant London plane tree with a trunk girth of over 6m! This is the first plane tree ever planted in Japan, at the end of 19th century. Its children are now planted throughout Japan.

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Don't miss "Aerial Roots"!

Bald Cypress
(*Taxodium distichum*)

Trunk girth 337cm
Height 25m
Est. Age Over 120 years



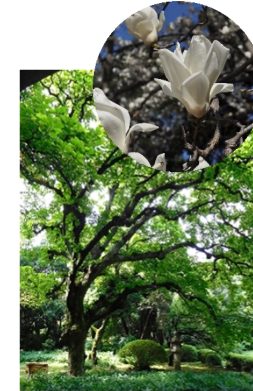
Native to North America, these trees have above-ground aerial roots that let the trees take in oxygen when the forest is flooded. Don't miss this breathtaking scenery!

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Witness of the history

Yulan Tree
(*Magnolia denudate*)

Trunk girth 238cm
Height 14m
Estimated Age Over 150 years



Just in front of the Rakuu-Tei Tea House, this tree was planted in Edo Era (roughly 150 years ago!) Considered to be one of the oldest trees in Shinjuku Gyoen, it attracts many visitors with its pure white flowers in spring.

4

The Symbol of Shinjuku-Gyoen!

Tulip Tree
(*Liriodendron tulipifera*)

Trunk girth 491cm
Height 35m
Est. Age Over 120 years



One of the first tulip trees introduced into Japan, at the end of 19th century, and with a height of over 35m, this tree deserves to be called the Symbol of Shinjuku Gyoen. As its name says, it produces many tulip-shaped, yellowish green flowers in May.

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Rarely seen in Tokyo!

Japanese Elm
(*Ulmus davidiana var. japonica*)

Trunk girth 383cm
Height 22m
Est. Age Over 120 years



In the lawn area in front of the Old Imperial Rest House, you can find a giant tree of Japanese elm. Japanese elms, common in northern Japan, are rare around Tokyo. Its unique flowers look nothing like familiar flowers.



Spacious lawn area awaits you



Must-see Greenhouse

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Mother tree of many plane trees in Japan.

Start

Shinjuku Gate

It takes roughly 90min. to walk through. If you wish to stop along the way at spots such as Greenhouse or Old Imperial Rest House, allow half a day.

Greenhouse is a must-see spot of Shinjuku Gyoen!

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 Est. Age Over 120years
 Location Near Shinjuku Gate

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Don't miss Pure-White flowers in March!



【History Background】

At the beginning of 17th century, the area was the residence of Naito Kiyonari, a guardian of west Tokyo as a hereditary vassal of Shogun Tokugawa Iyasu. In the Meiji Era, the government created the Naito Shinjuku Experimental Farm by purchasing part of Naito's estate along with the adjacent area to promote modern agriculture. The farm later became the Imperial Garden, was reorganized in 1906, and was opened to the public in 1949. You can enjoy many giant trees planted long ago, some of them in the Edo Era (about 150 years ago).

【Greenhouse】

The history of Shinjuku Gyoen Greenhouse dates back to 1875, at the time of the former Naito Shinjuku Experimental Farm (the predecessor of Shinjuku Gyoen). The greenhouse, covering about 100m², played a pioneering role in Japanese horticulture. Tropical and subtropical plants are grown, and a lot of orchid varieties, with "Shinjuku" in their name were produced. The greenhouse was renovated in 2012, and about 2,700 species, mainly tropical plants, are grown. You can enjoy the beautiful flowers throughout a year. The Greenhouse also work as conservation unit for endangered species, as well as seed preservation base.



Take Photos of Tulip Tree with tower buildings!