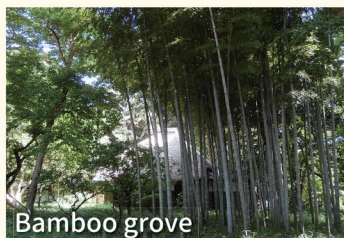


Metropolitan Roka Koshun-en Gardens

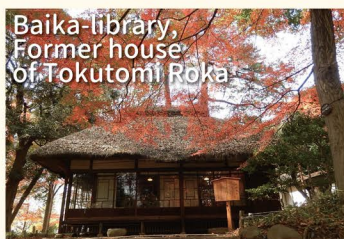
Home and garden of a writer
who loved Musashino



Bamboo grove



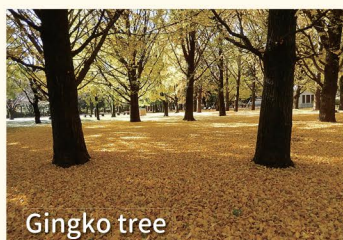
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Baika-library,
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of Tokutomi Roka



Children's park



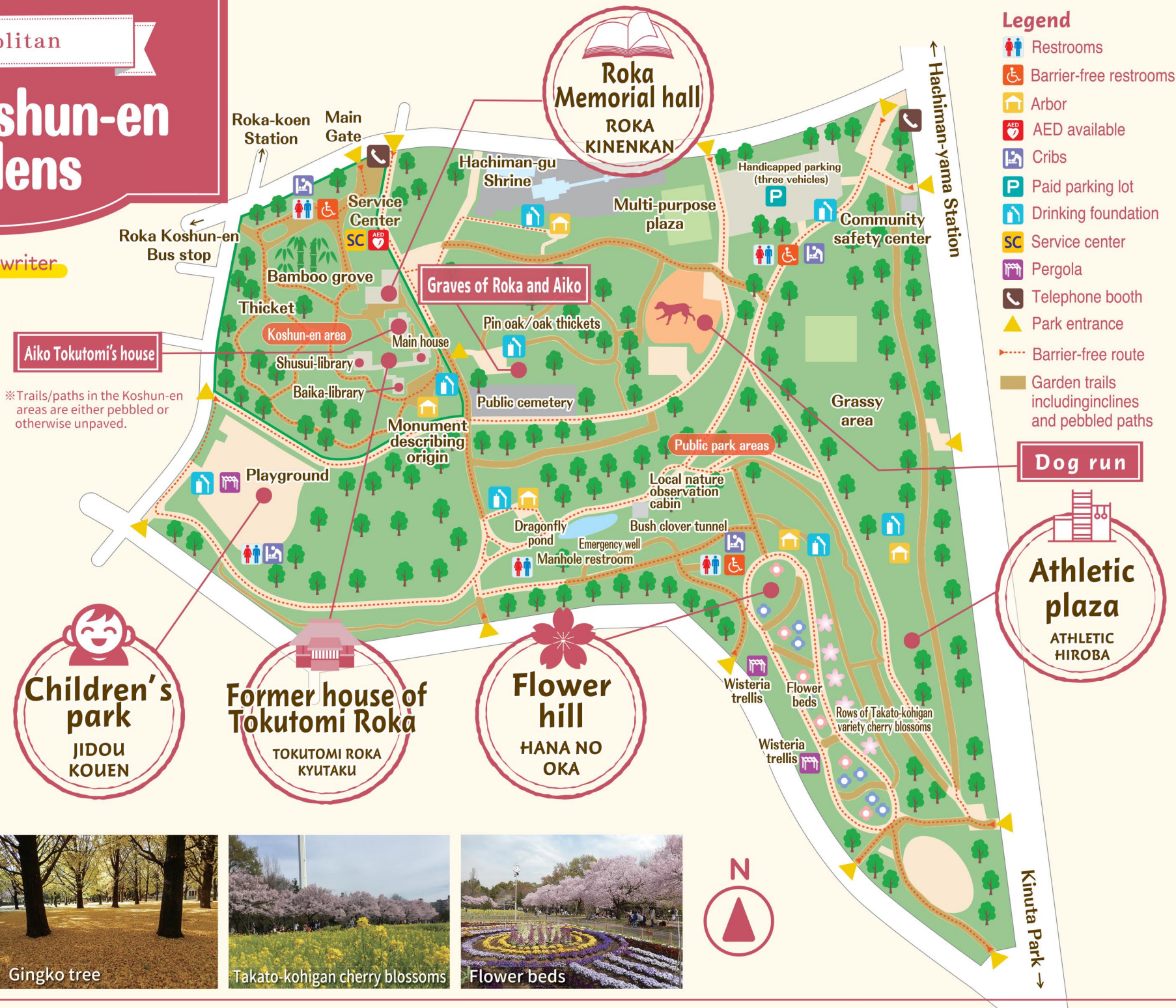
Ginkgo tree



Takato-kohigan cherry blossoms



Flower beds



Overview

Koshun-en area **Former house of Tokutomi Roka** In 1907 at the age of 40, Tokutomi Roka relocated from Takagi-cho, Aoyama, Tokyo to Chitosemura Kasuya, Kita-tama, Tokyo Province. He named the place "Koshu-en" and lived out his life "working the fields in fine weather and reading on rainy days," calling himself a "farmer with aesthetics." His residence from this period, called the Tokutomi Roka Old Village, remains to this day.

Aiko Tokutomi's House On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Roka's death, his wife Aiko bequeathed the couple's home, fields, and all other property to the city of Tokyo. It was refurbished by the city and, in accordance with Aiko's wishes, it was opened in 1938 as a park carrying Roka's name, in part for the purpose of preserving the landscape of Musashino. The new home built by the city for Aiko still exists. It is now used as an assembly hall.

Roka Memorial hall This museum was built in 1959 to house the personal effects, works, papers, letters, farming implements, and more that were donated along with the house. The items are on display for public viewing.

The graves of Roka and Aiko The graves of Roka, who passed away on September 18th, 1927 in Ikaho, Gunma Prefecture, where he was receiving medical treatment, and of Aiko, who in turn passed away on February 20th, 1947 in Atami, Shizuoka Prefecture while receiving medical care, are located on the east side of the Koshun-en. The grave marker is a natural stone engraved with their names by Roka's elder brother Tokutomi Soho. It is surrounded by a grove of oak trees.

Park areas open to the public **Flower hill** Flowers bloom throughout the seasons here, and the visitor can enjoy them in various presentations: see the kohigan cherry, a gift from Takato-machi, Nagano Prefecture, anabelle, "tunnels of flowers" in the fall, and more. The five flower beds in the center offer colorful blossoms including cosmos flowers, sunflowers, rape blossoms, and more. Take a moment to relax and refresh yourself at one of the many rest areas, as you take in the trees and flowers and feel the breeze.

Children's park Complete with a slide, swings, see-saws, a sandbox, and more, this is a popular place to take children to play. The sound of kids' excited voices never stops!

Athletic plaza Enjoy the various field athletic facilities along Kampachi dori Ave. as you get into shape!

Dog run Located in the center of the park (surface area of 1,450m²), the dog run is divided into the free-run area and the small dog area. Benches and water is available.

Park overview

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Location	Kasuya 1-chome, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo
Park open date	February 27, 1938
Park area	80,304.43m ² (as of April 1, 2009)
Major facilities	Roka Memorial hall, Former house of Tokutomi Roka, Meeting room (Baika library, Aiko Tokutomi's house)
Hours	9:00-16:30 (Koshun-en area)
Closed	December 29th-January 3rd (Koshun-en area only)
Admission	Free

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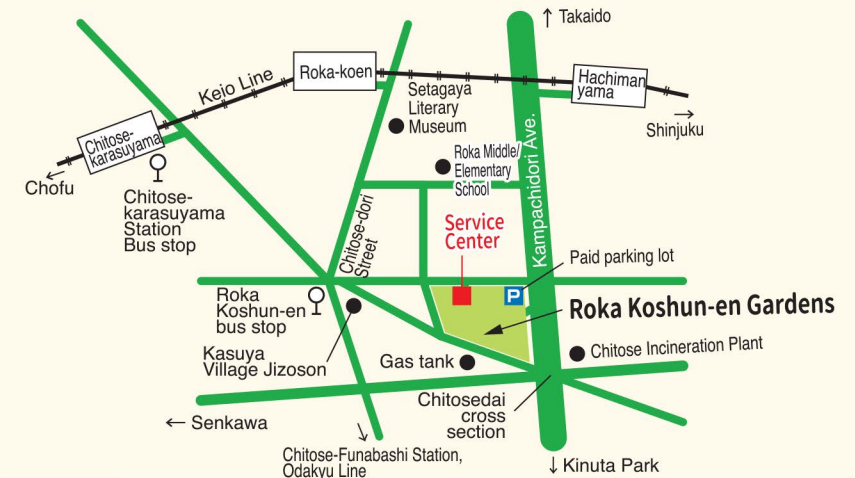
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Access Map



Walk

● 15 minute walk from Roka-koen Station/Hachiman-yama Station/ Chitose-karasuyama Station

Buses

● From Chitose-karasuyama on the Keio Line, take the Keio bus from the South Exit bound for Chitose-funabashi and get off at "Roka Koshun-en."
The park is a seven-minute walk from here.
From Chitose-funabashi on the Odakyu Line, take the Keio bus from the North Exit bound for Chitose-karasuyama and get off at Roka Koshun-en.
The park is a seven-minute walk from here.
Buses run at intervals of 5-10 minutes.



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