Tokyo Metropolitan

Zenpukuji Park

Introduction to the Park

The park pond of Zenpukuji is divided into the upper and lower ponds. The upper pond has a dock for boats, while the lower pond consists of reeds and water lillies, and other plant life, the total area of the upper and lower ponds account for about half of the total area of the Park, these ponds are the main attractions of the park.

Zenpukuji, the three major spring ponds in Musashino

Historically, it was said that the Zenpukuji ponds (one of the 3 fountains of Musashino) had been utilized as an auxiliary water source of the waterway, Kanda-Josui in the Edo period, due to its abundance of water. After a long period of time, the spring water source dried up, around the early days of Showa 30th year (1955), and it is now maintained by pumping in groundwater. It is stated that it is called Zenpukuji ponds due to the nearby location of the temple.

The scenic area and Scenic District Association

The Zenpukuji park, is currently surrounded by the scenic location of Zenpukuji, first designated in Showa Year 5 (1930), and the scenic location is one of 25 scenic areas in the city. Zenpukuji Park is the foremost central location.

In addition, in the 9th year of Showa (1934), leading local residents established a Scenic District Association originally Ikimichi, Mayor Yoshiro Uchida was the president, Yoshiro Uchida negotiated with local respected residents and landowners to enforce the protection of the natural environment around the Zenpukuji pond, the area was opened as metropolitan park in June of the 36th year of Showa (1961), up until the present.

Wild Birds in the Park

Zenpukuji Park is a spiritual place for the observation of wild birds. Nakanishi Godo, used to live near the Zenpukuji pond, established the Wild Bird Society of Japan in the 9th year of Showa (1934), to observe the wildlife around the lake. As a result, the Park of Zenpukuji is well known to many people and has gained great popularity. Aythya fuligula, Ardea alba and Alcedo atthis etc. are common in the Park, and about fifty species of wild birds can be observed every year.

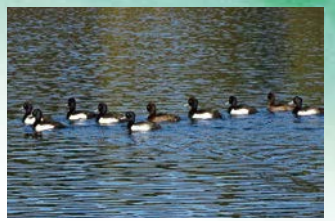
Osonoi Falls

Roughly 800 years ago, Minamoto Yoritomo led his troops to Oshu (today, it is known as the areas of Fukushima, Miyagi, Iwate, Aomori and Akita), they camped for rest and reorganization on their journey, it was a time of drought, so they dug wells to obtain water.

They dug seven times with bowstrings, waiting earnestly, it was difficult to dig for water, so they exclaimed that it is too late to dig now, and therefore the well is called the "late well". Now the well water has dried up, and later generations dug the wellhead and added a pump to the well. Groundwater pumped restores the water supply for the late well.

Kaminoike Pond

Kingfisher (Resident birds)



Tufted duck (Winter bird)

Great Egret and Gray Heron (Resident birds)

Osonoi Falls

Basic information on the Park

Opening day	June 16, Showa 36 (1961)
Opening area	80,264.47m^2
location	2 and 3-chome Zenpukuji, Suginami-ku, Tokyo 167-0041
Transit	From JR Chuo Line "Ogikubo" north exit, get off at "Zenpukuji-Koen" bound for Kanto Bus Minami-zenpukuji, JR Chuo Line "Nishi-Ogikubo" for Kanto Bus or Seibu Bus Kami-Shakujii Station (also Oizumi Gakuen Station) 5 minutes walk from "Zenpukuji" , 5 minutes on foot from Seibu Shinjuku Line "Kami-sha Kujii" Kanto Bus or Seibu Bus Nishi-Ogikubo Station to "Zenpukuji"
Main facilities	Boat platform, Gateball field, Children Square, etc.
Twitter	@Parks_Zenpukuji

Advisory Service

Zenpukuji Park Service Center (Park Related Affairs Office)
Tel: 03-3396-0825 3-9-10 Zenpukuji, Suginami-ku, 167-0041, Tokyo
(8:30 am-5:30 pm, except the new year and year-end holidays)

Guest Support Center (information consultation section of the association's general situation)
Tel: 03-3232-3038
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Osonoi-kawa Water Faclity

Shimonoike pond

Boat

Statue of Hidegoro Uchida

Zenpukuji Bus Stop
Momoi Dai 4 Shogakko Bus Stop
To Ohme- kaido
Minoyama-bashi Bridge
Osonoi-kawa Water Facility
Zenpukuji Park Bus Stop
Kodomo-hiroba square
Kodomo-hiroba square
Service center
Boat platform
Zenpukuji Park Bus Stop
Watado Bridge
playground
Gateball field
playground
Kaminoike pond
Statue of Hidegoro Uchida
Shimonoike pond
Benzaiten
Osonoi-no-taki waterfall
To Kichijoji

explanatory notes

Restroom
Anyone toilet (multipurpose toilet)
Crib
Drinking fountains
AED
Information office
Barrier-free route

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