

Map of Yanaka Cemetery

Details

Established : 9 / 1 / 1874

Size : 10 hectares (25 acres)

Type : Public

Style : Secular

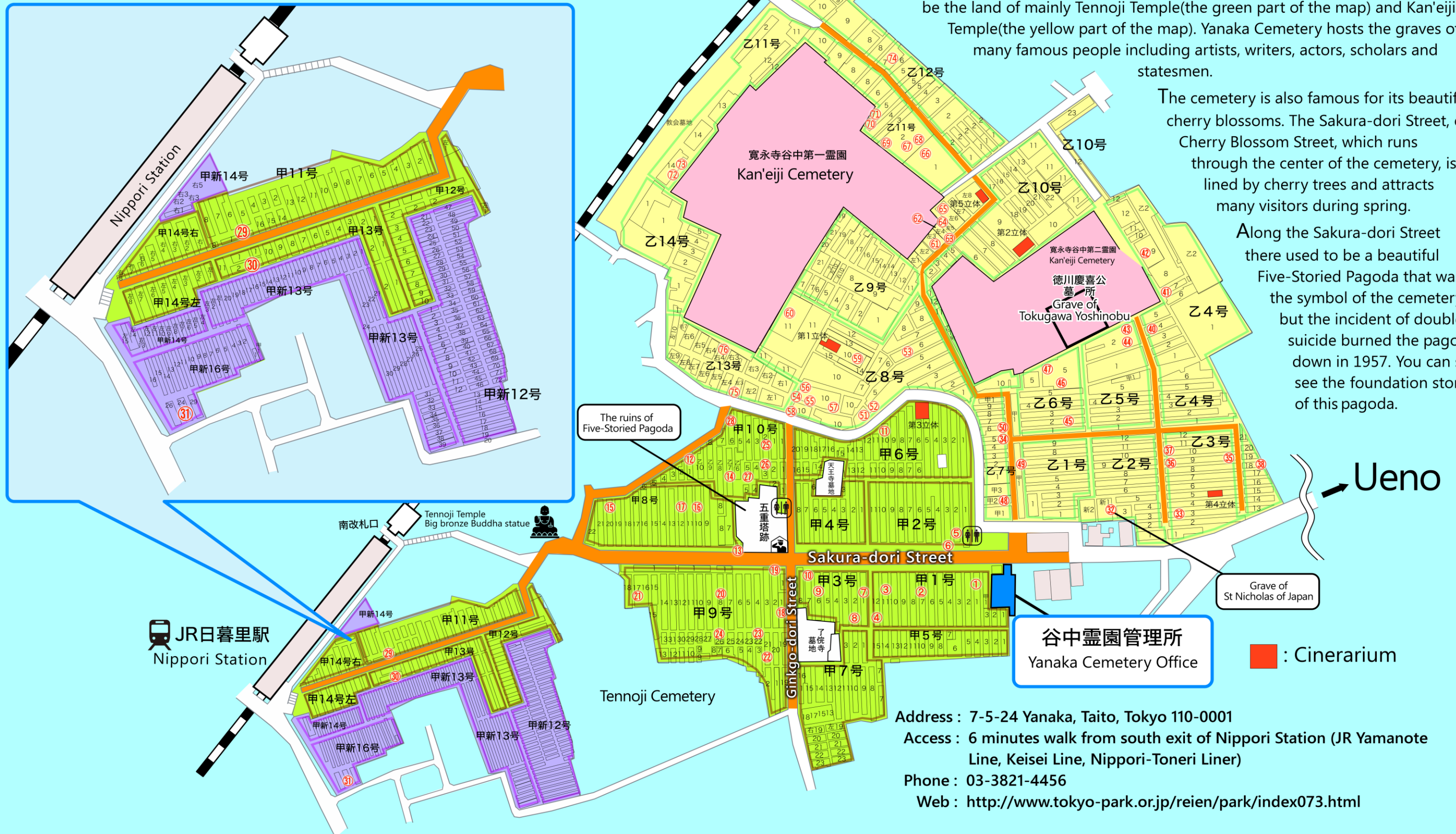
No.of users : about 7,000 (As of January 1, 2017)

Yanaka means middle of the valley, which is situated between two hills (Ueno and Hongo) and still maintains the flavor of downtown Tokyo. Yanaka is a good place for foreign visitors to see Japanese culture and feel the old time atmosphere of Japan.

Yanaka Cemetery is now run by Tokyo metropolitan government, but it used to be the land of mainly Tennoji Temple(the green part of the map) and Kan'eiji Temple(the yellow part of the map). Yanaka Cemetery hosts the graves of many famous people including artists, writers, actors, scholars and statesmen.

The cemetery is also famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. The Sakura-dori Street, or Cherry Blossom Street, which runs through the center of the cemetery, is lined by cherry trees and attracts many visitors during spring.

Along the Sakura-dori Street there used to be a beautiful Five-Storyed Pagoda that was the symbol of the cemetery , but the incident of double suicide burned the pagoda down in 1957. You can still see the foundation stones of this pagoda.



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