

I'm Mebaen.

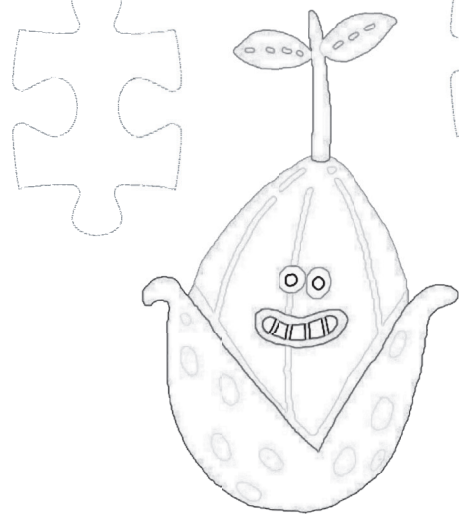
I'm glad you came today.

This Nature Park's forest is incredible!

Trees, plants, flowers, insects, birds, invisible microorganisms—and even humans! It's a forest created by the interaction of everyone.

I'm always excited because it's always full of new discoveries.

Let's see what we can find today.



Mebaen

Age: My grandfather Suda-jii was born in the Edo period, and I'm only 2 years old.

Specialty: I'm just a small sprout, but I'm cheerful even in the dark.

Height: 2 cm

Note: He is the acorn fairy of the Suda-jii tree. He loves Suda-jii. The acorns aren't bitter, so people say they're "tasty."

Caring for this rich natural environment requires daily attention and upkeep. When you visit the Institute for Nature Study, please follow the rules to protect our shared forest and ensure everyone has a pleasant time.



Do not catch insects or other animals.



Do not drink alcohol.



Please take your trash home with you.



Do not take flowers or seeds home with you.



Running is not permitted within the park.



Do not make loud noises.



Do not bring pets, other animals, or plants.



Do not bring toys or other play items.



Do not use fire. Do not smoke.

* To protect the natural environment, the Institute for Nature Study limits the number of visitors to 300 at any one time, unlike most general parks. If we reach capacity, you may be asked to wait before entry. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rules for Preserving Nature



Visitor Information

Opening Hours

May 1 - Aug. 31 9:00 - 17:00 (admission until 16:00)

Sep. 1 - Apr. 30 9:00 - 16:30 (admission until 16:00)

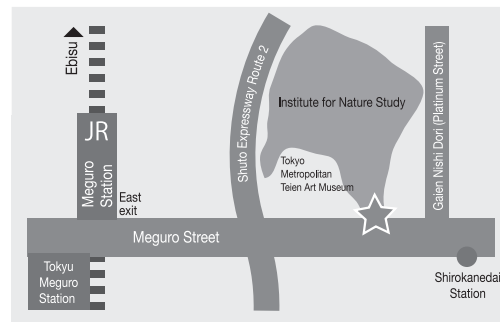
Closed

- Weekly Mondays (open if Monday is a holiday or national holiday, closed on Tuesday)
- The day after a holiday (open if Saturday or Sunday)
- The year-end and New Year holidays (December 28 to January 4)

Admission fee

General admission: ¥320

- Free for high school students and younger and persons 65 and older (certificate required)
- Free for disabled persons and one caregiver (disability certificate required, etc.)
- Infants alone are not allowed to enter the park



- From Meguro Station (JR Yamanote Line; JY22, East Exit, or Tokyu Meguro Line; MG01): Walk for about 9 minutes along Meguro Street.
- From Shirokanedai Station (Tokyo Metro Namboku Line; N-02) or Toei Mita Line; I-02): Take Exit 1 and walk for about 7 minutes along Meguro Street.

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I'm glad you came. I'm Suda-Jii, the old man.
I've been living here in the park for a long time.
The park is about 20 hectares—the size of roughly 28 soccer fields—and is a lush, expansive forest.
Because the forest is important to all of us, it's designated as a national natural monument and a historic site.
You'll find many trees, plants, flowers, ponds, creeks, insects, and birds here.
Let's see what we can find in the forest today.



Suda-Jii

Let's coloring

Age : about 300 years old (or perhaps 400?). He's been watching over the park since the Edo period and knows everything.

Circumference : It takes 4 kids to reach around him.

Special Ability : He has watched over the park since the Edo period and knows everything.

Note : The kami (spirit) of Old Suda-jii lives in the park. His scent captivates everyone in important situations (around May). He loves fashion and pays attention to every detail, right down to the lining of his clothes (silver).

Let's check it out with an adult



Let's take a closer look

What trees and plants are right in front of us?
What colors and shapes do you see?

Are there any insects?
Can you spot any birds?
What's in the pond?



Let's listen carefully

What sounds do you hear in the forest?
What could they be?



Sniff, sniff

Do you smell something?



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Restroom



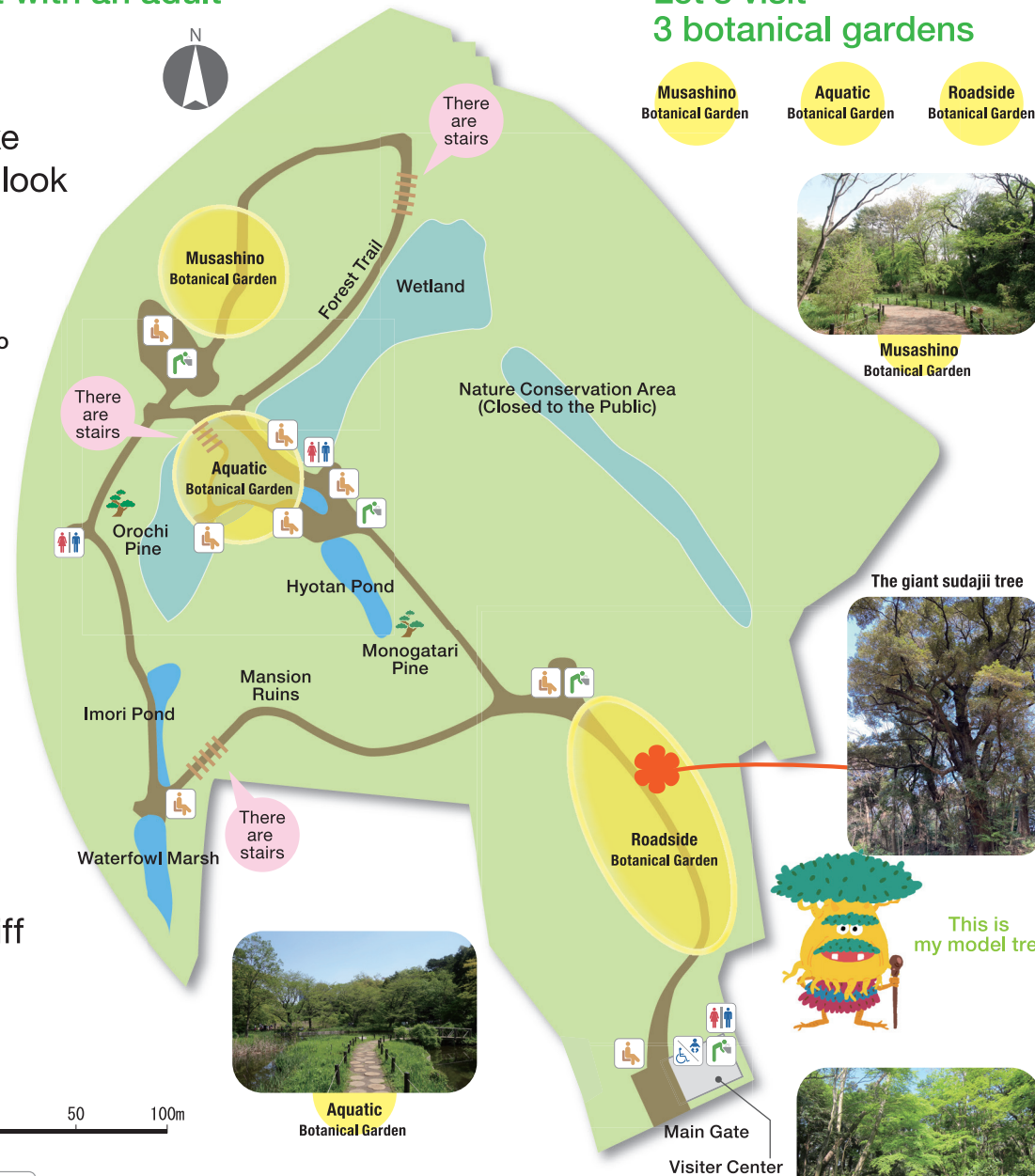
Accessible Restroom



Drinking Fountain



Rest Area



Let's visit 3 botanical gardens

Musashino Botanical Garden

Aquatic Botanical Garden

Roadside Botanical Garden



Musashino Botanical Garden

The giant sudajii tree



This is my model tree



Roadside Botanical Garden



Aquatic Botanical Garden



The full loop takes about an hour.

The forest is always changing!
What changes will you see next time you visit?
It will be fun to find out!

