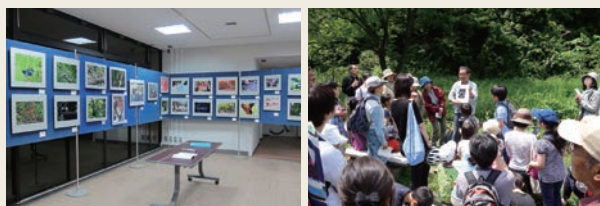


History

The history of the Institute for Nature Study starts some four to five hundred years ago, in the estate of a noble. In the Edo period (1603-1867), this estate became the secondary mansion of Matsudaira Yorishige, lord of Takamatsu Domain. In the Meiji period (1858-1912), it was used as a gunpowder magazine for the army and navy, while in the Taisho period (1912-1926), it was the Shirokane Goryochi, an imperial estate. It was closed to the general public during all this time, so a rich natural environment developed here. In 1949, the area was registered as a Natural Monument and Historic Site, and finally opened to the public.

Educational

The Institute for Nature Study offers a range of educational support programs for general visitors, schoolchildren, and teachers so that they can become familiar with nature and understand it more deeply. Special exhibitions and other events are also held in the Exhibition Hall from time to time.



Information

◆ Opening Hours

Sep. 1 to Apr. 30: 9:00AM to 4:30PM (last entry 4:00PM)
May 1 to Aug. 31: 9:00AM to 5:00PM (last entry 4:00PM)

◆ Days Closed

Every Monday (Tuesday when holiday falls on Monday)
The day after a national holiday
(except Saturday and Sunday)
Year-end/New Year holidays (Dec. 28 to Jan. 4)

*The Institute may be open on some of the days above on certain occasions.

◆ Admission

Adults and University students: 320 yen
High-school students and younger: Free

*Seniors (65 and over) with ID are admitted free.

Rules and Regulations

To ensure the appropriate environment in the Institute for Nature Study, the following acts are prohibited by Institute regulations:



Picking plants and catching insects or animals



Bringing in outside plants and animals including pets



Jogging and playing sports



Drinking alcohol



Singing and playing musical instruments



Smoking

Aquatic Plant Garden

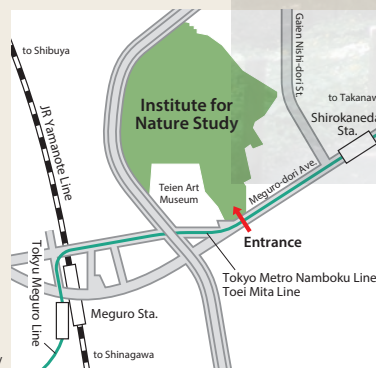


Access

- ◆ 9 minutes walk from Meguro Station on JR line and Tokyu Meguro line
- ◆ 7 minutes walk from Shirokanedai Station on Tokyo Metro Namboku line and Toei Mita line

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Musashino Plant Garden



Aquatic Plant Garden



Earthworks and Mansion Ruin



Fabled Pine



Overview

The Institute for Nature Study is a branch of the National Museum of Nature and Science. It is located in the center of downtown Tokyo, and occupies an area of 200,000m². With our persistent effort to protect their original habitat, the Institute has preserved a sanctuary for plants and animals which have rarely been observed in the heart of metropolitan Tokyo. We hope for the visitors to get close to nature and appreciate its diversity in our Institute for Nature Study.

Roadside Plant Garden



Visitor Center

Exhibition provides visitors with general view of nature in the Institute for Nature Study. Museum shop, beverage vending machine, coin lockers and lecture rooms are also available.