



This tour is only available during park hours.

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INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing Japan Walk-Caster's Kyu Shiba Rikyu audio tour. The introduction tracks will explain how to use this tour and introduce important background information. Start each track after you reach the corresponding audio point, so listen to track two after you reach location 2 on the map.

This feudal era clan garden from the Edo period is on land which was reclaimed from Edo (Tokyo) Bay in 1678, and was the official residence of Okubo Tadatomo, an official of the ruling Tokugawa Shogunate. During the final years of the Tokugawa Shogunate, it became the official residence of the Kishu branch of the Tokugawa family. It was purchased by the Imperial Household Agency in 1875 and became the Shiba Detached Palace. In the Great Kanto Earthquake that occurred on Sept. 1, 1923, the ensuing fires consumed the building and virtually all the trees. In January 1924, as part of the commemorations of the beginning of the reign of the Showa Emperor, the property was given to the City of Tokyo. The garden was officially designated by the national government as a place of scenic beauty and special historic interest.

Open from 9:00 to 17:00 (Entry until 16:30); Closed December 29 to January 3; Entrance fee: ¥150 — Seniors 65+ ¥70; (No charge for primary school children or younger, JR high school students living or attending school in Tokyo); Related facilities: Japanese archery range 9:00 to 16:00: ¥140/hour, Must provide own Equipment.

