Kyoto Gyoen National Garden

History

Kyoto Gyoen is the National Garden reclangular space of east-west 700m and north-south 1,300m including the Imperial palaces and other facilites. In the Edo period (18th century), there were some 200 residences of imperial family members and court nobles located in this area. It was after the Meiji period that Kyoto Gyoen became the park surrounded by stonewalls as we can see now.

Today, we can find not only historical sites dating from as far back as the Heian period, but with about 50,000 trees and an abundance of plants, birds, insects and fungi, the Garden is also an oasis for people.

●Visitor Center at Site of Kan'in-no-miya Residence

This is the site of the residence of Kan'in-no-miya Imperial Family, founded in the Edo period. The current building is open to the public as a vistor center with exhibition of relics found in Kyoto Gyoen, where visitors can learn about the nature and history of the park. The garden includes a pond and beach of rounded stones ("Suhama") recreated based on remains from the middle of the 18th century.

Open: Year-round except Mondays and year-end/New Year holidays.
Open on national holidays that fall on a Monday.
9:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m.(no admittance after 4:00 p.m.)

Free of charge

●Shusui-tei Tea house at the Site of the Kujo Residence

The Shusui-tei Teahouse is the only remaining structure at the site of the Kujo residence, one of the so-called "five regent houses". The teahouse is known to have been built about 200 years ago, in the latter part of the Edo period.

It is available for use for social activities such as tea ceremonies and poetry parties.

Open: Every Friday and Saturday from March 1 through December 27
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Admission: ¥100(limited to high-school student and older)

●Demizu Stream

This 100-meter-long artificial stream flowing through the trees, which is fed by a well, was created to provide an area for people to enjoy year-round and where children can play in the water in summer. Diverse varieties of cherry trees make it favorite spot within Kyoto Gyoen in spring.

●"Haha-to-ko-no-mori" Forest Park

This is a park within Kyoto Gyoen, created on the concept of "satoyama" forests developed near populated areas in the suburbs of Kyoto. It is a place where mothers and children can immerse themselves in nature. There is a water area where birds come to bathe, and at the Forest Library (open April 1 through November 30), visitors can browse through books related to nature.

Interactive Study of Kyoto Gyoen

Follow the course of history of Kyoto Gyoen guided sign in the shape of a Shogi (Japanese chess) pieces. You can understand the stories of the past in four languages. Cover the uneven surfaces below the information plates with A4 size paper and rub over it with a pencil to produce a picture. Collect all rub-drawings and put them together to make one big picture.

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Kyoto Gyoen Stroll map

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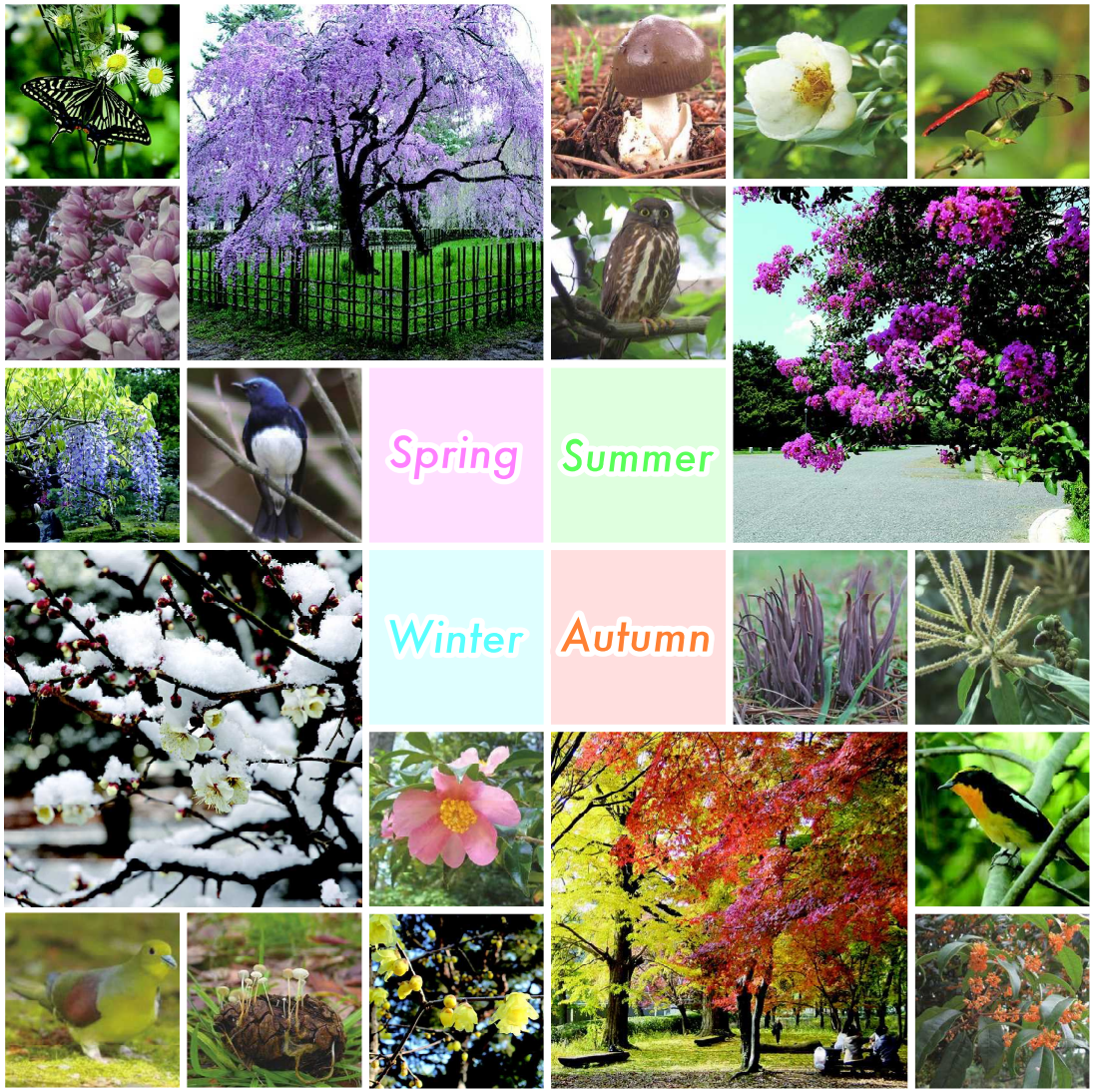

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