

Kitamoto Nature Observation Park



Kitamoto Nature Observation Park, which extends over 30ha, is designed as the Urban Ecology Park in Saitama Prefecture. It is also the studying field for the Saitama Nature Study Center. It is playing an important role as the vital base of the ecological network to protect endangered species and effectively conserve nature in Saitama prefecture, as well as creating a place for the residents of our prefecture to relax. The park covers various scenery like woodlands, wetlands and grasslands,

where there are habitats for many wild animals, birds, frogs, insects etc. Approximately 1,700 species of insects and 160 species of wild birds can be found in this park. Get our seasonal guide book, enjoy nature hikes and get close to nature!

Date of establishment:

July 1st 1992

Established by:

Saitama prefecture (Department of Greenery, Nature and the Environment)

Designated Independent Management:

Ecosystem Conservation Society - Saitama (From April 2006)

Location:

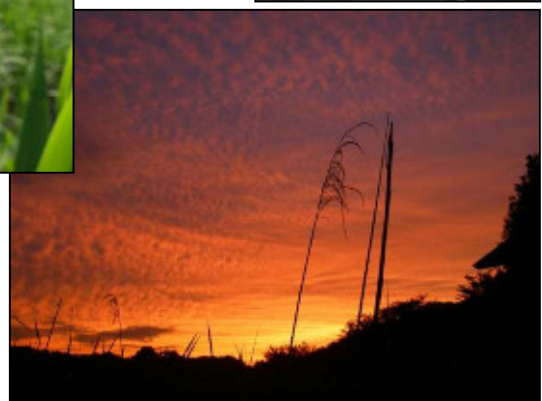
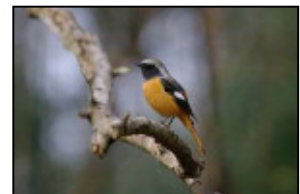
Kitamoto city in Saitama prefecture

Area:

The planned area is 32.9ha. Currently 26.7ha have been completed.

Major Features:

Nature trails, Saitama Nature Study Center, Biotope model area, public toilets, parking area (for approximately 100 cars)



Saitama Nature Study Center

Saitama Nature Study center is located inside the Kitamoto Nature Observation Park. This facility works as a visitor center, and provides you useful information that helps you to deepen your understanding of nature. You may want to come the Nature Study Center first, and then explore the nature in the park. We recommend you to visit the center first of all and then step out into the park. We hope that you will find and experience the nature from another point of view that you haven't expected.



Interpreters are always welcome you at the Nature Study Center. Please feel free to ask any questions about nature.

Nature Study Center has variety of programs for kids, youth, college students, adults, and groups of all ages.

Nature study training

- Short tour
- Nature game and activities

• Biotope model area

Around the center building we have created a pond and planted alder trees as an example of biotope creation to promote the idea. By creating biotopes around school, office or factory buildings, you can call back the birds, frogs or insects, which have declined or once disappeared from your local area.

• Nature Q&A Theatre

Try "nature quiz" and learn more about the nature. An English title version can also be shown now from 2012.

• Exhibition

Welcome to Kitamoto Nature Observation Park(Nature in Kitamoto)

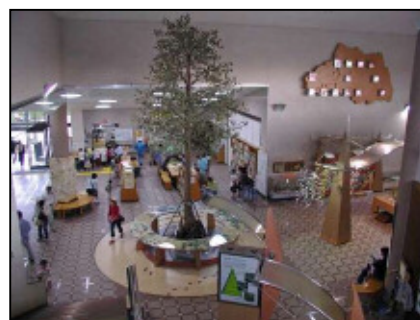
You can enjoy and learn by various exhibitions about the unique parts of Kitamoto Nature Observation Park and see a huge variety of creatures living in woodlands, grass field and waterfront in each season.

View Point

You can see the extensive prospect of the park from viewpoint on second floor. Field scopes are available for viewing wild animals.

• Library & Information Booth

Collect more information through books and computer.



• Craft Room & Experimental Laboratory

You can use this room for craft works, making specimen, microscopic observation etc. Tools and equipment for those uses are available.

Information

Open Hours 9:00a.m. -5:00p.m.

Extended Hours 9:00a.m. -7:30p.m. Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, holidays during mid summer.

Closed on Mondays

It is open on Monday, in the case that Monday is a national holiday, and it will be closed the next day. We open extra days during the spring, summer, and winter vacation. Please check our schedule for the extra days.

Admission free

Access

Our center is located 3.5km away from Kitamoto Station (JR Takasaki Line). From the west exit of the station, it is about 15 min. by bus (Kawagoe-Kanko Bus), or about 45min. on foot. A Parking lot is also available for private cars.

Rules and Regulations

The following are not permitted in the park.

- Releasing wild animals or bringing plants in the park
- Removing wild animals or plants from the park
- Feeding wildlife
- Using products which cause fire or smoke
- Littering
- Trespassing on private property

Support us!

There are many kinds of volunteer opportunities such as a park guide, park management, maintenance, display work, clerical work, event coordinating, translation work and etc. Please call us if you are interested in those activities.

For more information

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