Ritsurin Garden Information

Total Area: Approximately 75 hectares

Garden Area: Approximately 16 hectares

March 6th, 8thb: Opened to the public as a prefectural garden
March 16th, 2002: Designated as a National Place of Special Scenic Beauty
March 2009: Earned the highest rating of three stars from the Michelin Green Guide Japan

Sights:
- *Kita-cho Sta.*
- *Takamatsu-Chikko Sta.*

Accessibility:
- By Car: From the Takamatsu Expressway, take the Tonegawa Line to the Ritsurin Koen Exit and follow the signs for the garden.
- By Train: Take the Takamatsu City Museum of Art Line to the Ritsurin-kouen Station and follow the signs for the garden.
- By Bus: From the Takehara Station, take the bus to the Ritsurin Garden Station.

Admission:
- Adults: ¥400
- Group (more than 20 people): ¥320

Hours:
- January: 7am - 5pm
- February: 7am - 5:30pm
- March: 5:30am - 6pm
- April: 5:30am - 6:30pm
- May: 5:30am - 7pm
- June: 5:30am - 7:30pm
- July: 5:30am - 8pm
- August: 5:30am - 8:30pm
- September: 5:30am - 7pm
- October: 5:30am - 7:30pm
- November: 5:30am - 6:30pm
- December: 5:30am - 6:30pm

Open: Year-round

Admission (free on January 1st and the yearly opening anniversary)

On January 1st, admission is free for everyone.

Entry fees are as follows:
- Adults: ¥400
- Group (more than 20 people): ¥320

Wheelchairs, baby strollers, and walkers for the elderly are available for free at both gates. Coin lockers are available at the East Gate and the North Gate. Two prefectural pay-parking lots and other private parking lots are available nearby.

Ritsurin Garden is a superb cultural asset that conveys the characteristics of the daimyo strolling gardens that were typically seen in the 17th and 18th century.

A daimyo strolling garden is a type of Japanese garden in which ponds and hills are expertly constructed over a vast tract of land, and you can enjoy the garden's space as you leisurely walk around inside.

**Special Place of Scenic Beauty**

Ritsurin Garden is considered a special place of scenic beauty.

**Access**:
- By car: 1.5 hours from the Takamatsu Station, 30 minutes from the Takamatsu Expressway Kita-cho Exit.
- By train: 10 minutes from the Takehara Station, 15 minutes from the Takamatsu Kita-cho Station.
- By bus: Approximately 75 minutes from the Takehara Station.

**Getting There**:
- By car: Follow the signs to the Ritsurin Garden from the Takehara Station.
- By train: Take the Ritsurin Garden Line to the Takehara Station and follow the signs for the garden.
- By bus: Take the bus from the Takehara Station to the Ritsurin Garden Station.

For further information, please contact the Ritsurin Garden administration at 087-835-7411 or visit their website at www.ritsurin-garden.jp
The History of Ritsurin Garden

With Mt. Shion in the background, the area of Ritsurin Garden’s South Pond was constructed as a drinking garden during the middle of the 1620s by Takatoshi Ikoma, who ruled Sanuki (old name of Kagawa) at the time. Yotsugaya Matsudaira inherited the garden after being appointed as the new daimyo, or feudal lord, of the Takamatsu Domain in 1642.

The garden was then repaired and expanded by successive generations of lords of the Matsudaira Family, until its completion more than one hundred years later in 1745. From that time until 1870, Ritsurin Garden was used as the Matsudaira Family’s villa, during a period that spanned 225 years and 11 successive generations. Ritsurin Garden became open to the public on March 16, 1875 and designated as a “National Place of Special Scenic Beauty” in 1953. In 2009, the French tourist guide Michelin Green Guide Japan ranked the garden with its highest rating of three stars.

With a long history and beautiful scenery created by well-cared pine trees, Ritsurin Garden is widely known as one of the best traditional gardens in Japan.

![Ritsurin Garden Map](https://example.com/map)

**Kikugetsu-tei**

Enjoy some ceremonial tea in Japanese traditional teahouses.

- Hours: 9am - garden’s closing time
- Per Adult ¥500, Per Child ¥400
- *With reservations, lunch is available in the spring and autumn.

**Shoko Shoreikan (Commerce and Industry Promotion Hall)**

Comprised of the New Folk Craft Museum, the Farmer’s Museum, the Roof Tile Museum, and the Old Folk Craft Museum, there are about 1,000 items on display.

- Hours: 9am - 4:30pm (Saturdays, Sundays and Public Holidays only)
- Fee: ¥500
- *Boat service: from 9am to 1 hour before the gate closing (No service from noon to 1pm on weekdays)

**Sanuki Mingeikan (Folk Craft Museum)**

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**Japanese Boat Ride in the South Pond**

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