

8 Shirotori Garden

< しろとり庭園 >

A : Are you free next Sunday?

B : Yes. Why?

A : I'm planning to go to the Shirotori Garden. It is a beautiful Japanese style garden.

B : Sounds good. I know nothing about the Shirotori Garden. Would you talk about it?

A : Sure. Do you know that Nagoya Design Exposition was held in 1991?

B : Yes, but I didn't go.

A : The Shirotori Garden was built then. The motif of the garden is based on the landscape of Chubu district. The garden is worth visiting.

B : I see. By the way, where is it?

A : It is located in the southern part of Nagoya. You'll have no difficulty finding your way. I'll treat you to dinner at Sakae afterwards. Let's get a one-day ticket.

B : OK. Where and when will you be expecting me? Next Sunday?

A : How about meeting at 1 p.m. at Kanayama Station?

B : No problem. I can make it.

A : Good. See you then.

B : I'm looking forward to going there. Thank you for inviting me. See you then.



Shirotori Garden Guide



The Shirotori Garden is a Japanese-style garden with a path running along the banks of streams and ponds. The garden is approximately 3.7 hectares in area. The garden was opened in 1991 in the southern part of Nagoya. The motif of this garden is based on the landscape of Chubu district of Japan. The mound at the southwestern corner of the garden represents Mt. Ontake and the stream originating from the mound represents the Kiso River. The pond which the stream flows into represents Ise Bay. The theme of the Shirotori Garden is "water" which descends from the mountain to the bay.

Seiu-tei

Seiu-tei is located in the middle of the garden. This is in *Sukiya style*, the traditional style of residential architecture with features characteristics of a tea house. It is on the edge of the water. In building it, Sukiya carpenters from Kyoto used natural materials to their best advantage. The exterior form represents *shirotori*, or a white swan winging down to the water. The garden and the building create a beautiful harmony. Those who want to hold a tea ceremony or a haiku party can rent this building.



Artificial Hill, Waterfalls, and Stream



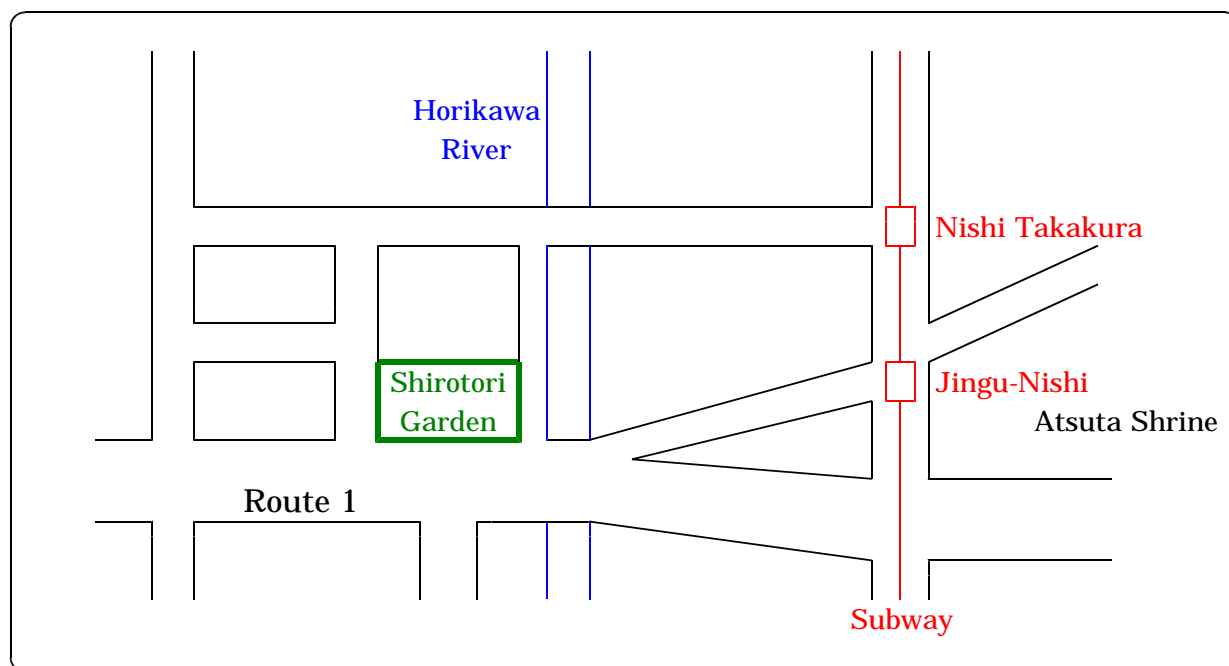
The mound at the southwest corner of the garden represents Mt. Ontake and the stream that originates there represents the Kiso River. The whole landscape depicts the flow of the Kiso River from the east side of Mt. Ontake on to the Nezame-no-toko ravine in Nagano Prefecture. If we stand here, we feel refreshed.

Shioiri-tei (tea room) and Shioiri-no-niwa

Shioiri-no-niwa is a garden, where we can enjoy the change in scenery caused by the ebb and flow of the tides. The water here expresses three modes. One is the change in scenery according to the ebb and flow. The second is fountain water which depicts the sprays of pounding waves. The third is the mood of the tide receding between rocks. Shioiri-tei and Shioiri-no-niwa are located near Seiu-tei.

ACCESS (to Shirotori Garden)

[SUBWAY] 10 minutes' walk from Jingu-Nishi Station of the Meijo Line



Open: from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Close: every Monday (The day following if the Monday is a holiday)
the third Wednesday (The fourth Wednesday if the third is a holiday)
December 29 - January 3.

Other Sights

There are some nice places to visit near the Shirotori Garden.

Nagoya Congress Center (marked above) is a wonderful building for convention, concerts, and so on. The form of the building reminds us of a white swan flying away to the sky.

A beautiful path along Horikawa River (marked above) is worth visiting in spring. The cherry blossoms are at their best in spring. Horikawa river is a canal which was made to help build Nagoya Castle.

The Atsuta Shrine (marked above) has a long history and every year about 9 million people visit it. It is said to have been founded at the beginning of the 2nd century. There are many buildings, trees, and treasures to see there.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

originate from ~から生じる be located in ~にある ravine 峡谷
ebb and flow (潮の)満ち引き remind A of B AにBを思い出させる
at one's best 最盛期の

EXERCISES

1 COMPREHENSION CHECK

文の内容に即して，以下の設問に英語で答えなさい。

- (1) What is the Shirotori Garden?
- (2) How big is the Shirotori Garden?
- (3) Where is Seiu-tei in the garden?
- (4) What is *shirotori*?
- (5) What does the mound in the garden represent?

2 USEFUL EXPRESSIONS

文中の表現を参考にして，次の()に適語を入れなさい。

- (1) それはいいですね。
() good.
- (2) 都合がつかますか？
Can you () it?
- (3) 食事に行きませんか。
()() eating out?
- (4) 栄は名古屋の中心部にあります。
Sakae ()() in the middle of Nagoya City.
- (5) 今日の新聞によると，昨日地震があったそうだ。
()() today's paper, an earthquake happened yesterday.