

Inokashira-Park in Musashino City

Inokashira Park was opened May 1st in 1819 during the Taisho era, so it will celebrate 100 years next year. The area of the park is 428,389.99 square meters. Lake Inokashiraike in the middle of the park was named by Iemitsu Tokugawa who is one of a shogun at Edo era in Japan. *Inokashiraike* has two meanings ;“the source of waterworks” and “the well which yields extremely tasty water.” The lake was used as a source of drinking water by 1898, during the Meiji Era. Inokashira park also a small forest. It is very beautiful, because of the changing landscape in each of the four seasons of Japan. There are cherry blossoms and autumn leaves. Therefore you can enjoy the feeling of seasonal serenity.

The lights over the bridge are lovely. They create a romantic atmosphere for the park. However, there are a few problems in Inokashira Park. One of these is there are few lights. Because of that, women must be careful about walking alone across the park at the night, even in a country as safe as Japan. I suggest that the park increases the number of lights, making the park safer. That would be a simple way to preserve the pleasant atmosphere and make it more accessible for everyone.

Reference

*<https://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/park/format/index044.html>