

# Early landscapes



Setagaya Shinmachi Park

1st Local Scenic Treasure

## Japanese pine and zelkova at Setagaya Shinmachi Park

Setagaya Shinmachi Park was established in 1937 as the first park in Setagaya Ward. The landscape, rich in greenery with a creek flowing along the tall matsu (pine) and keyaki (zelkova) trees, provides a peaceful space that reminds us of the earlier rural days.

THIS AREA  
USED TO BE  
MOSTLY  
FARMLAND.



Scenery of Sakuragaoka 4-chome district



Vegetable farm stand

## Authentic sceneries of Sakuragaoka

Woods surrounding individual houses, which were developed when the area was rural, still remain in Sakuragaoka.

Community activities were held in the area at times to recognize the hard work of land owners in maintaining the landscape, such as raking fallen leaves and sending letters of appreciation. You can also get a glimpse of the modern agricultural communities through the farm stands.

# Connecting communities through food recycling

“Juncan Challenge Sakuragaoka” is helping to create a local model for circular food economy through a multi-stakeholder initiative. Fertilizer made by Tokyo University of Agriculture (Tokyo NODAI), located adjacent to Equestrian Park, is used by local farmers to grow vegetables, which are then consumed at local elementary and junior high schools for school lunch. The food scraps are then brought back to the university to produce organic fertilizer “MIDORIKUN.”

In collaboration with local branches of Japan Agricultural Cooperatives and neighborhood associations, “Juncan Challenge Sakuragaoka” aims to create a model that connects farmers, academia, and local communities.

The initiative won the 2019 Good Design Award as the “Urban complete type garbage recycling system [MIDORIKUN PROJECT]” in October 2019.



Food scraps are transported from a local junior high school to the fertilizer plant



The circular process



Farmland in Sakuragaoka where fertilizer is used



The signboard on farmland where "MIDORIKUN" is used

URANUS LIKES TO TAKE A BITE OUT OF THE VEGETABLES. (IT'S A SECRET)



Uranus' favorites!

Highlights of the Equestrian Park area

# Riding, seeing, and experiencing city symbols



Towers of Komazawa Water Supply Station

## “Twin towers” of Komazawa Water Supply Station

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If you head east on the former water channel from Sakura-shimmachi Station, you will see two cylindrical towers with a crown-like decoration on top. These 30m towers were built in 1924 to supply a stable source of clean water from Tama River in Setagaya to Shibuya, where the population was increasing at the time. The elevation difference between the supply station and the Shibuya area was taken advantage of to distribute water simply using gravitational force. Currently, it functions as a water tank in case of emergencies.

The towers are popular as the town's symbol and are called “twin towers” among the locals.

## It could have been the “triplet towers” !



The Komazawa Water Supply Station originally planned to build three water towers. Try imagining a third tower while viewing the twin towers!

Photo: Towers soon after construction

# Remembering Tamaden's charms through Tokyu Setagaya Line

2nd Local  
Scenic  
Treasure

The Tokyu Setagaya Line that connects Sangenjaya to Shimotakaido is a two-car tram that retains the charms of Tamaden (see page 6 for details). It is an ideal route for visiting historical sites, such as Setagaya Hachiman Shrine, Setagaya Joshi (castle) Park, Shoin-jinja Shrine, Boroichi Street, and Gotoku-ji Temple. Keep an eye out for Gotoku-ji's maneki-neko (beckoning cat)-patterned tram!



Maneki-neko tram

REMEMBER MY  
FAVORITES,  
THE KOMAZAWA "TWIN  
TOWERS" AND THE  
SETAGAYA LINE,  
TOO!

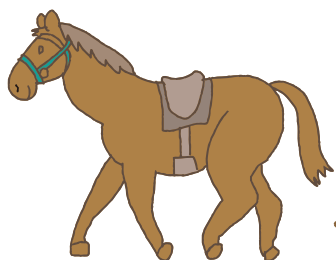


For your  
north-south trips:

## Use the bike-sharing service "GAYARIN"

"Gayarin" bikes can be borrowed and returned at any of the five ports at Sakurajosui-Minami, Kyodo Station, Sangenjaya-Chuo, Sakurashinmachi, and Todoroki.

It can be easily rented for sightseeing as well as for daily use. It is especially recommended for traveling between northern and southern Setagaya!



Gaya-bo and Neko-rin,  
Setagaya Community Cycle  
image mascots

# A cherished residential area

## Somei-yoshino cherry trees of Shinmachi residential area

If you walk down on Sazae-san Street from Sakura-shimmachi Station, you will arrive at the old Shinmachi residential area. The residential area was a housing subdivision developed in 1913 along with the planning of the Tamaden railway. About 1,000 somei-yoshino cherry trees were planted along the streets at the time.

The cherry trees are the namesake of Sakurashinmachi, and now the cherry blossom tunnel has become a spring feature.



Somei-yoshino cherry trees

## Yaezakura on Sakurashinmachi Ekimae-dori Street

In mid-April, the Ekimae-dori Street is filled with deep pink petals of yaezakura double cherry blossoms. The late-blooming cherry trees were planted following the opening of the subway (currently the Den-en-toshi Line) in 1979, with hopes that cherry blossoms can be enjoyed for a long period in Sakurashinmachi, along with the somei-yoshino in the residential area. The cherry blossom festival "Sakura Matsuri" is held in April.



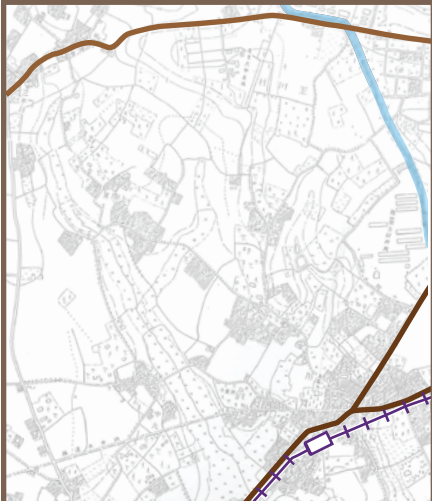
Yaezakura cherry trees



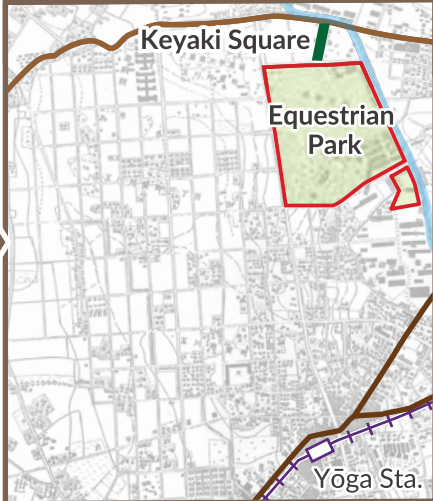
# Street grids of Yōga

Looking at the map around Yōga Station, you can see that the streets are grid patterned. The street grid was established as a result of Tamagawa village's arable land readjustment project.

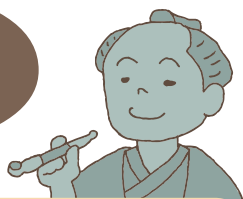
## BEFORE readjustment



## AFTER readjustment



AT DINNER TIME, URANUS  
LIKES TO TROT AROUND THE  
RESIDENTIAL AREAS TO GET A  
SCENT OF COOKED MEALS.



## Find the horseshoe blocks!

Setagaya City solicited donations in fiscal year 2018 as part of an initiative to make the Equestrian Park area more attractive. As a commemoration of donation, streets and parks in the Equestrian Park area are paved with horseshoe blocks engraved with the donors' names.

Follow the horseshoe blocks  
and take a stroll in the  
Equestrian Park area!



Flat plate blocks with a horseshoe

AH! IS THIS  
URANUS'  
FOOTPRINT?

