

Discover Your Favorite Giant Trees!

Nara Park

Enjoy cultural heritages & giant trees



Nara Park is home to a number of items of cultural heritage, such as Todaiji, Kasugataisha Shrine, and Kohfukuji. In Nara Park, you can encounter a number of giant trees. Why don't you visit giant trees that can be seen on your ways to cultural heritages? Your walk in Nara Park may become even more memorable after you stop by and feel the history of these giant trees.

【Access】

- 5 min. from Kintetsu Nara Sta. (KINTETSU Line)
- 20 min. from Nara Sta. (JR)



Deer in Nara Park

1 Stoutest in the Park!
Japanese Black Pine
(*Pinus thunbergii*)

Trunk girth 354cm
Height 28m
Est. Age 250 years



Many Japanese black pines (*Pinus thunbergii*) are planted in the park, but this is the stoutest! The people who planted this tree 250 years ago would be proud to see how big it has grown.

2 Planted in honor of Emperor Meiji
Camphor Trees
(*Cinnamomum camphora*)

Trunk girth 480cm
Height 26m
Est. Age 140 years



These three closely planted camphor trees (*Cinnamomum camphora*) mark the spot where Emperor Meiji watched army exercises in 1908. They are still growing vigorously.

3 Historic Survivor!
Nagi
(*Podocarpus nagi*)

Trunk girth 330cm
Height 13m
Est. Age over 500 years



This conifer, called "Nagi" (*Podocarpus nagi*) has leaves unlike most conifers. It grows very slowly, but is already over 500 years old!



4 Beautiful Lilac Flowers in Early Summer
Chinaberry
(*Melia azedarach*)

Trunk girth 450cm
Height 20m
Est. Age Unknown



In ancient time, Chinaberry trees (*Melia azedarach*) were planted in the graveyards to chase away evil. In the middle of May, many lilac flowers bloom.



5 Watched passers by
Japanese Hackberry
(*Celtis sinensis* var. *japonica*)

Trunk girth 395cm
Height 30m
Est. Age Unknown



Japanese hackberry trees (*Celtis sinensis* var. *japonica*) were popularly planted as milestones, since they can be easily seen from far away. A bench is prepared for you, so relax and imagine how many people went by under this tree.

【Nature in Nara Park】

- Nara Park not only boasts many items of cultural heritage, including World Heritage Sites, but also is rich in nature, and has many natural monuments.
- You may see deer, flying squirrels, waterfowl, and other animals. Flying squirrels love pine cones, and you may be able to see their cute faces on the black pines.



Pine cone eaten by flying squirrels.

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4 Beautiful Lilac Flowers in Early Summer!
China Berry
 Trunk girth 450cm
 Height 20m
 Est. Age Unknown
 Location 100m East of Todaiji Temple East Tower Ruin

You are almost Todaiji Temple!

Sit and Relax at the Bench

5 Watching over people going by
Japanese Hackberry
 Trunk girth 395cm
 Height 30m
 Est. Age Unknown
 Location Todaiji West Gate Ruin

3 Historic Survivor!
Nagi
 Trunk girth 330cm
 Height 13m
 Est. Age over 500 years
 Location North of Kasugataisha Museum


Maybe lucky enough to meet deer?

2 Planted in honor of Emperor Meiji
Camphor Trees
 Trunk girth 480cm
 Height 26m
 Est. Age 140 years
 Location North of Tobihino

【Deer and Dung Beetle】

Nara Park is famous for deer. About 1,200 deer live here. You can buy snacks exclusively for the deer.

One more thing... Where there are deer, there is deer poo, which specialist dung beetles feed on. Among roughly 150 species of dung beetles found in Japan, about 50 live in Nara Park. Rich in nutrients, deer poo allows the dung beetles to survive. Maybe you will see some beetles on the ground.



Dung beetles may be seen on the ground

Head to Kohfukuji!

1 Stoutest in the Park!
Japanese Black Pine
 Trunk girth 354cm
 Height 28m
 Est. Age 250 years
 Location Near The Kohfukuji Nat'l Treasure Hall

It takes roughly 150min. to walk through. To enjoy the whole park at your leisure, allow half a day.

Start
 Kintetsu Nara Station