



# 水郷佐原 あやめパーク

## SUIGO SAWARA AYAME PARK

Suigo Sawara Ayame Park is located in Suigo-Tsukuba National Park. At this nearly 8-hectare park, which contains an island, bridge and water, you can enjoy a nostalgic riverside atmosphere.

During the Iris-Festival, a total of 1,500,000 irises - in 400 different varieties, including Edo, Higo and Ise types - are in bloom, and a various events are held, such as boat rides by new brides and touring boats of Sawara musicians.

In addition, the Lotus-Festival is held from July to August, and you can view more than 300 different types of lotus flowers.



### Lotus gallery

300 different varieties of lotuses are cultivated in Ayame Park. The hottest period of the summer is when the most beautiful flowers bloom. There are also some very rare, valuable varieties cultivated in here, such as chodairen, which looks like a flower blooming inside the flower, and taiseikin, double-flowered lotus.



### The best time to view the lotuses is in the early morning.

- 1st day: Slightly open in the early morning but closed during the day.
- 2nd day: Begins to open from early morning. Opens into beautiful full bloom, and closes around noon.
- 3rd day: Begins to open from early morning and reaches full bloom. Begins to close around noon, and continues to close into the night.
- 4th day: Completely open in the morning. Toward the evening, all the petals fall off.



Wisteria bloom from the beginning of May, and the whole garden is wrapped in the gentle fragrance of wisteria. The wisteria tunnel, a 70 meter long tunnel located near the garden entrance, is popular as a "road of happiness."



### "Either an iris or a rabbit ear iris"

This is an old saying that expresses not being able to tell who is who in a crowd of beautiful women. Irises, rabbit ear irises and Japanese irises all look very similar, but they are distinguished by the following characteristics.

Iris	Rabbit ear iris	Japanese iris
The roots of the outer flower petals display a mesh pattern.	The roots of the outer flower petals are pale yellow.	The roots of the outer flower petals are yellow.
The central vein of the leaf is inconspicuous.	The central vein of the leaf is inconspicuous.	The central vein of the leaf protrudes.
Dry ground	Damp ground with lots of sunlight	Prefers damp ground and sunlight

When the flowers are in full bloom, local specialties from Katori City, souvenirs and irises are sold in the shop building. Also, in the hands-on workshop building, a variety of events and classes are held, including workshops on separating the roots of irises to make more plants, photograph exhibitions, etc. Please make use of the facilities.

- P1-P2 Standard size car parking
- P3 Large vehicle parking
- P4 Standard size car parking