

## **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.



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.

Yui-no-Shima The island of weddings

irises and with the help of a priest from Katori Shrine.

Japanese iris field

Wisteria tunnel

Japanese iris field

One feature of the Suigo Sawara Ayame Festival is seeing new brides taking rides in boats. Weddings are held on "Yui-no-Shima," the island of weddings. The "Yui" of "Yui-no-Shima" means to tie a knot, so this island is called "Yui-no-Shima" because this is where couples "tie the knot" surrounded by

4th day: Completely open in the morning. Toward the evening, all the petals fall off.

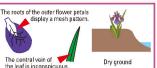


## "Either an iris or a rabbit ear iris"

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.

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.









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Boat platform



Yodaura inlet