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Den-enchofu

SESERAGI PARK

This time I visited **Den-enchofu Seseragi Park**, located roughly one-minute on foot from Tamagawa Station.

The grounds of the park were once home to the "Tamagawa-en" amusement park, which opened its gates in December 1925. The amusement park brought in many visitors with its various attractions, including a haunted house, merry-go-round and more.

Sadly, due to a decline in visitors, the amusement park was shut down in June 1979. The grounds were later used as tennis courts; however, these were also shut down in 2002.

After the park's closure, some of the land was sold elsewhere, and the remaining land was claimed by Ota City with the intention to build a public park. Den-enchofu Seseragi Park was then opened in 2008.

Lunch

Before walking around, I decided to eat lunch in the cafe "Rucello" (Italian for "little river" or "stream"), which is located inside the park. From the inside of the cafe, you can see out into the park, making it the perfect place to relax with a cup of coffee while enjoying nature.

For lunch, I went for curry and rice. It was really tasty and great price for its size. They also sold pasta, sandwiches, cakes and more.



Den-enchofu Seseragi Park



As you enter the park from the cafe area, there is a long, steep set of steps. The steps looked quite pretty surrounded by trees, but it was rather tiring to walk up! Apparently when this area was an amusement park, there was a large slide of 50 metres where these steps now stand.

Climbing these steps will take you to an area with trees, including some cherry blossoms. Here there are a couple picnic benches and a grass area. It was sunny on the day which I visited, so there were many people having picnics with family and friends. There was also a concrete space where children were playing and having fun.

Following the path, you will enter an area completely surrounded by trees, where you can hear the sound of birds and gushing of water from the nearby small waterfall and spring. I felt very relaxed listening to the sounds of nature.

You can observe a variety of wildlife and nature in the park. For more information, check out the Den-enchofu Seseragi Park website (<https://www.den-en-seseragi.jp>).



Den-enchofu Seseragi Hall

After wandering around the park, I decided to check out the Den-enchofu Seseragi Hall, a new addition to the park, which opened in January 2021.

The upstairs of the building mainly consists of multipurpose rental spaces, but on the ground floor, there are desks and places to sit. On the one side, there are floor-to-ceiling windows from which you can see the park. On the other side along the wall is the "Seseragi Book Collection", with shelves of books and magazines about the area, nature, culture, sports, health, parenting, picture books and more.

These books cannot be borrowed but can be read on the premises. It is also possible to take the books outside to read - which you can do if you speak to a member of staff.

The park itself isn't too big, but certainly has many charming features. The small waterfall and overflow of nature makes it seem as though you are not even in Tokyo. The many benches and areas to sit make it perfect for relaxing in the sunshine with friends and family. You can have a bite to eat or just a coffee at the Italian cafe, and relax reading a book in the Seseragi Hall.

I definitely recommend giving the Seseragi Park and Hall a visit if you have the chance.

If you have any questions or recommendations for places to visit, please let me know.

