Tama City Ecomuseum Seeing All of Tama as a Museum

Tama City is known today for the urban landscape of Tama New Town, but is also home to rich cultural traditions and history, such as temples, shrines, stone statues, and satoyama landscapes where people lived sustainably by utilizing nature. There are numerous museums and other places to learn across Tama New Town and Tama City.

Parthenon Tama Historical Museum sees the whole city as a museum, working together with citizens and citizen curators to deepen our understanding of Tama's rich cultural resources. Discover illuminating perspectives at our exhibitions before embarking on explorations of the city. Here you'll find many ways to learn about the local area.

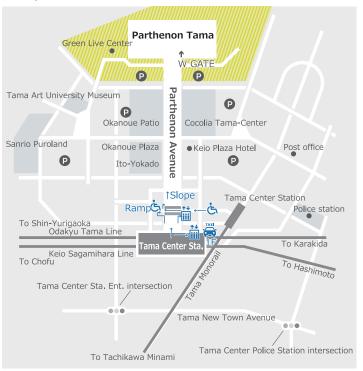
Seeing the city from many perspectives, wandering its streets and hills, and connecting them together is sure to lead to new appreciation for Tama. Find clues to address the challenges facing our citizens and city, and help pass on the community's memories to the next generation.

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Admission: free Opening hours:10:00-17:30

Closed when Parthenon Tama is closed (Dec. 29-Jan. 3 and during maintenance)

*The museum is located immediately inside the entrance (W GATE) on the 2nd floor.



5 minute walk from Tama Center Station on the Keio Sagamihara Line, the Odakyu Tama Line and the Tama Monorail

Visiting by train

[From Shinjuku Station]

- Keio Line train bound for Hashimoto...approx. 30 min
- Odakyu Line train to Shin-yurigaoka Station and transfer to train bound for Karakida…approx. 50 min

[From Tachikawa-Minami Station]

Tama Monorail bound for Tama Center \cdots approx. 25 min By bus

• From Seiseki Sakuragaoka Station: Tama Center-bound bus via city hall ...approx. 30 min

Parking

- Parthenon Tama East & West Parking: 166 spaces
- Tama Center Area Public Parking Lots: 2,600 spaces. 1 hour: 300 yen (150 yen for each 30 minutes thereafter)

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Visitor Guide



















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▼Main Exhibition

Many mysteries are hidden in Tama City and Tama New Town. Here you can learn about the history and origins of today's city as you look for hints and embark on a journey to solve Tama's mysteries.

[1] See and Compare the Landscape - Geology and Topography - The cityscape of Tama has a distinctive appearance compared to other cities. What are the reasons behind its unique features? This section examines the formation of the Tama Hills and other features, and shows how much the landscape was transformed by urban development.



Asarum tamaense Endemic species around Tama

[2] The Tama River and "Yato" (Small Valleys)

- History and Life in Rural Farming Villages on the Urban Outskirts -

Tama City owes its modern-day landscape in part to the proximity of urban centers throughout its history. Local people once farmed in the Tama Hills and along the Tama River, making the most of the topography, while charcoal, sweetfish, lumber, and other goods demanded by urban dwellers were exported via the Tama River and old highways to the political centers and major cities nearby. Eventually, the opening of rail lines made the area into a tourist destination easily accessible to city dwellers. In the postwar era, it evolved into a suburban home for workers in central Tokyo.



Ono Shrine at Ichinomiya, Tama City

[3] The Development of Tama New Town Spurs Environmental and Lifestyle Changes

The Tama New Town project was conceived to relieve housing shortages in the urban core and prevent unplanned sprawl. Its development drastically altered the landscape and created one of the largest new towns in Japan. People's lifestyles changed dramatically, as many farmers were no longer able to continue farming.

The local community was transformed as newcomers to Tama New Town caused the population to swell greatly. This section looks at the emergence of Tama New Town from a variety of perspectives.

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Museum Engine

Various Exhibitions

Video
Viewing
Corner

▼Local Information Station

This space is the starting point for the "whole city museum," where everyone can share information about the community. Here you'll find new perspectives on Tama City and Tama New Town, and can share your own town information, too.

▼Museum Engine

The "Museum Engine" is where the new museum will mature as citizens and curators learn and work together. Here visitors can research various information about the region, prepare for exhibitions by citizen curators, and hold small workshops.

A Chronological Tabel of Tama City and Tama New Town Area

	Year	Event
	Around 1.5-2 million	The geological strata underlying the Tama City area
	years ago	known as the Kazusa Formation are formed in a shallow sea.
	Beginning 400,000 y.a.	The Kanto loam stratum is formed.
	Around 30,000-40,000 y.a.	People begin to inhabit the Tama Hills.
	4,000-4,500 y.a.	Jomon settlements spread thorughout the Tama Hills.
	Around 2,000 y.a.	Rice cultivation begins in the Tama Hills.
	6th-7th century	The Wada Tombs are created on the plateau along the Ogurigawa River.
	755	Ono Shrine is listed on an official imperial document in 772.
	Around 10th century	Imperial pasture is established in Musashi Province.
	1333	The forces of NITTA Yoshisada defeat the army of the Kamakura Bakufu at Bubaigawara and Sekido.
	Mid-16th century	Sekido Village begins holding the Rokusai Market six times each month.
	1845	AIZAWA Tomonushi and HASEGAWA Settei complete the "Chofu Tamagawa Sogazu" (bird's-eye view picture scroll of the Tama River).
	1882	Imperial preserves are designated at Renkoji Village.
	1889	Tama Village is established under the new municipal system.
	1923	Great Kanto Earthquake strikes. Tama Village suffers damage including 27 collapsed structures.
	1925	Gyokunan Electric Railway opens between Fuchu and Higashi-Hachioji with a station at Sekido (now Seiseki Sakuragaoka).
	1930	Tama Seiseki Memorial Hall opens to commemorate imperial visit.
F 55.00	1960	Keio Teito Electric Railway begins constructing residential developments under the name Sakuragaoka.
	1964	Tama Village becomes a town.
2	1965	The Tama New Town plan is decided.
	1971	First residents of Tama New Town move into the Suwa and Nagayama districts.
	1074	Tama Town becomes a city.
	1974	The Odakyu Tama Line and Keio Sagamihara Line begin service to Tama New Town.
	1987	Tama City Combined Cultural Center (Parthenon Tama) opens.
	2006	Development of Tama New Town by public agency is completed.
	2011	Great East Japan Earthquake occurs.
	2013	Rebuilding of Suwa 2-chome housing complex is

completed.