

# Kanazawa Castle Park Gyokusen'inmaru Garden



Ishikawa Prefecture

## Gyokusen'an Rest House

The Gyokusen'an Rest House, which provides a panoramic view of the garden, is located where there was once a government office engaged in the maintenance and management of the garden during the Edo era (1603–1868). In addition to being a place to take a break, the Rest House also has an information desk and a tatami-floored room, which can be used as a tea room. Tea service is available at the Japanese-style room, and the room can be used for including authentic tea ceremonies.



View from the tatami-floored room

**Open:** 365 days a year

**Hours:** Open 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. from March 1 to October 15  
Open 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. from October 16 to February 28/29

### Tea Service at Gyokusen'an

Available from January 4 to December 28  
(not available during new year's holidays)  
Available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
(Last admission 4:00 p.m.)

**Matcha green tea** (includes fresh *wagashi* sweet): ¥730

Note: Tea service may not be available if Gyokusen'an has been rented out for a private event. Please ask to make sure ahead of time.



**Nighttime Hours** (during garden and stone wall light-ups):  
Open until 9:00 p.m. from Sunset.

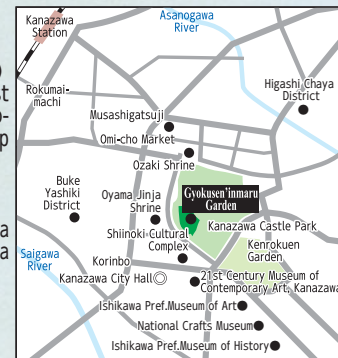
### Transit Access

#### Local Bus

From JR Kanazawa Station  
Kenrokuen Gate (East Gate)  
Get off at Hirasaka 21st  
Century Museum of Contemporary Art.  
Kanazawa bus stop and walk for 5 minutes  
Get off at Korinbo bus stop and walk for 7 minutes  
Get off at Minamicho-Oyama Shrine bus stop and walk (Via Oyama Shrine) for 5 minutes

#### Taxi

Approx. 10 minutes from JR Kanazawa Station

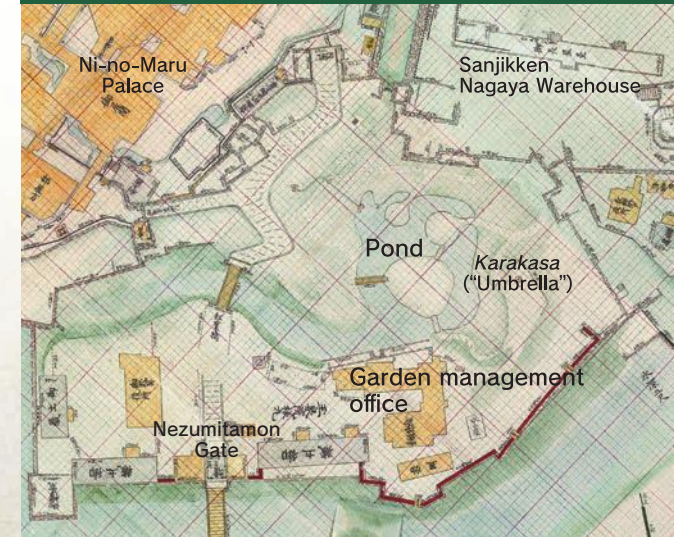


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## Gyokusen'inmaru at the End of the Edo Era (1603-1868)



1850 Castle Survey Map, from the Maeda Ikutokukai Foundation Collection

## Chronology (Major events related to Gyokusen'inmaru)

- 1583 Toshiie Maeda entered Kanazawa Castle.
- Ca. 1575-1615 The area was called Nishi-no-Maru (Western enclosure) and residences of senior vassals were established here.
- 1614 The residence of Gyokusen'in, the wife of the second lord Toshinaga Maeda, was built.
- 1623 Gyokusen'in died, and the residence was removed. (After this, the place was called Gyokusen'inmaru.)
- 1632 The Tatsumi irrigation canal was dug to supply water to Kanazawa Castle
- 1634 The third lord Toshitsune Maeda invited the gardener Kenzaemon from Kyoto to construct a garden.
- 1676 The fifth lord Tsunanori Maeda built Renchi Palace, and constructed a garden around it. (Beginning of Kenrokuen Garden)
- 1688 Tsunanori ordered Soshitsu Sen to construct a garden. Stables were demolished, and a teahouse, a tea ceremony garden, and a flower garden were constructed.
- 1692 An icehouse, known as *Himuro*, was set up around this time.
- 1832 The thirteenth lord Nariyasu Maeda ordered that Karakasa-tei be constructed.
- 1856 A waterfall was constructed in Gyokusen'inmaru.
- 1858 Sanjikken Nagaya (30-ken\* Terraced Warehouse) was reconstructed.\* (1 ken = 1.84 m)
- 1871 Kanazawa Castle came under the authority of the Ministry of the Military (later the Ministry of War).  
The residence of the Dutch physician P. J. A. Sluys was established here.
- 1880 Garden stones were moved and used for the stone pedestal of the Meiji Monument in Kenrokuen Garden.
- 1884 Nezumitamom Gate was destroyed in a fire.
- 1926 An outdoor riding ground may have been developed around this time by reclaiming ground that had previously been a pond.
- 1955 The Prefectural Sports Center (the predecessor of the Prefectural Gymnasium) was completed.
- 1965 The Prefectural Gymnasium was completed.
- 2008 The Prefectural Gymnasium was demolished and the excavation survey was initiated.
- 2009 The prefectural government established the Kanazawa Castle Gyokusen'inmaru Site Investigative Committee.
- 2015 Gyokusen'inmaru Garden, Gyokusen'an Rest House, and other facilities were completed.
- 2020 Nezumitamom Gate and Nezumitamom bashi Bridge were Completed.

