

Self-guidebook for Forest and Park for the 21st Century



Symbolic mascot "Donchan · Gurichan"
of Forest and Park for the 21st Century

Hours: (varies depending on seasons)

9:00 am ~ 5:00pm

(9:00 am to 6:30 pm between July 21 and August 20

9:00 am to 4:30 pm between November 1 and end of
February)

*Closed on: December 30 to January 1



You are requested to return this
guidebook at the gate when leaving
the park.

—Foreword—

Thank you for your coming to Forest and Park for the 21st Century. This park was opened on April 29, 1993 as a “Respect Nature Style Urban Park”. As the word “Respect nature” indicates, we operate the park based on the keynote that we will protect and grow the valuable nature that still exists in the Matsudo Sendabori district.

As one of the ways to protect the nature from harm, we have to ask the visitors to kindly take their litter home with them. We would appreciate your further understanding and cooperation to the following requests.

—Requests—

There are some rules for visitors’ safe and comfortable use of the park as below.

The following are forbidden: Playing golf, baseball and soccer, dangerous play like radio-controlled toys, bringing in of dangerous goods, using of fire (excluding barbecue site), using of bicycles (including kickboards), bringing in of pets, setting up of tents, fishing (fishing of crayfish by kite strings is allowed, but not by nylon fishing guts).

Picking the plants and catching the animals are prohibited (excluding crayfish), and feeding the birds, fish and other living creatures are also prohibited.

No litter box is equipped in the park, and please takes your litter home with you.

Forest and Park for the 21st Century
Administration Office

If you need help or assistance, contact the information booth at each gate or the Park Center.

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- Introduction of Facilities in the Park -

Park Center (see map C-1)



Located by the Sendabori Pond, this building is the main natural environment promotion facility in Matsudo City. It is equipped with personal computers with which you can get information concerning nature, wild grass, wild birds, insects and a “green” consultation room with professional staffs. Also a seminar on gardening and the

like takes place periodically.

“Green” Consultation Room -

Date : . . . Every Wed., Sat., Sun., National Holidays

Consultation Hours . . . 10:00am ~ 12:00am, 1:00pm ~ 3:30pm

[Hours for Park Center] 9:00am ~ 4:30pm

(Until 6:00pm between July 21 and August 20,

Until 4:00pm between November 1 and end of February)

[Closed] Every Monday (but open even on Monday if it falls on National Holiday, with the following day closed instead)

[Tel] 047-345-8900

*There is an Administration Office in the Park Center building. Please contact the Park Center in case of sudden illness or any other troubles. Aid room (room for breast-feeding), baby buggies, wheelchairs are available for use.

Nature Observation Facility (location map A-1)



This facility stands in the “Nature Ecosystem Garden” located in the western part of the Park. The “Nature Ecosystem Garden” is in the area where approaches by people are limited to minimize the influence to the creatures in the wetland.

Equipped with telescopes and guidebooks, visitors can easily observe birds coming to the Nature Ecosystem Garden and Sendabori Pond. On Saturdays, Sundays and National Holidays, you can also enjoy the guided tour by professional staffs through the walkway in the Garden.

Questions on the wild grass, birds and



insects are accepted at the “Consultation Corner”.

*There may be cases that questions cannot be answered instantly on the spot, since each professional staff handles his own scope of wild grass, birds and insects separately.

Hours for “Observation of Wetland”

Sat. Sun. & National Holiday (about 30 minutes each session)

	Start at		Start at
1 st session	10:00 ~	3 rd session	13:30 ~
2 nd session	11:00 ~	4 th session	14:30 ~

Capacity: first 25 arrivals (no reservation required)

Sign up at the Nature Observation Facility window

[Hours] 9:30am ~ 4:30pm

(Until 6:00pm between July 21 and August 20,

Until 4:00pm between November 1 and end of February)

[Closed] Every Monday (but open even on Monday if it falls on National Holiday, with the following day closed instead)

[Tel] 047-340-4140

Arts & Crafts House in Forest (see map D-2)



The log house standing in the Jomon-no-Mori is the Arts & Crafts House. Various seminars sponsored by the Park Center are carried out in this house. The house is open as a rest station for visitors on a no-seminar day. (excluding Monday).

There is a quoits play corner in front of this house (the quoits are made of natural material).



Café (see map C-1)



This is a restaurant located next to the Park Center. While having meals and tea in this glassed café or outdoor deck overlooking the Sendabori Pond, you can also enjoy the nice view of green of the park. Juice and snacks are available at the store.

[Hours] 10:00am ~ 4:30pm

(Until 6:00pm between July 21 and August 20,

Until 4:00pm between November 1 and end of February)

[Closed] Every Monday (but open even on Monday if it falls on National Holiday, with the following day closed instead

* May be closed on special days

[Tel] 047-347-5877

Tea House in Village (see map D-1)



This is located in the “Midori-no-Sato” (Village of Green) designed to recreate an atmosphere of farming village. You can have meals and tea while enjoying the scenery of rice fields and farm.

[Hours] 10:00am ~ 4:30pm

(Until 5:30pm between July 21 and August 20,

Until 4:00pm between November 1 and end of February)

[Closed] Every Monday (but open even on Monday if it falls on National Holiday, with the following day closed instead

*May be closed on special days

[Tel] 047-347-6850

Mori-no-Hall 21 (see map E-2, 3)



This building is located near the central gate of the Park. The facility was built with the theme of “seeing, listening, learning, creating and gathering” to play the role as the culture creating center as well as the culture dispatching center.

You can enjoy various artistic activities such as music, plays and others. It houses large and small halls, meeting rooms, information center, studio, ticketing center and restaurant.

[Hours] 9:00am ~ until the end of events

[Closed] Every Monday (but open even on Monday if it falls on National Holiday, with the following day closed instead)

[Tel] 047-384-5050

Matsudo Museum (see map D-2)



This building stands near the central gate of the Park. This museum was built with the basic idea of “looking, touching, and feeling with whole body” – it is a kind of “experience and excitement”-style museum -.

The museum contains the permanent exhibition floor designed to describe the history of thirty thousands years of Matsudo from the Old Stone Age and Jomon Age to modern times when housing complex was first built. Other events such as special exhibitions with a specific theme, workshop classes, seminar, lecture and screening of hi- vision image are also carried out here.



Museum's Mascot: “Jokun” and “Monchan”

[Hours] 9:30am ~ 5:00pm (please enter by 4:30pm)

[Closed] Monday (but open even on Monday it if falls on National Holidays, with the following day closed instead) and The 4th Fridays.

[Tel] 047-384-8181

[Admission Fee] Some of the permanent exhibitions and special exhibitions require fees. Please check with the Museum for details.

Outdoor Center (Barbecue Site) (see map B-3)



Just after entering from the north gate of the Park, you will find the Barbecue site located in the forest where sunshine filters through the branches of trees. Food materials, rental instruments are available at the reception of the outdoor center building for you to enjoy outdoor cooking. Reservation is required.



[Hours] 9:00am ~ 4:00pm
(Until 5:30pm between July 21 and August 20,
Until 3:30pm between November 1 and end of
February)

[Tel] 047-385-1815

Please check the prices at the reception of the Outdoor Center.



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- Introduction of Sightseeing Spots -

Sendabori Pond • Fog Fountain (see map B-1 for Sendabori Pond, C-2 for Fountain)



Sendabori Pond is a man-made pond as large as 5 hectares (equivalent to a Tokyo Dome) consisting of three wetlands, with 1,000 tons/day of spring water. An island is built in the center of the pond enabling the aquatic birds to build their nests.

The northern area of the pond is a place for exclusive use by creatures where people's approach is limited to protect the natural environment. At the southern side of the pond, the fog fountain is set up on the surface of the water covered by fog for five minutes every hour between 10am and 4pm, offering the visitors an enjoyably fantastic scene.

Midori-no-Sato (Village of Green)(see map D-1)



Scenery of farming community where fields and paddies spread is recreated in this Midori-no-Sato area to offer the calm and peaceful atmosphere of old days. Flowers such as cosmos and sunflowers and others bloom in their own season, and you will find lotus flowers and water lilies in the pond, thus you can enjoy seasonal flowers throughout the year.

From this spot, you can also see an old structure called "Nagayamon" built at the end of Edo Age, which stands outside the Park.

Gathering Square (see map E-1, F2)



This is a square of lawn located in the south of the Park. If you walk through the park lanes which run around the square, where the shade of trees cool you in summer, you can enjoy seeing the different seasonal scenes of blooming wisteria trellis, hydrangeas, and Japanese maples planted along the lanes. Especially in autumn, beautifully red-colored leaves of Japanese maples are must-see. (The best season for enjoying the colored leaves is end of November through beginning of December).

Hill for Getting Close to Green • Jomon-no-Mori (see map D-2)



You will find the Hill for Getting Close to Green at the place where you come up the park lane heading toward the Museum from the Midori-no-Sato. A grove spreads to both sides of the park lane. A wooden lane is set up on the way to the hill for enjoying walking in the grove. The air in the green there is so fresh and comfortable that you will naturally take a deep breath. If you take the left direction after coming up the hill, you will find the Jomon-no-Mori surrounded by the thick trees.

In the forest, “Arts & Crafts House in Forest” and three units of “Pit Dwelling” are set up as outdoor exhibitions. The

inside of the “Pit Dwellings” can be seen on the day when the Museum is open. Application at the reception of the Museum is required.

Light & Wind Square (see map C-3)



This is the largest square in the Park with 6.3 hectares (equivalent to 1.3x of Tokyo Dome). The spring water coming out of the edge of woods becomes a stream and it runs the center of the square. You can lie down on the square for relaxation, or enjoy playing with your friends and family.



We suggest for you to walk along the lane to enjoy seeing hydrangeas, yellow irises (or kishobu) and flowering dogwoods.

Wild Grass Garden (see map B-2)



In this garden, you can see varied shapes of nature such as mountain, grass field, wetlands and waterside all at one place. There are numerous kinds of insects (like dragonfly) and birds so the environment here is suitable for nature observation. Nameplates are attached to

each of wild grasses and trees for an easier nature observation even without any guidance.



Flower Garden (see map C-1, 2)



The Flower Garden is built in front of the Park Center. The flowers are replanted four times a year. You can get a view of the whole garden from the terrace on 2nd floor of the Park Center.

Forest Prologue (location map D-2)



This is the tunnel which connects the central gate and the way leading to the Museum. On the walls of the tunnel, a relief giving an impression of woods is set with the colored lights which change according to the hours of the day. The exhibition corner shows the bird carving works created by Mr. Haruo Uchiyama, a leading artist in this field.



Colors of light on the wall:

9:00am ~	blue
Noon ~	green
4:00pm ~	red



Monuments

Various monuments (commemorative plaques) are built in the Park. Outstanding works of them are introduced for your guidance as below. Enjoy taking walks while looking at these monuments.

Mori-no Nakama (Friends in Forest) (see map D-3)



This monument was built to commemorate the opening of the Park, and it symbolizes “Bright Future Brimful of Visions and Hopes”

Created by: Mr. Masao Umehara

Sagi (Snowy heron) (see map C-2)



This was built at the time of opening of the Park. It gives an accent to the Sendabori Pond layout.

Created by: Mr. Shoichi Murakami

Kofu, Heiwa-no Zo (Light & Wind, Statue of Peace) (see map C-3)



This statue was built as the monument of peace of Matsudo city.

Created by: Ms. Keiko Amemiya



Kohzukuri-no Hashi (Bridge for Building up Happiness) (see map C-3)



This is the bridge constructed across a little stream in the Light & Wind Square. The bridge is the one that had been built across the road - located 150m down from the present point -, which had connected the Sendabori Pond and Kanegasaku.

The bridge had once been buried in the ground due to the construction work for making new roads, but it was dug up during the construction work for making this Park, then it was relocated to and built at its present point.

Mori-no Ido 21 (Well in Forest 21) (see map F-2)



This place is where the testing of well boring technique called “Kazusa bori (boring)” which is a traditional technique for deep well boring invented in Chiba prefecture. This monument was built with the hope that the Park will be able to enjoy an abundant water and green for years to come utilizing the spring water, a favor from nature.

Donchan · Gurichan (see map C-1)



These are symbolic mascot “Donchan · Gurichan” of the Park built at the front gate of the Park Center. They are lovely designed from the shape of “donguri” (acorn) so that visitors may feel easy in getting close to plants and creatures in the nature.



Donchan



Gurichan

- Flowers and Colored Leaves seen in the Park -



In the Park, you can see seasonal blossoms of various kinds such as cherry trees, hydrangeas and various kinds of common flowers like cosmos, sunflowers, flowers of wild grass and so on. There is a large sized Flower Garden in front of the Park Center, the flowers of which are replanted four times a year.

In autumn, you can enjoy attractive scene of colored leaves as all those trees of Japanese maple, katsura tree, keyaki, (Japanese zelkova), yurinoki (Yellow poplar) and others will change the colors of their leaves beautiful.

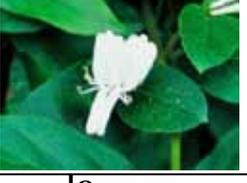
Popular flowers and colored leaves are mentioned as below. Please enjoy finding flowers other than the listed ones during the course of walking in the park. ***Picking plants is forbidden.**

🌸 Flowers seen in spring (March ~ May) 🌸

*Flower name, where you can see it, flowering season (varies with the year) are mentioned under the photo of each flower.

*As to the places where you can see them, please refer to “the location map” on page 17.

			
Ume (Japanese apricot)(Feb ~ Mar) (Midori-no-Sato)	Purple dead-nettle (Feb ~ May) (Wild Grass Garden)	Rape blossoms (Feb ~ May) (Midori-no-Sato)	Viola grypoceras (Mar ~ May) (Gathering Square)
			
Japanese cornel (Mar ~ Apr) Midori-no-Sato)	Kobus magnolia (Mar ~ Apr) (Gathering Square)	Peach (Beginning of Apr) (midori-no-Sato)	Cherry blossoms (Mar ~ Apr) (Western side of Sendabori Pond)
			
Rubus palmatus var. (Apr) (Wild Grass Garden)	Japanese rose (Apr) (Hill for Getting close to Green)	Urashima (Apr) (Wild Grass Garden)	Iris Japonica (Apr ~ May) (Wild Grass Garden)

			
Azalea (Apr ~ May) (Midori-no-Sato)	Flowering dogwood (Apr ~ May) (Light & Wind Square)	Table dogwood (May) (Midori-no-Sato)	Japanese wisteria (May) (Gathering Square)
			
Yellow iris (May ~ Jun) (Light & Wind Square)	Yellow poplar (May ~ Jun) (Gathering Square)	Red clover (May ~ Aug) (Midori-no-Sato)	Japanese snowbell (May) (Midori-no-Sato)
			
Baby rose (May) (Wild Grass Garden)	Dogwood (May ~ Jun) (Gathering Square)	Annual blue-eyed grass (May ~ Jun) (Gathering Square)	Japanese honeysuckle (May) (Wild Grass Garden)

🌸 Flowers seen in summer (Jun ~ Aug) 🌸

			
Stinking medicinal herb (May ~ Jul) (Midori-no-Sato)	Hydrangea macrophylla (neighborhood of mountain in four seasons)	Hydrangea (Jun ~ Jul) (Gathering Square)	Deutzia (Jun) (Midori-no-Sato)
			
Stewartia pseudo-camellia (Jun ~ Jul) (Gathering Square)	Water fringe (Jun ~ Aug) (Wild Grass Garden)	Dayflower (Jun ~ Oct) (Midori-no-Sato)	Water lily (Jun ~ Nov) (Midori-no-Sato)

			
Cattail (Jun) (Sendabori Pond)	Lady's-tresses (Jun ~ Jul) (Wild Grass Garden)	Double tawny daylily (Jul) (Wild Grass Garden)	Lotus flower (Jul ~ Aug) (Midori-no-Sato)
			
Java water dropwort (Jul ~ Aug) (Light & Wind Square)	Loosestrife (Jul ~ Sep) (Midori-no-Sato)	Polygonum thunbergii (Jul ~ Aug) (Wild Grass Garden)	Paederia Scandens (Jul ~ Aug) (Wild Grass Garden)

🌸 Flowers seen in Autumn (Sep ~ Nov) 🌸

			
Tick-trefoil (Sep) (Wild Grass Garden)	Jewelweed (Aug ~ Oct) (Wild Grass Garden)	Crane's-bill (Aug ~ Nov) (Wild Grass Garden)	Tsurumame (Aug ~ Sep) (Wild Grass Garden)
			
Cirsium Oligophyllum (Aug ~ Oct) (Wild Grass Garden)	Red spider lily (Sep ~ Oct) (Wild Grass Garden)	Fragrant olive (Sep) (Wild Grass Garden)	Kantoyomena (Sep ~ Nov) (Midori-no-Sato)

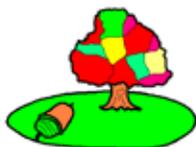
🌸 Flowers seen in Winter (Dec ~ Feb) 🌸

			
Camellia sasanqua (Nov ~ Apr) (Wild Grass Garden)	Loquat (Nov ~ Dec) (Midori-no-Sato)	Japanese alder (Feb) (Wild Grass Garden)	Wintersweet (Jan ~ Feb) (Midori-no-Sato)

🍁 Trees of Beautifully Colored Leaves 🍁

Name of tree, where you can see, coloring season are mentioned under the photo of each tree.

		
Flowering dogwood (Light & Wind Square) Mid-Oct. ~	Cherry tree (Western side of Sendabori Pond) Mid-Oct. ~	Katsura tree (Water & Shade of Trees Square) End-Oct. ~
		
Keyaki (Japanese zelkova) (Light & Wind Square) Beginning Nov. ~	Wax tree (Wild Grass Garden) Beginning Nov. ~	White enkianthus (Wild Grass Garden) Beginning Nov. ~
		
Yurinoki (Yellow poplar) (Gathering Square) Mid-Nov. ~	Oak (Gathering Square) Mid-Nov. ~	Japanese maple (Gathering Square) End Nov. ~

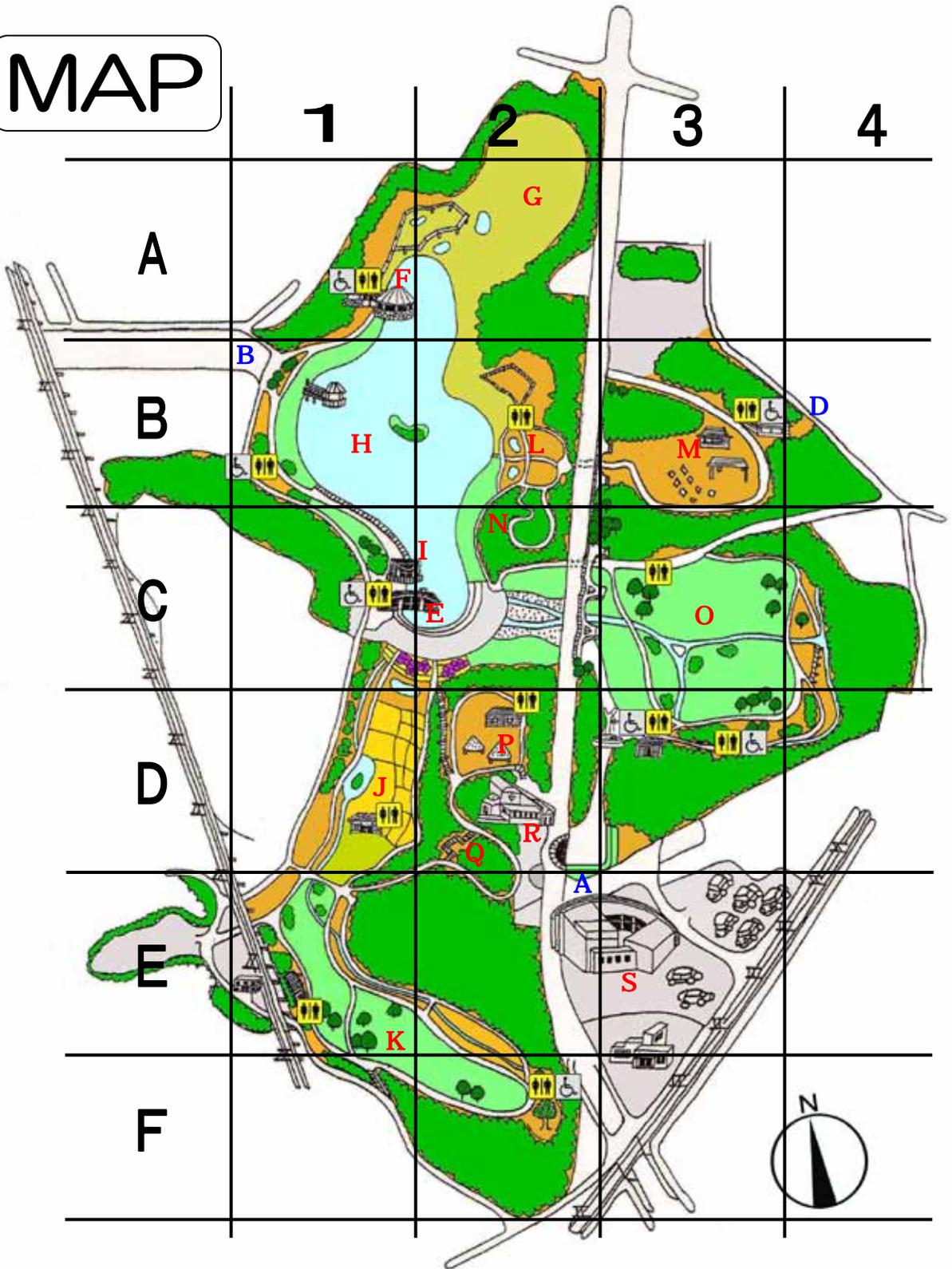


Sight-Seeing Routes recommendable



	Route	Object for enjoying
1	One round of Light & Wind Square	Hydrangea, Yellow iris, Flowering dogwood
2	One round of Gathering Square	Hydrangea, Japanese wisteria, Beautiful colored autumn leaves like Yellow poplar, Japanese maple
3	One round of Wild Grass Garden	Various wild grass and insects
4	One round of Hill for Getting Close to Green	Walking in the woods as therapy breathing the air of nature
5	One round of Midori-no-Sato (Village of Green)	Scenery of farming village. Lotus flower and Water lily in the pond
6	Park Center to Nature Observation Facility	Cherry blossoms in spring

MAP



- A** The central gate **B** The west gate **D** The north gate
E Park Center **F** Nature Observation Facility **G** Ecology Zone **H** Sendabori Pond **I** Café
J Midori-no-Sato (Village of Green) **K** Gathering Square **L** Wild Grass Garden
M Outdoor Center (Barbecue Site) **N** Neighborhood of mountain in four seasons
O Light & Wind Square **P** Jomon-no-Mori **Q** Hill for Getting Close to Green **R** Matsudo Museum
S Mori-no-Hall 21