Wadakura Free Rest Spot

Relax, refuel, and enjoy the unobstructed view of Wadakura Fountain Park from this building erected in 1995 as part of the park’s refurbishment in commemoration of the marriage of the Emperor (r. 2019–). The sleek, glass-fronted, wooden-beamed building offers public places to rest, either indoors or outside on the flower-lined deck. It makes a good vantage point for viewing the fountains installedin 1961 to commemorate the wedding of Heisei Emperor Emeritus (r.1989–2019), the abdicated former Emperor.

The Wadakura Free Rest Spot indoor exhibition features in-depth information about Kokyo Gaien’s flora and fauna and showcases examples of ceramics unearthed from the site. The ceramics would have belonged to samurai residing in the area during the Edo period (1603–1867).