

## Ninomaru Woods

This grove of trees recreates in microcosm the landscape of Musashino, a rural area to the west of Tokyo that was being steadily absorbed into the suburbs when this grove was planted starting in 1983. The beauty of the Musashino Woods was itself a collaboration between people and nature. Traditionally, the inhabitants of Musashino collected brush and fallen leaves from the local woods to use as fertiliser and would fell trees for firewood on a twenty-year cycle. This grove contains such deciduous trees as konara and sawtooth oaks, as well as spring ephemerals like fairy bells that flower before the trees above them burst into leaf.