

View from Enyotei House

The view from the Enyotei House is protected by building regulations set by the prefecture; construction of buildings outside the park that block or mar this view is restricted. The effort to protect the landscape of a public garden was a pioneer to similar efforts around Japan. The house commands a fine view of major features of the garden including the lawn, Sawanoike Pond, and Yuishinzan Hill, as well as the borrowed scenery (shakkei) of Mt. Misao in the background.

The harvest moon (the first full moon of autumn) observed from this location rises behind Mt. Misao and the other mountains in the background between late September and October.

The house is open several times a year. The frame afforded by the open shoji sliding panels gives the landscape a sense of depth. The best position to take in the landscape of the garden is in front of the tokonoma alcove facing the sliding panels. When the panels are open, the Kayonoike Pond and the Nishikigaoka woods can also be seen to the right from within the house. A triangular rock partially hidden behind a bush is located outside the east side of the building, indicating the spot at which the same view as from within the house can be observed.