



Hitachi-Kaihin-Koen Nat' l Park

国営ひたち海浜公園



201.10.12 KEK Users Office

605-4, Aza-Ohnuma, Mawatari, Hitachinaka, Ibaraki (phone 029-265-9001)
(<http://www.hitachikaihin.go.jp/> >>> Note: No English pages)

This place was originally an airport for Japanese Air Force during the WWII and eventually converted to a National Park. Construction started 1979. Present park area is 1.5 sq. km (378 acres) and still under development. It consists of flower gardens, sand dunes, park, meadow, cycling paths, BBQ area etc. It is the site for the "Rock in Japan Festival" held annually in August. It is one of the four largest rock' n' roll music festivals in Japan. (Please note that information below was correct at the time of this writing; May 2010 and is in no way complete.)

Hours 開園: 9:30-17:00 (March 1-July20)
9:30-18:00 (July 21-Aug.31)
9:30-17:00 (Sept.1-Oct.31)
9:30-16:30 (Nov.1-Feb.28)



Closed on 休園: Mondays (except for March 26-May 31, July 21-Aug.31, Oct.1-Oct 31)
(Note: if a Monday is a Holiday, following Tuesday)
December 31, January1.
Tuesday through Friday of the first week of February

Fees入園料: 400 yen per adult (大人)
200 yen per child (Elementary school, Junior High School) (小中学生)
200 yen per elderly over 65 years old (65歳以上)
Child under 6 years old is free. 6歳未満は無料
Full day "Seaside Train" ticket: 500 yen per person over 3 years old.

Parking fees 駐車場: 500 yen per automobile, 250 yen per motorcycle

Bicycle rental 貸自転車: Up to 3 hours, 300 yen for adult (50 yen per additional 30 minutes)
Up to 3 hours, 200 yen for child (20 yen per additional 30 minutes)

Wheel chair, baby car rental: Free (number is limited)
(Note: Special season ticket, group discount, etc. are available for various fees.)

This park provides quite nice place for outdoor recreation for just about everyone. Wheel chair accessibility is quite good, except for some part of the steep hills.



How to get there from J-PARC ?

The West Entrance of the park is 6.8 km from the Main Gate of JAEA/J-PARC. Go south on Rt.245 for 4.4 km. Turn left at the intersection with Rt.31. Go on the Rt.31 (east) for 0.4km turn left to Rt. 247 at the T-intersection. In 2km, you reach the West Entrance Gate of the park. It will take a bit over 20 minutes by car, 30 minutes or so by bicycle. You may take an Ibaraki Kotsu Bus from the JAEA/J-PARC Main Gate to Higashi Ibaraki Hospital.

Then it is approximately 5km walk. Having a bicycle is great in the park. You may ride your bicycle or rent one in the park.

Please note that bicycle path and pedestrian path are separated clearly (signs in Japanese only) to reduce accidents. Access by bicycle is limited to bicycle paths only. Lots of bicycle Parking space is provided alongside of the bicycle paths.

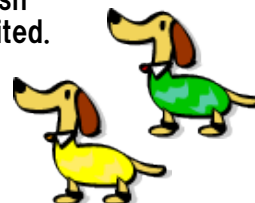


BBQ facility

BBQ'ing is allowed only in the designated area. Using the BBQ facility (incl. kitchen detergent, dolly to carry equipments, etc.) is free of charge, but must be reserved beforehand. Call 029-265-9002 for reservation. Application can be done from three months prior to and at least one week prior to the day of the BBQing. You bring charcoal, cooking utensils, food etc. Charcoal 3kg can be purchased at 500 yen

Pets

Pets may accompany you, provided that you will keep them on leash and clean droppings. The area you can take pets is somewhat limited.



Restaurants / café

There are several of them on site.

Amusement Park

Ferris wheel etc. are there

When you use the Joban highway 常磐自動車道をご利用の場合

about 70.5km from KEK to Hitachi kaihin park KEKから海浜公園まで約70.5km

