Spring Leaves of 3000 Maple Trees!



World Maple Park Hirara

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TEL&FAX: 0745-84-2888
Open Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Closed on Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a holiday)
Admission Free
http://udakaedenosato.main.jp

How to Get There

By Car

From Hari IC on Meihan Expressway, take National Route 369 toward the south, then Prefectural Route 218 via Uchimaki and Utano. It takes about 30 minutes. (1.5 hours from Osaka) Free parking space for 5 buses and 50 regular-sized cars.

By Train and Bus

From Haibara Station (Kintetsu Osaka Line) South Exit, take a bus bound for 'Utano' or 'Higashiyoshinomura Yakuba'. Get off at 'Furuichiba Mikumari Jinja' and walk for 3 minutes.

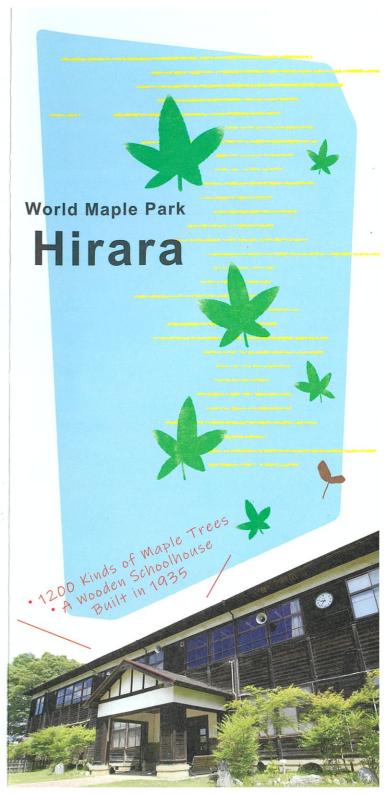


Also Nearby

Udano Mikumari Shrine

This shrine is believed to have been built by order of Sujin, the 10th Emperor of Japan. The god of water has been worshipped here since ancient times. The main shrine building, built in the Kamakura period (12-13th century), has been designated as a National Treasure.





Spring

World Maple Park Hirara has 3000 maple trees (1200 different species) from around the world. It is regarded as Japan's biggest collection of maple trees and also includes rare species.

Autumn is generally the best season to see maple leaves. At Hirara, however, they look most beautiful from spring to early summer, when the 1200 species of trees sprout all at once, creating spectacular scenery. The rooms of this retro schoolhouse, built in 1932 and closed down in 2006, have now turned into a café, a souvenir shop, a gallery, a library, and a multipurpose Japanese room, all of which retain the retro feel. This schoolhouse has also been used as a location for a TV drama.



