



Nature #11
Aqueduct



Tamagawa Aqueduct

Theme Literature walking

Culture flourishes when lifestyles are enriched, which starts with harnessing water. The Tamagawa Aqueduct has long overseen the development of culture. You can still find vestiges of places beloved by writers here.



Overpass

Osamu often came here with friends, and the site has remained unchanged since that time.

Mitaka Station

- Mitaka City Tourism Association
- Site of Chigusa Restaurant

2. Osamu Dazai Literary Salon

Famed writer Dazai Osamu relocated to Mitaka for around seven years. This facility displays precious artefacts, including Osamu's handwritten manuscripts, first edition books, and more.

☎ 0422-26-9150

🏠 3-16-14 Gran Jardin Mitaka 1F, Shimorenjaku, Mitaka-shi

🕒 10:00 - 17:30 / Closed Mondays (and for two days after holidays)



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Osamu Dazai

- Mitaka Industry Plaza

4. Gyokkaseki Rock

This monument stands near the location where Osamu committed suicide by drowning himself in the aqueduct.



6. Mitaka Seishintei

A cultural facility where Rakugo exhibition is held regularly. In the garden there is a tree "Crapemyrtle" transplanted from Osamu Dazai's former residence, and you can see it from a public street.

🏠 2-10-48 Shimorenjaku, Mitaka-shi



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1. Tamagawa Aqueduct

Built at the start of the Edo period by Kyodai Tamagawa, this open canal supplied the castle town with drinking water. The canal spans a total length of approximately 43 km from Hamura to Yotsuya. A walking path follows the canal in Mitaka City.



3. Kazenosanpomichi (Windy Walking Path)



5. Yuzo Yamamoto Memorial

This museum introduces the life of Yuzo Yamamoto, a writer connected with the region. The current western-style structure was once occupied by Yamamoto and his family.

☎ 0422-42-6233 🏠 2-12-17 Shimorenjaku, Mitaka-shi 🕒 9:30 - 17:00 / Closed Mondays



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- Ghibli Museum

Reflect on the thoughts of great writers
Walk around the Tamagawa Aqueduct

- Inokashira Park

- Kundo Matsumoto Memorial

- Inokashira Park Athletic Field

Along the tree-lined boulevard to Inokashira Park, you'll find notable sites associated with well-known writers. Start off by learning more at the Osamu Dazai Literary Salon, and you'll have an even greater time. (Kaneko, Mitaka City Tourism Association)

- Shinbashi



Yuzo Yamamoto

- Zenrinji Temple
- Grave of Osamu Dazai

🕒 About 2.5 hrs 6.5 km

🚶 A short walk from the south exit of JR Mitaka Station.

📍 Mitaka City Tourism Association

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🏠 3-24-3-101 Shimorenjaku, Mitaka-shi

🕒 9:00 - 18:00 / Closed Tuesdays

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