

Yosui-tei

Yosui-tei is a beautifully preserved tea house and villa that once served as a retreat for feudal lords. Built in the traditional sukiya-zukuri style, it offers



a glimpse into Japan's rich architectural history. The villa underwent a comprehensive restoration in the early 1990s to ensure its continued existence for future generations.



Gozano-ma

This is the exclusive room where Harutomi would graciously sit during his visit. Situated at the highest point of the entire building, it offers the most ideal vantage point for appreciating the garden.

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A unique corridor leading to the "Goza no-ma," it features a skewed, diagonal layout over the tatami mat floor. All of its tatami mats and shoji screens are parallelogram-shaped, making it a one-of-a-kind structure in Japan.



Jissai-an

Yosui-tei is home to "Jissai-an," the oldest tea room in Wakayama Prefecture. This small tatami room was used

by Harutomi for tea ceremonies with his guests, accommodating up to only about five people. Harutomi was renowned among the lords of the domain for his profound knowledge of the tea ceremony.

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養翠園

Japanese garden in Wakayama.



Admission

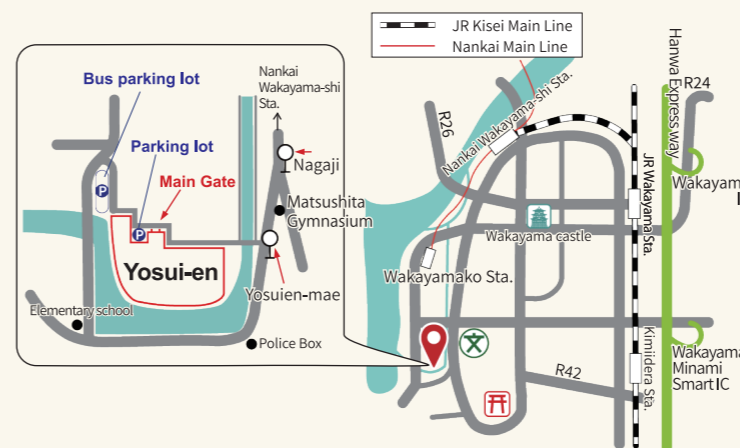
Adults (13~)	600yen
Children (7~12)	300yen
Group discount	10% discount for groups of 30 or more
	20% discount for groups of 50 or more

Hours 9:00AM~5:00PM

Closed Days Open year-round
(on January 1st, open from 11:00 AM)

Parking Free

Visitors to Yosui-en can enter the adjoining Minato Estate for free.



Access

- 20min.bus ride from JR Wakayama Sta.(8km)
→ Yosuien-mae → 7min.
- 15min.bus ride from Nankai Wakayamashi Sta.(5.6km)
→ Nagaji → 15min.



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Constructed in 1818

What is Yosui-en?

Yosui-en, constructed in 1818 by Tokugawa Harutomi, the feudal lord of Wakayama, was designed as a retreat rather than a permanent residence. It served as a venue for inviting guests and enjoying leisure activities. Spanning 33,000m², the garden contains many ancient pine trees and a 10,000m² seawater pond at its center, with a water level that fluctuates with the tides. The pond is home to many grey mullets, often seen jumping out of the water. Additionally, within the garden stands Jissai-an, widely known as the oldest tea house in Wakayama Prefecture. We hope you enjoy your visit to Yosui-en.



Who was Harutomi?

Tokugawa Harutomi, the 10th lord of the Kishu Domain, assumed his position in 1789 at the young age of 19. He retired at 54 and passed away at 83, having held the reins of power in the Kishu Domain throughout this period. He left behind numerous achievements in education, culture, economy, and social welfare. He placed particular emphasis on the development of education and culture, establishing numerous schools and providing support to scholars. His many accomplishments were widely recognized.

Tokugawa Harutomi



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