

# LYCORIS RADIATA (Red Spider Lily)

## in Kinchakuda, Hidaka City, Saitama

Sometime between mid-September and the beginning of October, **Kinchakuda Park** boasts a world-class *Lycoris Radiata* (spider lily) exhibit. The vast sea of red flowers is a huge attraction for the Kanto Plain and Saitama prefecture. These flowers are only in full bloom for 5 to 6 days. In spring, one hundred cherry trees and rapeseed fields bloom at Kinchakuda.

Temporary food tents, with Japanese fast food, are located towards the middle of the park, but these may be absent during the low flower season. There are not many picnic tables so perhaps bring a picnic blanket. Picnicking on the dry part of the riverbed is common. At the North-Western corner of the park is **Alishan Café**, a mainly organic eatery. This place has a balcony and seemed very popular when we walked by. On the North-Eastern side of the park, there is an interesting wooden truss bridge called **Aiai**. Some say it is the longest wooden truss bridge in Japan at approximately 91.2 metres. Access to and around the park from **Koma station** is very stroller friendly. Admission is JPY 300 during the season of *Lycoris Radiata*. From April to October, the park is open from 8.30 to 17.15 every day, except Tuesdays in between November and March.



### ACCESS

#### From Nakano / Nishi-Ogikubo

**Nakano (Nishi-Ogikubo) >> Shinjuku** / by JR Chuo line  
(transfer to JR Saikyo line)

**Shinjuku >> Ikebukuro** / by JR Saikyo line  
(transfer to Seibu Ikebukuro line)

**Seibu Ikebukuro >> Hanno** / by Seibu Ikebukuro line, Express  
(transfer to local)

**Hanno >> Koma** / by Seibu Ikebukuro, Local

#### FROM YOYOGI-UEHARA

**Yoyogi-Uehara >> Shinjuku** / by Odakyu line  
(transfer to JR Saikyo line)

**Shinjuku >> Ikebukuro** / by JR Saikyo line  
(transfer to Seibu Ikebukuro line)

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5-minute walk from Koma station

