The SHIMIZU-EN Garden

Established in 1666

A historic garden of the Shibata Domain

Explore the Garden 45 mins



Main Gate & Information Center



The sign says "Shimizu-en Garden"in Japanese



The 100-ken Baba was a 181.8-meter long horseback riding track



The moss and gray stones create a tranquil atmosphere



Bamboo planted along the river was used to make arrows



The "Gokai-bishi , the Mizoguchi family crest, is featured on the transom of the reception hall



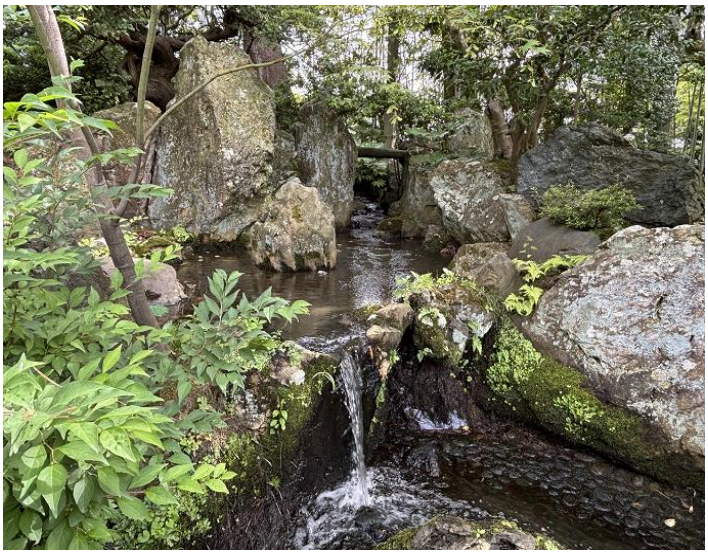
Natural light streams in from outside



The upper room was reserved for meetings between the feudal lord and distinguished guests



One of the best viewing spots to see the whole garden



The waterfalls represent the deep forested mountains





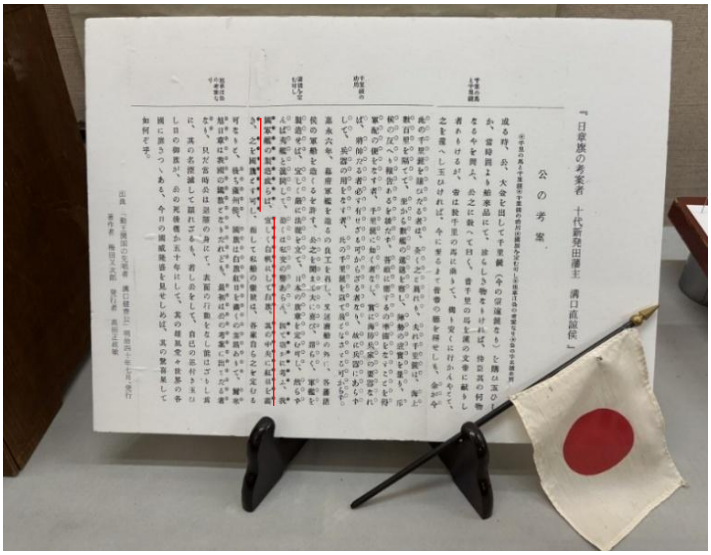
The garden was originally created by AGATA Souchi in the EDO period and was renovated by TANAKA Taiami, a famous garden creator during the Showa Era
The shape of the pond is likened to the Kanji "水" meaning "water" and the garden's scenic views are modeled after Lake Biwa in Shiga prefecture the so-called "Omi Hakkei"

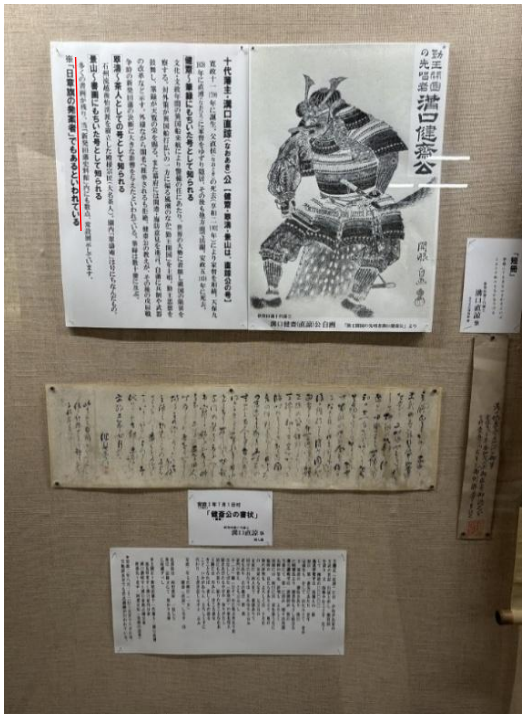


The ex-rice storehouse built in 1826 exhibits the historical artifacts of Shibata

The SHIBATA Domain

The Shibata Domain was ruled by the Mizoguchi family throughout the Edo period.
Its first lord, Mizoguchi Hidekatsu, entered the domain in 1598 (the 3rd year of the Keichō era) from Daishōji in Kaga Province with a fief of 60,000 koku, and the domain remained under the Mizoguchi family's rule through the 12th lord, Naomasa.

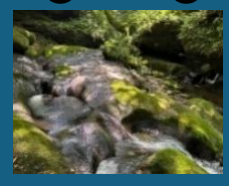




According to historical records, the Japanese national flag was reportedly proposed by MIZOGUCHI Naoaki, the tenth lord of the Shibata Domain

If you have more time, why not visit the Kenryukyo Gorge, a place beloved by Tanaka Taiami

TAXI 20MINS From Shimizu-en to Kenryukyo











The Ashigaru Nagaya housed eight families until 1968

A Concept Map of the Shimizu-en Garden

The Karasaki-no-Matsu
（Pine Tree）



This tree came from the Karasaki shrine in Shiga prefecture, the same kind of Kenrokuen Kanazawa

Tea rooms are usually closed.
To see the inside of the tea rooms.
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100ken
Baba

Pond

Tea Rooms

Tea Room

Shibata river

Reception hall

Storehouse with historical artifacts

Restaurant and coffee shop

Long-house for foot soldiers

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Samurai residence

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