

Hamura Zoo (羽村動物公園)

TRY HAMURA ZOO!

Think you can't afford to go off base because the yen is so high? Well, hang in there Yokotans. There is a still affordable source of relaxation and entertainment only 15 minutes from Yokota.

Hamura Zoo admission is ¥300 for adults, ¥50 for children 4-14yrs.

There is no charge for children under four. Prices sound good?

"There probably isn't much there", you may start to mutter at this point. Wrong again! The selection of animals is quite good. Not only do they have the usual zebras, giraffes, monkeys, and the like, they also have quite a few you can pet.

The paths are broad and pleasant. There are many benches, some covered picnic areas, and a small concession area that sells ice cream, chips, plastic outdoor toys and similar novelties.

There is at least one large area that appears quite suitable for a game of softball or soccer. A lake is home to flamingoes, ducks & swans.

To get to Hamura Zoo, go out the Fussa Gate and turn right. At the first light, turn left. Continue on this road until you come to the first stop light (just past the railroad tracks). Turn right and stay on this street until you see the Zoo on the right.

Signs with a giraffe on them will show you the way to the FREE parking area. There is ample room to park and it is right by the zoo!

Hours : 0900-1630 hrs. Closed on Monday.

When a Japanese holiday falls on Monday, the zoo is open and closes on Tuesday instead.

