Welcome to the Japanese Garden in Delaware Park. Please enjoy your Self-Guided Mobile Audio Tour of the Japanese Garden, presented by Wegmans and powered by Tourwand.com. The six points of history and interest have been identified on this map and on the tour signs throughout the garden.

The Japanese Garden is located at the western end of Delaware Park. Delaware Park was the first park in Buffalo’s masterpiece collection, which was founded in 1868. Unlike other Japanese Gardens in the nation, this garden is on public parkland and is freely accessible to all.

The schematic design phase for the Japanese Garden began in 1970 and construction occurred from 1971 to 1974. It serves as a sister-city friendship initiative between Kanazawa, Japan, and Buffalo, New York. In 1996, the garden and its features were improved, renovated and rededicated to the public.

The Japanese Garden in Delaware Park is a popular venue for informal and passive occasions, inspiring contemplative thought and reflection. The garden’s tranquil, flowing natural design makes it a desirable space to relax. It is one of the most photographed specialty gardens in the Olmsted Park System.

A special organization known as the Friends of the Japanese Garden conducts activities to promote and spread cultural awareness for the garden. It reminds people of what this space stands for: peace and friendship. Two main events happen annually in support of the garden — the Cherry Blossom Festival each spring, and the Bunka no Hi Cultural Day each fall. All donations and proceeds support the maintenance of the garden through the Buffalo Olmsted Parks Conservancy, the non-profit stewards of the entire historic park system.

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