

## **KADRIORU JAPANESE GARDEN RULES**

This marks the beginning of a journey through the Japanese garden, symbolising the cycle of human life. It is a peaceful, contemplative path that winds over stone bridges and around ponds. Every element in the garden is thoughtfully placed. The stones represent mountains and cliffs, the ponds symbolize the sea, lakes, and rivers, and the selected plants reflect the changing seasons. The waterfall represents the birth, growth, and death of a person.

The garden was created over ten years ago by the renowned Japanese garden designer Masao Sone from Kyoto. Masao aimed to mimic the rooftops of Tallinn's Old Town by placing the stones - taller ones resembling church towers and lower ones reflecting the shapes of gable roofs. The largest stone is intended to symbolise Fat Margaret in Tallinn.

The stone bridges in the garden were made in Japan. Initially, the garden was intended to feature only Japanese plants, but due to Estonia's unpredictable winters, many had to be replaced with more suitable ones for the local climate. Each season offers its attractions: cherry blossoms in spring, rhododendrons at the start of summer, irises and daylilies in summer, and the colourful leaves of maples in autumn. This garden features the largest collection of rhododendrons in Estonia.

Walking in the Japanese garden is a journey into oneself. It is a place for peaceful reflection, not for noise, sports, cycling, or walking pets. The Japanese garden is meant for contemplation, deep thought, and meditative walks.

## IN THE JAPANESE GARDEN, WE ASK VISITORS TO:

- Maintain peace and quiet in the garden;
- Avoid breaking or otherwise damaging the flowers, trees, and bushes;
- Stay on the paths and trails, and avoid stepping on the grass;
- Refrain from climbing on the stones;
- Do not feed the park's birds and animals;
- Do not litter or damage park facilities;
- Do not engage in sports games or training in the garden.



## WITHOUT WRITTEN PERMISSION FROM KADRIORG PARK, THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED IN THE PARK:

- Walking dogs, except for guide and assistance dogs with permission;
- Riding bicycles, scooters, or motorized vehicles on park paths (pushing a bicycle or scooter by hand is allowed);
- Swimming, fishing, washing or bathing pets in the ponds;
- Consuming alcohol or narcotic substances;
- Erecting unauthorized structures, camping, or making fires;
- Being in the garden with a bare torso, in swimwear, or underwear;
- Taking photos or filming for commercial purposes;
- Engaging in business activities not coordinated with Kadriorg Park.

During strong winds, staying under large trees in the garden and Kadriorg Park is at your own risk.

In both Kadriorg Park and the Japanese garden, visitors must follow the instructions of park staff and park guards and comply with the cleanliness regulations of the city of Tallinn.

The park follows the cleanliness regulations of the city of Tallinn. To report any disturbances, please contact the police at 110, emergency services at 112, or the Tallinn helpline at **1345**.

Regarding questions please call 601 4548 or email kadriorupark@kadriorupark.ee.

