CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL
Cherry Blossom Map

- Cherry Plum: Prunus cerasifera
- Higan Cherry: Prunus subhirtella
- Japanese flowering cherry: Prunus 'Kanzan'
- Miharu Cherry: Prunus p. 'Pendula Rosea'
- Okake Cherry: Prunus x incamp 'Okame'
- Sargent’s Cherry: Prunus sargentii
- Weeping Higan Cherry: Prunus pendula
- Yoshino Cherry: Prunus x yedoensis
Fun Facts

- Picnicking beneath cherry blossom trees is a Japanese tradition.

- Neither D.C. nor Japan hold the title of “Cherry Blossom Capital of the World.” Rather, it’s Macon, Georgia, which is home to 300,000-plus Yoshino cherry blossom trees. While these trees obviously are not native to the South, William A. Fickling Sr., a local realtor, discovered one in his own backyard in 1949. On a business trip to Washington, D.C., he learned more about cherry blossoms and sought to bring more to his hometown.

- There are 200 different varieties of cherry blossom. In Japan, the most popular variety is “Somei Yoshino.” In the U.S., mainly Yoshino hybrids line the Tidal Basin, National Mall, and Potomac waterfront.

- Cherry blossom is known as “sakura” in Japanese, and it’s the country’s national flower.

- McDonalds is one of many restaurants and shops to decorate outlets with artificial cherry blossom in spring. This year, the fast food chain introduced cherry blossom burgers, complete with pink bread and “Sakura Cherry” drinks.

- The Jindaizakura (“divine generations cherry tree”), can be seen at Jisso temple in Yamanashi prefecture, and is over 2,000 years old! It’s the oldest cherry tree in Japan. They say it was planted by the legendary prince Yamato Takeru (72-114) of the Yamato dynasty. It has two cousins: the Miharu Takizaku, over 1,000 years old (in Fukushima Prefecture) and the Usuzumizakura 1,500 years old (in Gifu Prefecture). Miharu Cherry can find near field 62 at Randall’s Island Park.

- All sakura otaku (fans of cherry blossoms) will tell you that there is a specific number of stages of flowering cherry trees. There are 11 steps, in this order: budding, swelling bud, blooming, flowering 10%, 30%, 50% and 70%, full bloom, decline, petal fall, and late flowering.

- Zero! The number of fruits that ornamental Japanese cherry trees produce. Some hybrids or wild varieties produce fruit, but they are not consumed.

- Each tree may only bloom for up to a week.

- The flower petals are edible, making pickles for tea or adding an ice cream flavor.

- Gifted from Japan in 1912, the 3,020 cherry tree arrived in US.

- Cherry blossoms are said to be native to the Himalayas.

- They aren’t always pink.

- The very first cherry trees to blossom usually do so at the same time that the daffodils bloom. Look for Prunus × incamp ‘Okame’ Okame Cherry near the field 60, Hell Gate Circle at Randall’s Island Park.
Cherry Blossom Guide

Early Season

Okame Cherry
*Prunus × incamp* ‘Okame’

**Location at Randall’s Island**
Hell Gate Circle, Field 60

Higan Cherry
*Prunus subhirtella*

**Location at Randall’s Island**
Harlem River Event Area (south)
Water’s Edge Garden (north)

Mid

Cherry Plum
*Prunus cerasifera*

**Location at Randall’s Island**
Hell Gate Circle (south)
Central Road, Field 16 & 20

Yoshino Cherry
*Prunus × yedoensis*

**Location at Randall’s Island**
Sunken Meadow Loop
Bornx Field Shore
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**Season**

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**Late Season**

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**Word Search**

**Word List:**
BEE  
BLOOM  
CHERRY BLOSSOM  
FLOWER  
HAiku  
JAPAN  
KIMONO  
PETAL  
PINK  
SAKURA  
SPRING  
TEA

**FUN FACTS**
3 words on the list are in Japanese  

Haiku  
A short form of Japanese poetry  
Kimono  
A traditional Japanese garment  
Sakura  
Cherry blossom

**Directions:** There are 12 words hidden in the word search. See if you can find all the words in the list below.
**Matching Game**

**DIRECTIONS:** There are hundreds of ways to say “Cherry blossom” around the world. Match the language on the left to its word for Cherry blossom on the right.

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Crossword Puzzle

DIRECTIONS: Using the across and down clues, fill in the puzzle with the correct words.

Across
2. What is the typical color of the cherry blossom tree bark?
6. Where do farmers grow their vegetables?
7. What are cherry blossom flowers preserved in for culinary uses?
9. What is the typical color of a cherry blossom flower?
10. In Japanese culture the cherry blossom tree represents new ________.
11. During which season do the cherry blossom flowers bloom?

Down
1. What is the Japanese name for cherry blossom?
3. What type of cherry tree makes you cry?
4. What part of the cherry blossom tree is raditionally used as a dye in Japanese culture?
5. Where are cherry blossom trees native to?
8. What is the former name of the bridge that connects the three boroughs to Randall’s Island?
10. Which insect pollinates cherry blossom flowers?
12. Do cherry blossom trees produce edible cherries?
13. What is a drink that can be made from cherry blossom flowers?

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