

# Black Log Legs Garden



## Architectural Outline

Gravel covering the entire site. Long, narrow, curving hillocks. Cast reflective disks embedded in a regular grid to indicate the direction of the Aso crater. Countless scattered logs, burnt black. The grand flow of time and space evoked by Aso's regional character are expressed by layering and composing those four elements. Visitors can view the space woven together from those elements and the surrounding landscape, stroll, linger, or rest. The garden is devised in such a way that visitors will sense the mountains and trees of Aso, light, wind and rain in a new way.



## Architectural Data

Name	Black Logs Garden
Location	656 Kurokawa Haizukajiri, Aso-machi, Aso-gun
Main function	park
Developer	Aso Town
Architects	Hori Architects (Masato Hori)
General contractors	Mori Kogyo
Site area	5,330 square meters
Construction period	November 1997 - March 1998
Total construction cost	41 million

## Profile of architect



### Masato Hori

- 1957 Born in Kashiwazaki City, Niigata Prefecture
- 1980 Graduated from Department of Architecture, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
- 1982 Completed master's course, Tokyo National University of Fine Arts and Music
- 1982-90 Worked at Arata Isozaki & Associates
- 1984-95 In charge of Olympic Sports Hall; lived in Barcelona
- 1991 Established Hori & Okabe, Architects in Barcelona
- 1986 Returned to Tokyo; renamed office Hori Architects
- 1987 -98 lecturer, Tama University of Fine Art
- 2001 Lecturer, Special Engineering College, Kogakuin University

●Principal Works

"Sekitei Sansai" and "Ken" (Japanese restaurants in Barcelona); Interior design of ambassador's office, Polish Embassy; "House on Waseda Dori" (a two-household house); etc.

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