

Hyogo Hokusetsu Map

What is the Hyogo Hokusetsu area?

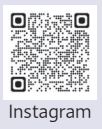
This area includes four cities and one town: Itami City, Takarazuka City, Kawanishi City, Sanda City, and Inagawa Town, located in the eastern part of Hyogo Prefecture. You can get a glimpse of the various histories and cultures that have flourished along with the development of the metropolis.



contact information for sightseeing in cities and towns in Hyogo Hokusetsu

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Hyogo Hokusetsu



Kiratto town walk



Plenty of charm in Hyogo Hokusetsu!

The Hyogo Hokusetsu area, which includes Itami City, Takarazuka City, Kawanishi City, Sanda City, and Inagawa Town, is home to the history and culture of the Seiwa-Genji clan and the birthplace of sake, as well as an urban culture coloured with elements of Hanshinkan Modernism, including the Takarazuka Grand Theater. Hyogo Hokusetsu has a variety of attractions, including a nature-rich "satoyama"(villages that live sustainably with their nearby forest and mountains) that is said to be the best in japan!

Itami City P3, 4



Itami City Mascot: Tamimaru

A town rich in history, culture, flowers and greenery

During the Edo period, Itami prospered with its sake brewing industry as the birthplace of sake, and the haiku culture flourished. Itami is also full of popular outing spots such as 'Koyaike Park' (one of the Kansai area's leading wild migratory bird spots) and 'Itami Sky Park'.



Itami Sky Park



Koyaike Park

Takarazuka City P5,6

A cultural city with Art in the air

Takarazuka, known as a "town of Takarazuka Revue and Onsen", has many temples and shrines with a long history, including Kiyoshikojin Seicho-ji Temple (famous for the kitchen and deity of fire). It is also known for its association with Osamu Tezuka, one of Japan's leading manga artists.



Hananomichi (Flower Avenue)



Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum exterior

Kawanishi City P7,8



Kawanishi City Mascot: Kinta-kun

Rural town surrounded by rich nature and long-standing history

Kawanishi City is said to be home to the Seiwa Genji clan. It is also a location that takes visitors on a nostalgic trip into the past through the countryside scenery in the Kurokawa District where visitors can see views reminiscent of old Japan, and enjoy the refreshing water and greenery of Hitokura Park and its surroundings.



Kurokawa Countryside Scenery



Seiwa Genji Festival

Sanda City P9, 10



Sanda City Mascot: Kippy, Happy, and Chappy

Sanda, a city of the future weaving people, the town, and nature together

Sanda City is attractive for its traditional historical scenery, beautiful mountains, valleys, and parks that change with the seasons. ArimaFuji Park, where you can enjoy nature to the fullest, and the Susumu Shingu WIND MUSEUM within the park are popular spots.



Susumu Shingu Wind Museum



Shingetsuin Temple

Inagawa Town P11, 12



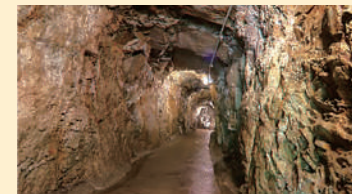
Inagawa Town Mascot: Inaboh

Come, see, and feel a town rich in nature

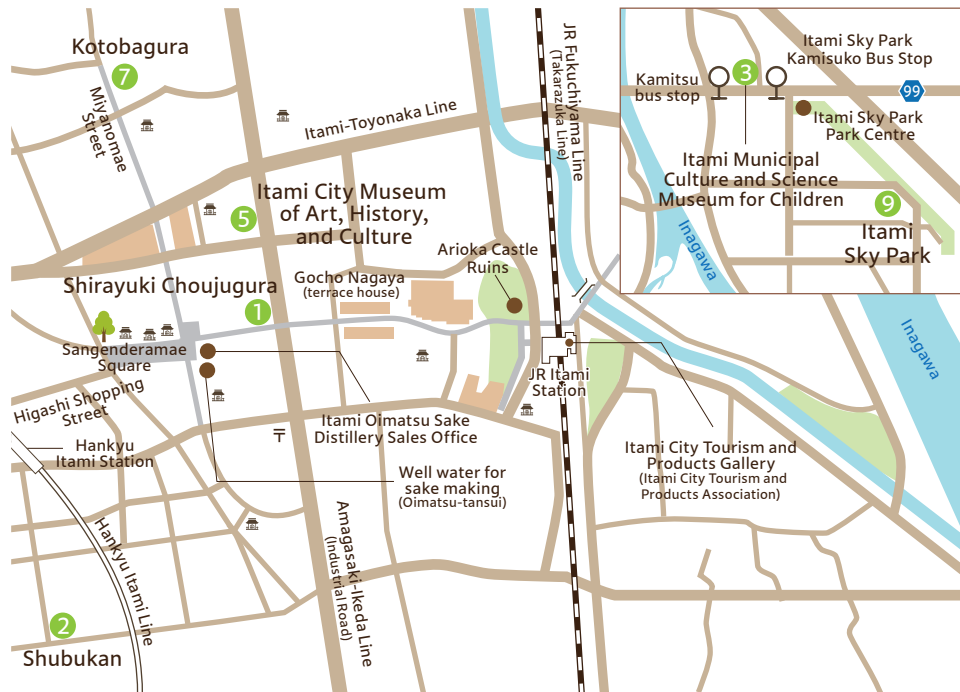
Inagawa Town is rich in nature, history and culture, including majestic landscapes, nostalgic village mountain scenery, Mt. Oya (one of the Hanshin area's tallest mountains at 753 m), and the Tada Silver and Copper Mine Remains, a national historic site where Toyotomi Hideyoshi is said to have developed these mines.



Inagawa Observatory (Astropia)



Tada Silver and Copper Mine



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① Shirayuki Brewery Village Choujugura Museum

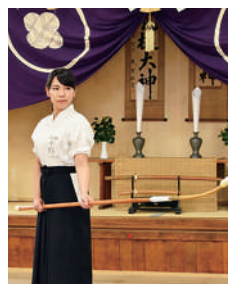


This complex is owned by Konishi Brewing Company, a Sake brewery which still produces sake in Itami, the birthplace of sake.

🕒 Museum 11:30-17:00
 🍽️ Restaurant 11:30-L.O.20:30
 🛒 Shop 10:00-19:00
 Closed Tuesdays
 (Shop: 2nd Tuesday of every month only)



② Shubukan*



This is a historic dojo established in 1786. Here the ancient Japanese traditional Art of Kendo, Naginata, and Iaido are taught and practiced.

(Contact in advance for a trial or to view the facilities)
 🕒 10:00-17:00
 Closed Sundays and Public holidays



③ Itami Municipal Culture and Science Museum For Children*



This complex consists of a planetarium and a cultural center. The planetarium has hands-on exhibits that will tickle the interest of visiting children's scientific spirit.

🕒 9:00-17:15
 Closed Tuesdays



④ Itami City Museum of Insects*



The dome-shaped greenhouse is home to 1,000 butterflies of approximately 14 species active throughout the year is continuing to grow in popularity.

📍 Koyaike Park,
 3-1 Koyaike, Itami City
 🕒 9:30-16:30
 (Last entry 16:00/Butterfly greenhouse open from 10:00)
 Closed Tuesdays



⑤ Itami City Museum of Art, History, and Culture*

This museum provides a history museum side to cultural heritage such as the Former Okada Residence and Sake Brewery, which is a National Important Cultural Property and is home to Japan's oldest existing Sake Brewery, and the Former Ishibashi Residence, which is a Prefecture Designated Cultural Property, and acts as a point for sharing history, culture, and art. Under the overarching theme of 'a town fragrant with sake and culture' this museum offers a variety of learning opportunities and experiences across a wide range of ages by opening heritage sites that tell the story of sake brewing to the public and sharing information, as well as through exhibitions in a variety of fields.

🕒 10:00-18:00 (Last entry 17:30) Closed Mondays



⑥ Koyaike Park



This reservoir is said to have been built by Gyoki, a Buddhist Priest from the Nara period. This park is an oasis for wild birds that are rare in urban areas, and many migratory birds (ducks, etc.) stay here from autumn to winter.

📍 Koyaike 3,
 Itami City
 🕒 24hrs
 Open Year Round



⑧ Aramaki Rose Park



Roses are in bloom in spring (mid-May to mid-June) and autumn (mid-October to mid-November). Approximately 10,000 roses of about 250 species from all around the world can be seen in full bloom here.

📍 6-5-50
 Aramaki, Itami City
 🕒 9:00-17:00
 Closed Tuesdays



⑦ Kotobagura (Library)



This library's concept is 'a library that people visit as they would a park'. It has a collection of approximately 400,000 books and holds many resident-organized events.

🕒 Tue-Fri 9:30-20:00
 Sat-Sun, Public holidays 9:30-18:00
 Closed Mondays



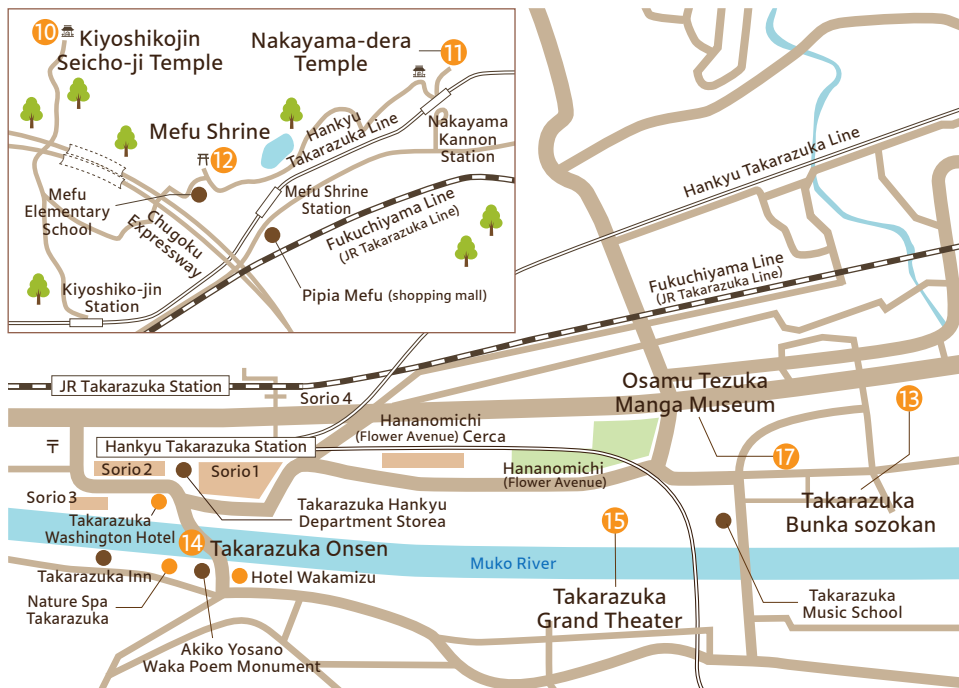
⑨ Itami Sky Park



This park is 1.2 km long and 80 m wide and is located adjacent to the airport runway.

🕒 7:00-21:00 (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays from April to October), 9:00-21:00 (weekdays from April to October, November to March)
 Open Year Round





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⑩Kiyoshikojin Seicho-ji Temple



This temple is famous throughout Japan for its deity of the kitchen and deity of fire. It is affectionately known locally as "Kojin-san."

⑤:00-21:00
 ・Excluding period between 21:00 December 31st to January 3rd
 ・Reception is from 9:00 to 17:00
 Open Year Round



⑫Mefu Shrine



This shrine is said to have been founded in 610 and enshrines the guardian deity of clothing, food, and wealth, as well as the deity of marriage. The vast grounds are designated as an environmental conservation area and are full of nature.

Open Year Round



⑪Nakayama-dera Temple



Known for the Kannon deity of safe childbirth, this temple is lively with couples praying for safe childbirth and families visiting to pray with their babies in their arms.

⑨:00-16:00
 Open Year Round



⑬Takarazuka Bunka sozokan* (Former home of the Takarazuka Music School)



On the second floor, the 'Sumire♪Museum' exhibits teaching materials used at the Takarazuka Music School, as well as posters and videos of the existing Takarazuka Revue Company.

⑤Sumire♪Museum 10:00-16:30 (building open 9:00-17:00) (last entry 16:00)
 Closed Mondays
 (From April 2024)



⑭Takarazuka Onsen*

Takarazuka Onsen is a hot spring getaway from Osaka and Kobe. The environment overlooking the Mukogawa River and the mountain range is particularly attractive.

⑤Varies per facility
 Closed Varies per facility



⑮Takarazuka Grand Theater*

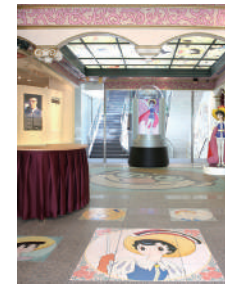


Under the motto of "Modesty, Fairness, Grace", performers belonging to one of the five troupes (Flower, Moon, Snow, Star, Cosmos) or superior members carry out splendid stage performances.

Closed Mondays



⑰Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum*



Visitors can view screenings of original anime by Osamu Tezuka, one of Japan's leading manga artists, engage in an anime creation workshop, and browse through Tezuka's works in the library.

⑨:30-17:00 (Last entry 16:30)
 Closed Mondays



⑯Takarazuka Dahlia Garden



In summer and fall, the park is filled with 100,000 dahlias (the official Takarazuka City flower) of approximately 300 species. Visitors can enjoy picking dahlia flowers at 100 yen per flower.

①16-1 Ogakiuchi, Kamisasori, Takarazuka City
 ⑤9:00-16:00 (last entry 15:30)
 Open July to August and October to November



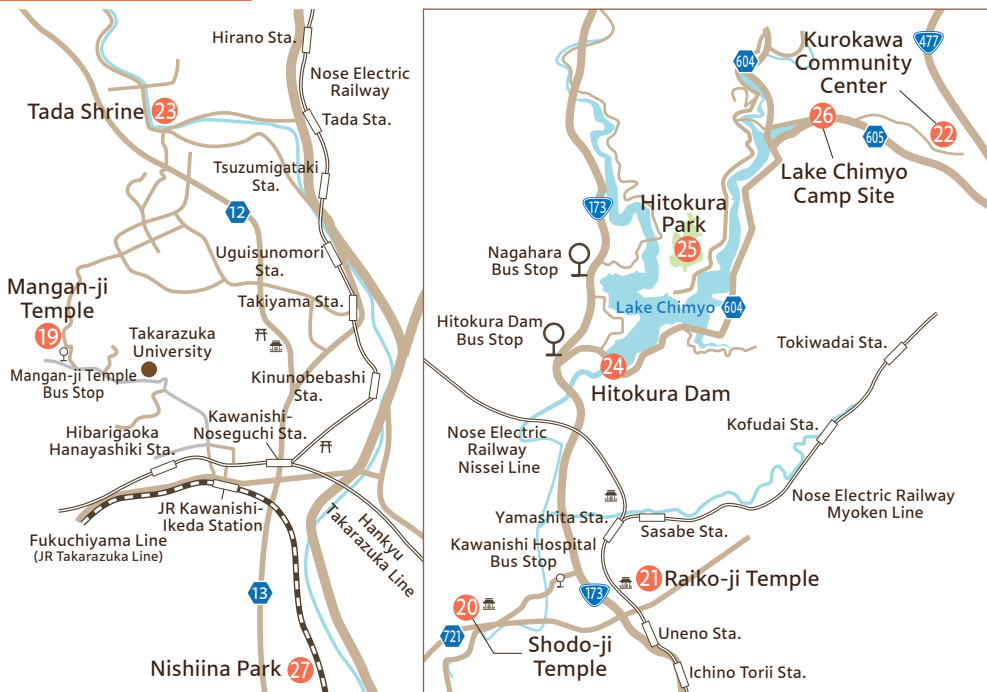
⑱Takedao Onsen*



Koyokan Bettei Azare offers seasonal cuisine and detached guest rooms. Visitors can also enjoy hiking along the abandoned JR Fukuchiyama Line.

①Tamase area, Takarazuka City and Shiose-cho, Nishinomiya City
 Open Year Round





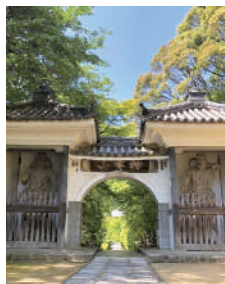
23 Tada Shrine

In 970, Minamoto no Mitsunaka built Tada Temple, the predecessor of Tada Shrine. The current shrine building was rebuilt by the fourth Tokugawa shogun Ietsuna. The entire precinct, which has a sacred atmosphere, is designated as a national historic site, and is home to many cultural properties designated by the national and prefectural governments, including the main shrine and worship hall.

☉9:00-17:00 Open Year Round



19 Mangan-ji Temple



On either side of the Sanmon gate stand two Kongorikishi statues that were moved here from Tada Shrine during the separation of Shinto and Buddhism during the Meiji period.

Visiting hours are free (temple office reception 9:00-16:00)
Open Year Round



21 Raiko-ji Temple



Also known as the 'Hydrangea Temple' because of the colourful hydrangeas that bloom here during the rainy season.

Open Year Round



20 Shodo-ji Temple



This temple is associated with Seiwa Genji clan, and is famous for the legend of Bijomaru. The precincts are decorated with cherry blossoms in the spring and autumn leaves in the fall.

Open Year Round



22 Kurokawa Community Center



The historical north building of the former Kurokawa Elementary School was built in 1904, brings a sense of nostalgia to the Kurokawa forested countryside.

☉9:00-17:00
Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Public holidays



24 Hitokura Dam



This is a multi-purpose dam that controls floods during heavy rains, and supplies water to approximately 450,000 people in the Hanshin region, including Kawanishi City.

☉9:00-17:00
Closed Saturdays, Sundays



25 Hitokura Park



This is a park where visitors can feel the rich blessings of nature, such as Lake Chimyo (created by the Hitokura Dam) and the scent of the various trees throughout the year.

☉9:00-17:00 (extends to 18:00 from May 1st to August 31st)
Closed New Year holidays



26 Lake Chimyo Camp Site*



Located on the shore of Lake Chimyo (created by the Hitokura Dam), visitors can enjoy a variety of activities here such as barbecuing and playing in the river.

Closed Tuesdays



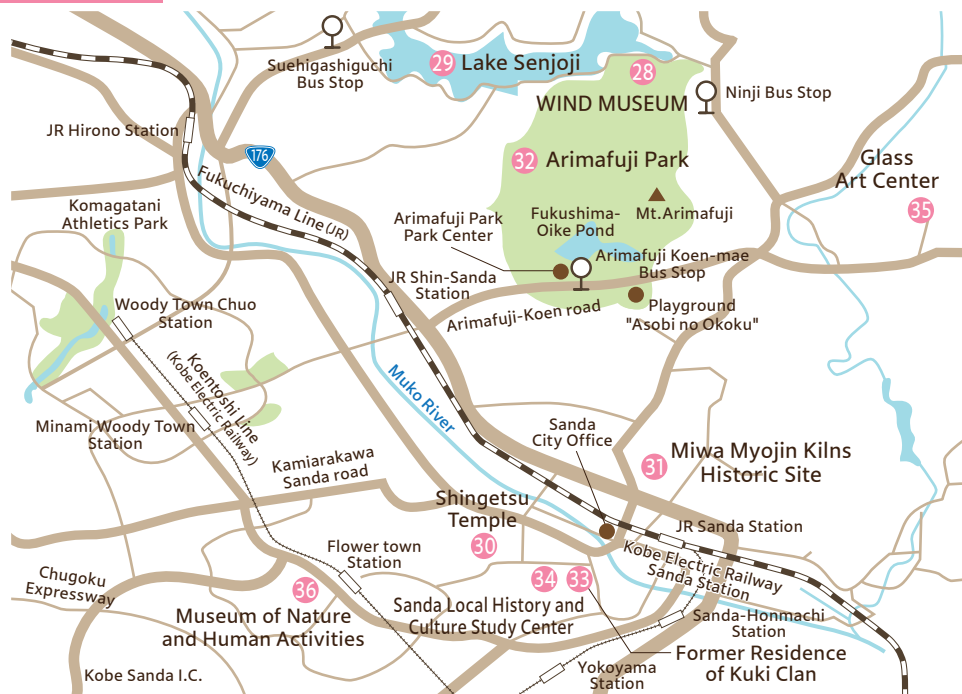
27 Nishiina Park*



This park is home to exercise facilities such as tennis courts and a ball field, as well as an observation deck. Among them the various activities available, Waterland is very popular.

Closed Tuesdays





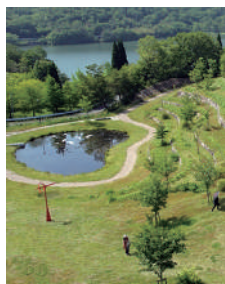
32 Arimafuji Park

This is one of the largest urban parks in Hyogo Prefecture and displays the rich nature of Hyogo. The park includes outdoor facilities such as an ecological garden with forests, waterfronts, grasslands, a wild bird plaza, and rice terraces. Visitors to this park can enjoy nature walks and bird watching. The Sanda City Arimafuji Nature Learning Center has exhibits and study rooms introducing nature in Sanda. The play area in Playground "Asobi no Okoku" has playground equipment made based on the folk tale "Arimafuji and the Child of Lightening".

☉9:00-17:00 Closed Nature Learning Center: Mondays



28 Susumu Shingu WIND MUSEUM



Twelve sculptures that move with the wind by Susumu Shingu, a sculptor living in Sanda City, are on permanent display in the recreational zone of Arimafuji Park.

☉9:00-17:00
Open Year Round



30 Shingetsu Temple



This is the family temple of the Kuki family, the lords of the Sanda domain. In addition to the graves of successive feudal lords, you can also see gravestones with English letters built in the early Meiji period on the temple grounds.



33 Former Residence of Kuki Clan



Built in the early Meiji period, it is one of the few Western-style buildings in Japan (Western-style buildings built by Japanese people using Japanese techniques) and is designated as an important tangible cultural property of Hyogo Prefecture.

☉10:00-16:00
Contact for closures (full closure per season)



35 Glass Art Center*



One of the largest facilities in the Kansai region of its kind, offering a variety of glass craft courses, from authentic glass blowing to burner work and kiln work.

☉9:00-17:00
Closed Tuesdays



29 Lake Senjoji



An artificial lake created by Aono Dam. In the surrounding area, there are outdoor shops with cafes where visitors can enjoy Sanda's tasty food, parks of various sizes, and lake-side roads.

Open Year Round



31 Miwa Myojin Kilns Historic Site



This is a historic park where the ruins of a multi-chambered Sanda-yaki kiln are open to the public in the state they were found when excavated. Workshops available (Reservations and fee payment required)

☉9:00-17:00
Closed Mondays



34 Sanda Local History and Culture Study Center



This center offers local education and experiential learning for children, as well as exhibits of local artefacts.

☉10:00-17:00
Closed Mondays



36 Museum of Nature and Human Activities*



A museum compiled on the theme of "coexistence between humans and nature". The museum has a collection of over 2 million items, some of which are on permanent display.

☉10:00-17:00
Closed Mondays





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③⑦ Roadside Station Inagawa



A hub for information and human exchange, where visitors can enjoy seasonal local vegetables and 100% buckwheat noodles.

🕒 9:00-17:00
Closed Wednesdays



③⑧ Soba Dojo★



Visitors can experience making soba noodles using only buckwheat flour and without using regular wheat to help hold the noodle mixture together.

🕒 Reservations only/ Call or email by the morning prior to day of visit
Closed Wednesdays



③⑨ Seishi Museum Inagawa



This Japanese-style building was built by art dealer Kumasaku Tomita to imitate the mansions of wealthy farmers of the Edo period, with a thatched roof, a main building made entirely of cypress, and four storehouses.

🕒 9:30-16:30
Closed Mondays



④① Inagawa Furusato-kan



This is a history and folklore museum that exhibits over 300 items, including everyday tools that were actually used until the mid-Showa era, cultural assets of the town, and specialty products.

📍 19-2, Hachiju, Kizu, Inagawa-cho
🕒 9:00-17:00
Closed Mondays



④② Aoki-mabu



This is the only tunnel in the Tada Silver and Copper Mine where visitors can see the inside of the mine.

🕒 9:00-17:00
Closed New Year holidays



④③ Tada Silver and Copper Mine Yukyu no Yakata



This facility introduces the history of the Tada Silver and Copper Mine, which was so prosperous during the Edo period that many houses were built in this area at that time.

🕒 9:00-17:00
Closed Mondays



④④ Tada Silver and Copper Mine Yukyu Square



The remains of a mechanical ore processing plant and smelting plant from the Meiji Era. Along with the existing brick structures, some of the brick paving remains unearthed during excavations have been restored and are now on exhibit.

🕒 9:00-17:00
Closed Mondays



④⑤ Okuina Health Village★



It was created with the purpose of deepening the connection between people in an abundant natural environment.

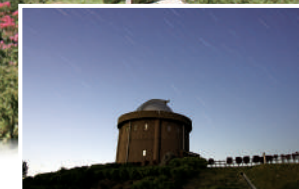
📍 1-22 Okuyama, Sugio, Inagawa-cho, Kawabegun
🕒 9:00-17:00
Open Year Round



④① Oya Alps Land

It is located near the summit of Mt. Oya, which is one of the highest mountains in the Hanshin region (753m), and can be reached within an hour by car from the city center. You can enjoy camping, astronomical observation, and more amidst the 360-degree panorama and expansive nature. Additionally, it is popular as hiking trails with giant and oddly shaped rocks and a sacred place for lovers.

📍 1, Onogadake, Kashihara, Inagawa-cho
🕒 Inagawa Astronomical Observatory 13:00-21:30,
Onyasann Campsite: Day use 11:00-17:00, Overnight stay 14:00-10:00 (next day)
Closed Observatory/Camp site Mon-Wed (Other: Open year Round)





Hyogo Hokusetsu Souvenir specialties

The perfect gift for those at home! Speciality products you won't find elsewhere.

Itami City

Takarazuka City

Kawanishi City

Sanda City

Inagawa Town



Itami City



Sake-no-tsuyu (manju)
These steamed buns fill your mouth with the rich aroma of Japanese sake.
Nakaman



Kuramoto
A baked confectionery where you can enjoy both white and black bean paste at the same time. It looks like a sake barrel viewed from directly above.
Fukuzumi



ITAMI BEER set
A set of three types of Itami craft beer made by a sake distillery.
Konishi Brewing Co., Ltd.



Carefully selected sake set for taste testing
A carefully selected combination set of sake from Itami, the birthplace of sake.
Konishi Brewing Co., Ltd./Itami Oimatsu Brewing Co., Ltd.



You can purchase Itami souvenirs at the Itami City Tourist Products Gallery.

Takarazuka City



Otome mochi (rice cakes)
These Japanese sweets are made with carefully selected ingredients and have a light flavor without any additives.
Kineya



Carbonated rice crackers
Koganeya's carbonated rice crackers have been hand-baked since its founding in 1890.
Carbonated rice crackers by Koganeya



Takarazuka sweet potato mini-cake
A popular product with a unique sweetness from the sweet potatoes and butter and white bean paste.
Takarazuka Marie Ange



Golden ring
Specially large soft chestnuts are wrapped in Tokachi red beans and tightly covered with moist yellow bean paste.
Sugaya



Kawanishi City



Fig baked goods
A baked confectionery using figs, a specialty of Kawanishi.
Restaurant Chesapeake
Kawanishi Midoridai Main Branch



Kamo early peach jelly
A refreshing jelly made with early peaches from Kawanishi.
Kawanishi specialty cake Otani store



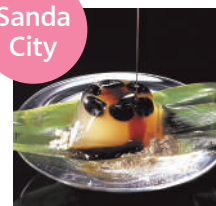
Farmer's seasonal jam
Kawanishi specialty figs and peaches etc. are some of the local Kawanishi City grown fruits and vegetables used in the farmer's seasonal jams.
Agricultural Cooperative Market Hall Shiki no Sato



Fig brandy cake
This cake uses aromatic sweet figs grown in Kawanishi and a high quality cognac unreservedly, and is left to mature for a whole month.
Restaurant Chesapeake



Sanda City



Large black bean from Tamba kuzumochi
Kuzumochi filled with large black beans from Tamba.
Hinomoto Shokusan Co., Ltd.



Matsutake and kelp
Taste the full flavor of our natural kelp as you inhale the rich flavor of matsutake mushrooms and the aroma of Hokkaido's saltwater kelp.
Tambaya Co., Ltd.



Shiitake mushroom ice cream monaka
This is a sweet made with powdered mushrooms kneaded into the ice cream.
Shiitake Land Kasaya



Tawara Monaka
This rice bag shaped monaka has fragrant crisp wafers made with local glutinous rice from Sanda and is filled with Dainagon azuki beans.
Nishimura Seigetsumo



Inagawa Town



Take-out soba
Soba is a specialty of Inagawa Town. 100% buckwheat noodle made without any fillers is particularly known here.
Roadside Station Inagawa



Ina-no-Sasayaki (Rice crackers)
These rice crackers are carefully selected from raw materials, dried naturally, and made entirely by hand.
Roadside Station Inagawa



Dried shiitake mushrooms
Shiitake mushrooms are grown in the rich nature of Inagawa Town.
Roadside Station Inagawa



Inaboh Specially Selected Confectionery Handmade Monaka
A monaka with a cute drawing of Inagawa's town mascot on it. Visitors can fill it with bean paste themselves before eating.
Roadside Station Inagawa

