

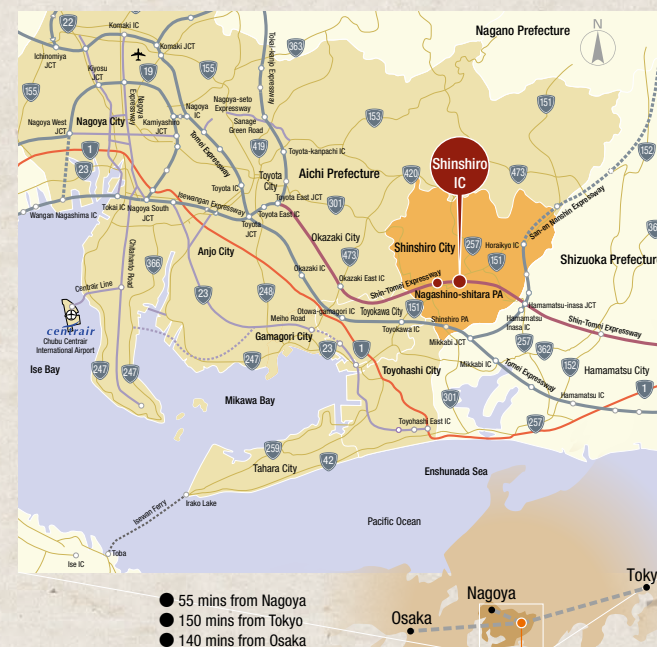


Event schedule

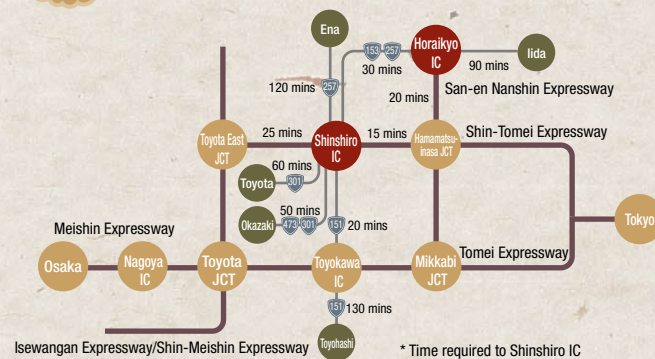
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Festival / event name	Place	Date
New year's visit to Horaiji Temple	Horaiji Temple/Toshogu Shrine	January 1
Horaiji Temple Dengaku dance	Horaiji Temple Dengakudo Hall	January 3
Shinshiro Marathon	Around Shinshiro Comprehensive Park	Sunday in mid-January
Yuya Hot Spring Flower Festival	Yuya Hot Spring Large Parking	Every Saturday in February
Kurosawa Dengaku dance	Amida-do Hall	First Sunday in February
Oku-mikawa Power Trail	Oku-mikawa region	Mid-April
Shinshiro Cherry Blossom Festival	Sakurabuchi Park	Between late March and mid-April
Tsukudeno Mori Forest Music Festival	Refresh Center and others	Between May and December (six to eight times a year)
Nagashino Battle Flag Festival	Nagashino Castle ruins	May 5
Tsukude Old Castle Festival	Kameyama Castle ruins	Second Sunday in May
Shitaragahara Battle Field Festival	Shitaragahara and Shingenzuka burial mound	First Sunday in July
Tomioka-chubu Gion Festival	Tomioka Tenno Shrine	Second Saturday in July
Tour de Shinshiro	Around Shinshiro Comprehensive Park	Early July
Atera Temple Seven-waterfall Festival	Atera Temple Seven Waterfalls	Last Sunday in July
Hitokuwada Tenno Festival	Hitokuwada-kaiukurabuchi	First Sunday in August
Shinshiro Firework Festival	Sakurabuchi Park	August 13
Omino-hoka dance	Omi Senshoji Temple	August 14-15
Hiondori fire dance	Shingenzuka burial mound	August 15
Nabezuru-mando bonfire	Mando mountain (Ichikawa)	August 15
Norimoto-mando fire dance	Mando mountain (Norimoto)	August 15
Shinshiro Takigi Noh dance	Shinshiro Culture Center	Mid-August
Shinshiro Rally	Shinshiro Comprehensive Park and others	Between September and November
Tominaga Shrine Festival	Tominaga Shrine	Second Friday, Saturday and Sunday in October
Hachiman Shrine Festival (Tatemono fireworks)	Hachiman Shrine and Shinshiro Junior High School yard	Third Saturday in October
Iwakura Shrine Bamboo Dance	Iwakura Shrine	Sunday in mid-October
Nakoe Kagura dance	Nakoe district	Third Saturday and Sunday in October
Horaijisan Maple Festival	Horaiji Mountain	Between early November and early December * Main event November 23 (Labor Thanksgiving Day)
Shinshiro Kabuki	Shinshiro Culture Center	Mid-November
Tsukude Festival	Onikubo Fureai Park	Second Sunday in November
Shinshiro Light Truck Market: Nonhoi Roulottes	Shinshiro central shopping street	Fourth Sundays every month

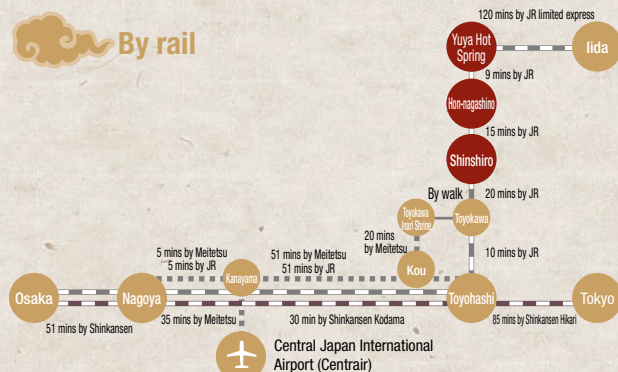
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Natural hospitality

Shinshiro City Guidebook



Folding screen depicting the Battle of Nagashino



You can enjoy nature, learn about history, or have a moment of relaxation."

A little side trip to the Narusawa waterfall

Horai course

- Shinshiro IC: Approximately 2.6 km, 5 minutes
- Nagashino Castle ruins: Approximately 2.5 km, 5 minutes
- Shinshiro Comprehensive Park: Approximately 15.8 km, 30 minutes
- Terraced paddy fields in Yotsuya: Approximately 16.6 km, 31 minutes
- Horaiji Mountain: Approximately 6.4 km, 20 minutes
- Yuya Hot Spring: Approximately 10.4 km, 20 minutes
- Chiiwakyo valley: Approximately 3.0 km, 8 minutes
- Horaiyoko IC: Approximately 3.0 km, 8 minutes

Tsukude course

- Shinshiro IC: Approximately 1.9 km, 5 minutes
- Shitaragahara History Museum: Approximately 6.7 km, 16 minutes
- Sakurabuchi Park: Approximately 35 km, 20 minutes
- Tsukude Tetsukuri Mura (handicraft village): Approximately 2.7 km, 7 minutes
- Umbrella pine in Kansensji Temple: Approximately 16 km, 35 minutes
- Narusawa Waterfall: Approximately 9.5 km, 20 minutes
- Hirami fishing weir, Kanagawa River: Approximately 15 km, 25 minutes
- Shinshiro IC: Approximately 1.9 km, 5 minutes

Enjoy refreshing nature.

(Waterfall)

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Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls
Waterfall

About 15 km
from Shinshiro IC

01 Atera Temple Seven Waterfalls

Seven-stage, 62-meter-high waterfall cascading on the conglomerate fault scarp of Atera River with beautiful curves. The site is selected as a place of scenic beauty and a natural monument of Japan. It is also selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls. The conglomerate rock here is called "kodakiseki" and believed to bless a prayer with a child.

The best attraction of Shinshiro City is beautiful nature, such as deep green valleys, clear mountain streams. Sounds of streams and cicadas, and autumn leaves in colors of brocade. Enjoy the natural beauty that is changing from moment to moment.

POWER
SPOT

02 Hyakkendaki Waterfall

This splendid 43-meter-high waterfall is one of the largest waterfalls in the Aichi Prefecture. It was created at the deep valley of median tectonic line, Japan's longest fault zone.

About 25 km
from Shinshiro IC

03 Narusawa Waterfall

This powerful 15-meter-high waterfall is located in the northern end of the city. The cool air during the summer is so nice and attracts many visitors.

About 24 km
from Shinshiro IC

04 Ayutaki Waterfall

This waterfall, Ayutaki, is named after the run up of many ayu fishes (sweetfish) from June to September. The site is famous for the traditional kasaami fishing, which is practiced only here.

About 4 km
from Shinshiro IC



Kasaami fishing at Ayutaki Waterfall

Kasaami fishing uses a scooping net with a long handle to catch Ayu (sweetfish) running up the 4-meter-high waterfall. This traditional fishing is succeeded for generations in the Suzawa area. The site attracts visitors for its scenery, one of the most beautiful places in Oku-mikawa, together with cool fresh air particularly in summer.

My recommendation is Hyakkendaki Waterfall. Water falls from a height of 43 meters. I go there to feel cool fresh air in summer and to see beautifully colored leaves in autumn. If you have time, enjoy walking the trail around the waterfall.



(Terraced paddy field)

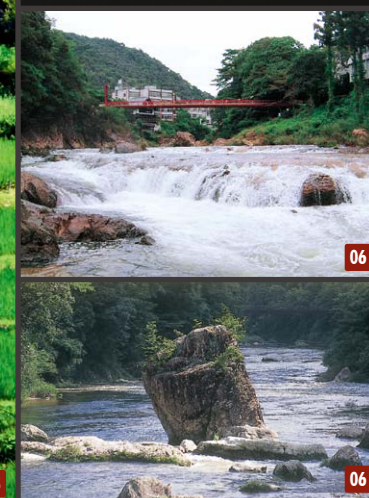
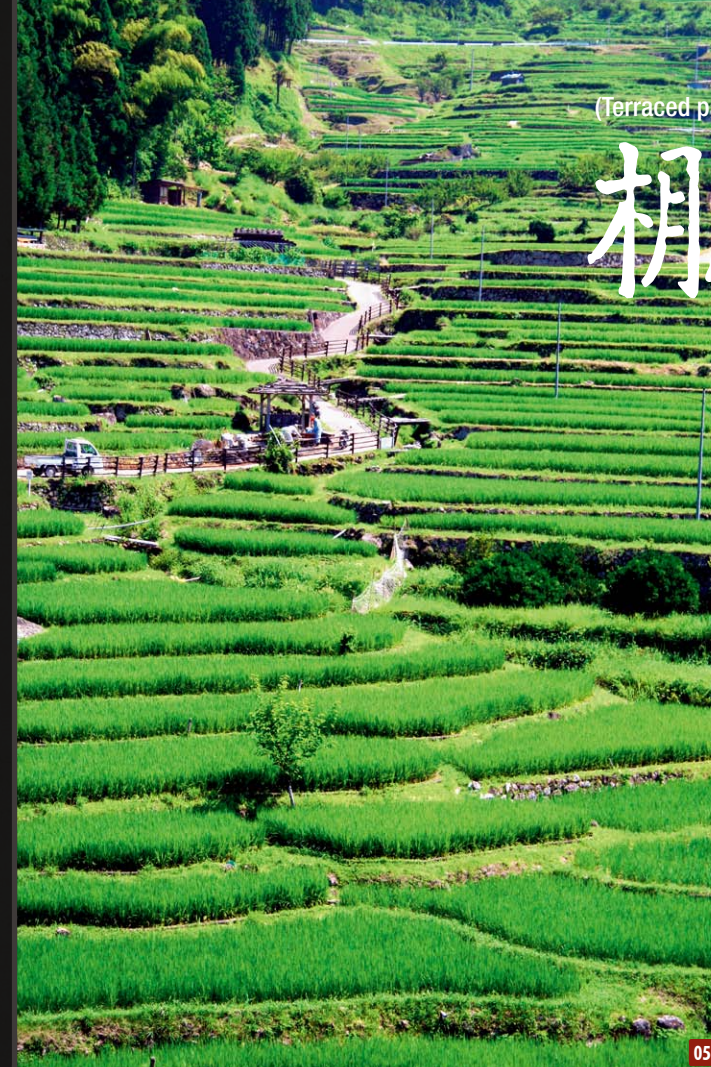
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Japan's Top 100 Terraced Paddy Fields
Terraced paddy field

About 20 km
from Shinshiro IC

05 Terraced paddy fields in Yotsuya

Terraced paddy fields in Yotsuya area extend along the foot of Kurakake Mountain (883 m). Over the vertical difference of 200 meters, 22 farmers maintain 420 fields there. The site is selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Terraced Paddy Fields.



06 Horaikyo Valley and Itajikigawa River.

This is a valley centering around Yuya hot spring and stretching five kilometers in length along the Uregawa River. The river is called "Itajikigawa" named after its bottom that almost looks like a planked board.

About 12.3 km
from Shinshiro IC

07 Chiiwa Rock and Chiiwa Valley

Chiiwa Valley is stretching 3 kilometers along the upper Chiiwa River, a branch of Uregawa River. A rocky Chiiwa Mountain is 670 meters high and has several caves in its mass. The largest cave has breast-like stalactites hanging from ceiling, after which the mountain was named (Chiiwa means breast rock).

About 20.5 km
from Shinshiro IC



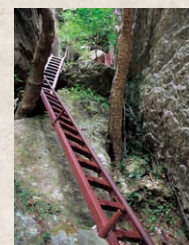
POWER
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Power spots along the median tectonic line

"Median tectonic line" is a fault zone extending from Kanto to Kyushu regions, crossing the southeastern part of Shinshiro City. Hyakkendaki Waterfall and Horaiji Temple located around this line have been worshiped as sacred and holy places since old times and are today known as the power spots, where the life energy of earth dwells.



Chiiwa Valley is almost an athletic field for adults. By climbing there, you can see wonderful things, which I can not disclose at this moment



08 Tokai Nature Trail

This is a long distance walkway that covers 1,697 kilometers from Takao of Tokyo to Mino of Osaka. In Shinshiro City, about 33 kilometers from the boarder with Shizuoka Prefecture to the Kurakake Mountain of Shitara Town belongs to the trail. Along the trail, there are not only the popular venues such as Atera Seven Waterfalls and Horaiji Temple, but also hard-to-climb mountains such as Tanayama and Ureyama, where you can enjoy full-scale trekking.

Enjoy the four seasons.

(The four seasons)
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The city is full of beautiful spots where visitors can enjoy every moment of the four seasons, such as Japanese apricot blossom in spring, fresh green in summer, and colored leaves in autumn. Enjoy cherry blossom at Sakurabuchi Park, which is called as Arashiyama (scenic spot in Kyoto) in Mikawa, and autumn leaves at Horaiji Temple.

09 Sakurabuchi Park

This park is a scenic spot famous with cherry blossom around the pool of Toyokawa River, planted by a castellan of Shinshiro Castle in the early Edo period. Visitors can enjoy the beauty of nature throughout the year, such as cherry blossom in spring, fresh green in summer, and colored leaves in autumn. Cherry festival is held in every spring from late March to mid-April. A firework festival is held on August 13 every year.

About 6.8 km from Shinshiro IC

10 Autumn leaves along the Tomoe River

This site is famous for the beautifully colored leaves along the river in autumn. Colored leaves reflecting over clear water creates a breath-taking view, a natural kaleidoscope.

About 20.3 km from Shinshiro IC

11 Tunnel of Kawazu cherry trees

In 1980, former Horai Commerce and Industry Association established sister relations with Kawazu Commerce and Industry Association in Shizuoka. The cherry trees were donated from Shizuoka and planted along the road by both members of the associations. The grown cherry trees create a tunnel of blossoms in late March every year.

About 5 km from Shinshiro IC

12 Japanese apricot in Kaore

In Kaore area of Ebi district, 11 farmers grow 1,500 trees of seven species of Japanese apricots including Nankobai species. The trees start blooming in early March and come to full bloom in mid-to-late March. The site was chosen as a location for movie "Oriume."

Japan's Top 100 Villages

About 16.5 km from Shinshiro IC



City's flower
Bamboo lily



City's tree
Mountain cherry



City's frog
Forest green treefrog



Cluster amaryllis colony
(Many places in the city)



(Horaiji Mountain)

鳳来寺山
POWER SPOT

13 Horaiji Temple

About 14.3 km from Shinshiro IC

This temple was established in 703 by Rishu Sennin and is the headquarters of Gochi group of Shingon Sect. The temple including the mountain was respected as a sacred place for Yakushi faith and Shugendo (Japanese mountain asceticism), and given generous support from the Tokugawa Government as a birthplace of Tokugawa Ieyasu. At its height, the temple had 21 buildings and the revenue of 1,350 koku of rice crop.

Though visitors can enjoy the spot in every season, in particular, autumn leaves is the best to see and the Maple Festival in November attracts many tourists.



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14 Horaisan Toshogu Shrine

About 14 km from Shinshiro IC

In 1648, the third Tokugawa Shogun, Iemitsu, started the construction of Toshogu Shrine here to commemorate the birthplace of his grandfather and the founder of the Tokugawa government, Ieyasu. The construction was completed in the reign of the fourth Shogun Ietsuna. Today the shrine is designated as an important cultural property of Japan.



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15 Niomon Gate (Horaiji Temple gate)

About 10.2 km from Shinshiro IC

The gate is located in the middle of the front approach to the Horaiji Temple. When Emperor Shomu became ill, his Empress Komyo prayed at Horaiji for his recovery. Thanking for his recovery later, the empress donated a tablet with the calligraphy Horaiji, of which replica hangs on the gate today.



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16 Kasasugi (umbrella of cedar)

About 10.4 km from Shinshiro IC

After passing the Niomon Gate, visitors are encountered by a 60-meter-tall cedar tree standing there for 800 years. The tree is called Kasasugi (umbrella of cedar) due to its shape of branches stretching in all directions. The tree is also known as the tallest cedar tree in Japan and selected as one of Japan's New Top 100 Trees.

Japan's Top 100 Trees

Horaiji Temple Rishu Sennin

Rishu Sennin was born in Yamashiro (current South Kyoto) and moved to Mine (current Horai area). By using one of seven sacred cedar trees in the mountain, he carved a Yakushi Nyorai (principal image of worship) of current Horaiji Temple. He then traveled to Kudara (current Korea) to learn supernatural power and Buddhism. He returned by riding a phoenix and lived here with three servants of Oni (devils). When Emperor Monmu became ill, he fled to the Capital Nara by riding a phoenix to pray for his recovery. In 703, thanking for his recovery, Emperor Monmu donated a temple, which then named as Horaiji Temple (Temple of phoenix).



Eurasian scops owl (The bird sings like bu-po-so.)

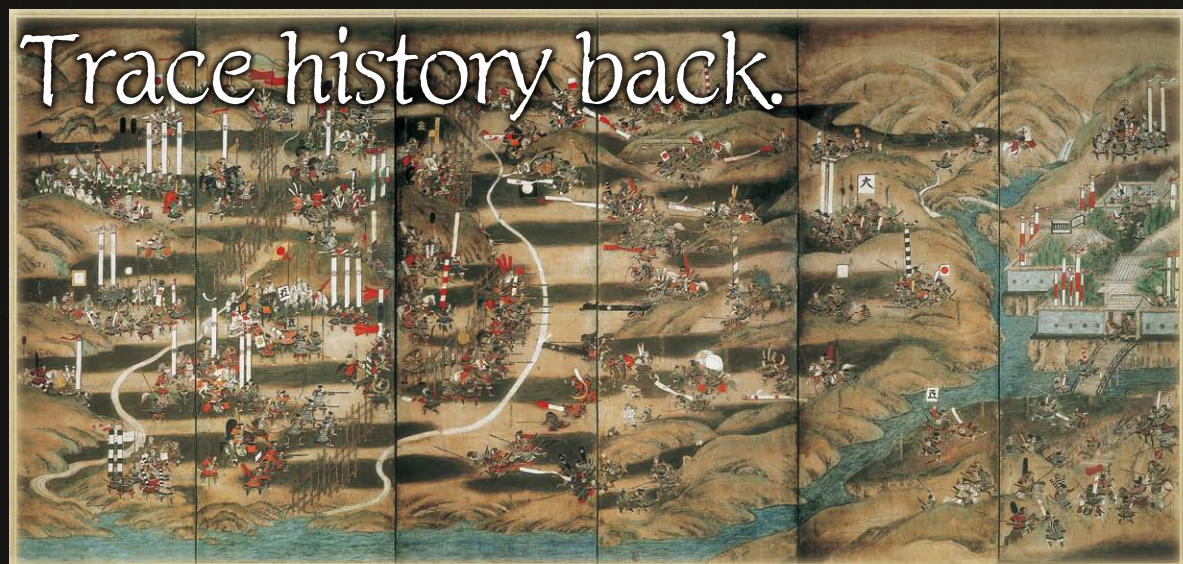
The bird is designated as Aichi Prefecture's bird. In summer, the bird sings bu-po-so (Buddha, doctrine, and monks), and so it is regarded as a sacred bird.



17 Horaiji Natural Science Museum

About 10 km from Shinshiro IC

This museum is located on the front approach to the Horaiji Temple, exhibiting many zoological, botanical, and geological items surrounding the Horaiji Mountain. One popular corner offers song of Eurasian scops owl (the bird sings like bu-po-so).



Folding screen depicting the Battle of Nagashino (Osaka Castle Museum collection)

Shitaragahara is the historic site of the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara. The result of the battle between the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces and the Takeda army shaped the course of history thereafter.

In the warring state period in Japan, there were three local warlords called Yamaga-sanposhu herein the Oku-mikawa region. They were surrounded by powerful warlords, such as Imagawa and Takeda to the east and Oda and Matsudaira to the west. To keep their families in existence, they had to repeatedly change their masters and sometimes fought between relatives. In 1575, when Okudaira Sadamasa entered the Nagashino Castle as a subordinate of Tokugawa clan, the history started to shape its course. A battle was waged over the castle between the Takeda army that used traditional tactics of cavalry raid and the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces that used new tactics of guns and stockades to block the cavalry. After winning this battle, the Okudaira family moved to this place, built a castle, and laid the foundation of Shinshiro today.

(Battle)

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Japan's Top 100 Castles

19 Nagashino Castle ruins

The Nagashino Castle was built in 1508 by Suganuma Motonari at the point of confluence of Toyokawa and Uregawa rivers, having strong fortifications of artificial moats and earthworks in the north. As the case in the warring states, the castle changed its owners from Imagawa, Takeda, and then Tokugawa, before 21-year-old Okudaira Sadamasa became the castellan in 1575. Takeda Katsuyori, the son of Shingen, hoping to fulfill his father's dream of going to Kyoto, besieged the castle by the army of 15,000 soldiers during the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara. However, Okudaira Sadamasa with only 500 soldiers finally withstood the siege.



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18 Old battlefield of Shitaragahara

In 1575, the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara was waged here. A variety of tactics and total 50,000 soldiers were involved in the battle over the Nagashino Castle, a strategic place between the Takeda army and the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces. Against the then unbeatable cavalry of the Takeda army, the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces introduced new tactics. They organized firearm troops with matchlock guns and built horse-blocking stockades. The battle was quickly and overwhelmingly won by the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces. The horse-blocking stockades are reproduced in the former battlefield.



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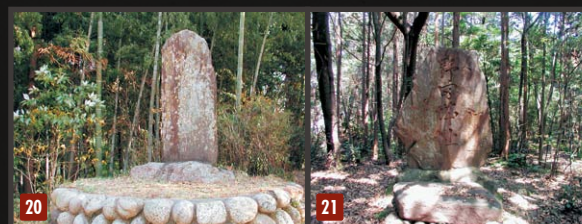
30 Shitaragahara History Museum

Visitors can learn about the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara at this museum located on a hill overlooking the former battlefield. The museum exhibits many matchlock guns, explaining the history after the arrival of the guns.

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About 1.9 km from Shinshiro IC



20 Shinshiro Castle ruins

After the Oda-Tokugawa allied force won the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara, Okudaira Sadamasa changed his name to Nobumasa after the character "nobu" of his master, Oda Nobunaga, married Kamehime, first daughter of Tokugawa Ieyasu, and built the Shinshiro Castle in 1576.

About 4.5 km from Shinshiro IC

21 Noda Castle ruins

A legend says that Takeda Shingen was shot here during the battle in 1573. As legend goes, Shingen was attracted by the sound of flute played by Muramatsu Hokyū in the besieged castle and came out near to the moat, when he was shot by an expert sniper, Torii Hanshiro. It is not clear whether this was the cause or not, but Shingen became ill thereafter and died at Komanba in Shinshu, on the way home.

About 7.8 km from Shinshiro IC



27 Kameyama Castle ruins

This castle was built in 1424 by Okudaira Sadatoshi. Around the castle there are ruins of Furumiya Castle and Sainokami Castle built by the Takeda army. Every year in mid-May, the castle celebrates its festival.

About 21.4 km from Shinshiro IC

31 Nagashino Castle History Museum

This museum located in the ruins of Nagashino Castle (one of Japan's Top 100 Castle) houses relics and literatures regarding the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara, having more than 200 items on permanent display.

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About 2.6 km from Shinshiro IC



22 Torii Suneemon

Together with his colleague Suzuki Kinshichiro, he was ordered by his master Okudaira Sadamasa to escape the castle besieged by the Takeda army during the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara to ask rescue forces from the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces in Okazaki. The story of his achievement and brave attitude in the face of death have been passed down to the present as an example of Mikawa warriors.

About 23.9 km from Shinshiro IC

23 Umbrella pine in Kansenji Temple

Umbrella pine (sciadopitys verticillata) in the precincts of Kansenji Temple is more than 600 years old, with a height of 28 meters and a length of 6.5 meters around the trunk. The tree is selected as one of Japan's natural monuments, in addition to Japan's New Top 100 Trees.

About 23.9 km from Shinshiro IC



28 Mankoji Temple Gardens

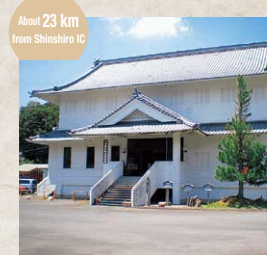
This is a temple belonging to the Soto sect, famous for the story of rooster that saved the crisis of Tokugawa Ieyasu. The gardens consisting of the Shoin Garden and the Kuri Garden are designated as one of scenic spots of Aichi Prefecture.

About 11.2 km from Shinshiro IC

29 Water well of Daitsuji Temple

Daitsuji Temple is located at the north end of Nagashino Castle ruins. This spring is called Sakazukii (cup well) and famous for the story of exchanging farewell cups of water among Baba Nobufusa, Yamagata Masakage, and Tsuchiya Masatsugu, officers of the Takeda army, during the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara.

About 34 km from Shinshiro IC



32 Tsukude Folk Heritage Museum

This museum features castle and displays a miniature model of former Kameyama Castle resided by the Okudaira clan and the housewares used by the people then. The Okudaira clan was given Nagashino Castle later after the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara.

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About 23 km from Shinshiro IC

(Flames)

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August

**33 Hiondori
fire dance**About 1.3 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is one of memorial services still handed down to date for more than 10,000 war dead in the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara. The event starts in the evening of August 15 with a parade of pilot lights and reaches its climax with the dynamic swing of 3-meter-tall giant torches at the end.

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Enraptured by the festivals.

Trilogy of
Shinshiro Pictur
Scroll of Warring
States

The city has many attractive events associated with history such as powerful demonstration of matchlock guns. On the other hand, the Hiondori fire dance mourning the war dead of the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara attracts spectators by its dynamic movement of 3-meter-tall torches.

May

**34 Nagashino Battle
Flag Festival**About 2.6 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is a festival to comfort the war dead of the opposing forces during the Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara by erecting thousands of battle flags with family crests of commanders and soldiers. Soldiers wearing armor demonstrate the shooting of matchlock guns and participate in samurai procession on May 5 every year.

May

**35 Tsukude Old
Castle Festival**About 21.4 km
from Shinshiro IC

This festival is held at the ruins of Kameyama Castle on a Sunday in May. Visitors can enjoy the shooting demonstration of matchlock guns by the firearm troop of the Oda-Tokugawa allied forces, in addition to Haiku, Tanka, and tea ceremonies.

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November

**37 Tsukude
Festival**About 21.4 km
from Shinshiro IC

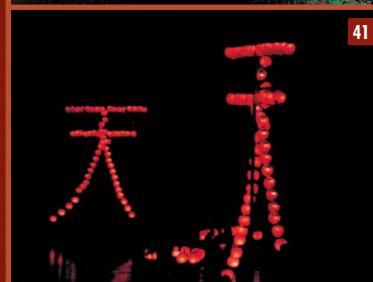
This is the largest event in the Tsukude area, attracting many visitors every year. Local residents enjoy the stage shows. Bazaar selling local vegetables and flowers is also popular.



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Entertainment in Shinshiro

The Oku-mikawa region has many remaining folk performing arts and nationally famous intangible folk cultural properties. Notable folk performing arts include Kurosawa Dengaku (Mikawa Dengaku), Horaiji Dengaku, Sairei Noh of Tominaga Shrine, Hanekomi dance, and Nakoe Kagura.

**38 Omino-hoka
dance**

August

About 3 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is one of Bon events. In the nights of August 14 and 15, dancers with a large 2.1-meter-tall fan on their back and a 0.5-meter-diameter drum on his belly go around each of the houses in which someone has died since the last Bon to perform dance and play soft music with bells and drums.

**39 Norimoto-
mando fire dance**

August

About 3.8 km
from Shinshiro IC

Similar to Hiondori in Takehiro area, this is one of Bon events held in the night of August 15 to send off spirits of dead and exorcise evil spirits. Brave young men wearing Sarashi belts and sandals swing 5 to 6-meter long ropes overhead. The ends of the ropes are tied with lanterns made of straw.

**40 Nabezuru-
mando bonfire**

August

About 4 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is a bonfire event in the night of August 15 every year to line up big torches on the slopes of the mountain. The name "Nabezuru" comes from the arch shape appeared on the mountain that resembles a handle of a pot. The event is conducted to send off spirits, same as the Daimonji bonfire in Kyoto.

**41 Hitokuwada
Tenno Festival**

August

About 9.3 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is an elegant and beautiful exorcising event performed on Kaikurabuchi pool where tradition says a dragon palace exists. Two boats with towers decorated with lanterns in a shape of Ten (heaven) float many lanterns to the surface of water.

**42 Tominaga
Shrine Festival**

October

About 4.7 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is a three-day festival held at Tominaga Shrine. The festival holds many traditional events in each town from the Edo period, such as Noh by townspeople, bamboo dance, boys in Chigo costumes, in addition to carrying Yagura and hand-held fireworks. Day and night, the whole area is absorbed with the atmosphere of festival.

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July

**36 Shitaragahara Battle
Field Festival**About 1.8 km
from Shinshiro IC

The Battle of Nagashino-shitaragahara is famous for the first full-scale introduction of matchlock guns. This festival reproduces the scenes of the old battlefield, such as shooting demonstration of matchlock guns, samurai procession by high school students, and performance using horse-blocking stockades by elementary school students in armors.



November

**37 Tsukude
Festival**About 21.4 km
from Shinshiro IC

This is the largest event in the Tsukude area, attracting many visitors every year. Local residents enjoy the stage shows. Bazaar selling local vegetables and flowers is also popular.

**43 Horaiji Temple
Dengaku dance**

January

About 14.3 km
from Shinshiro IC

This performing art is known as one of three Mikawa Dengaku and performed on January 3 every year at the Dengakudo Hall of Horaiji Temple. It is also called a temple Dengaku, because the temple supported the Dengaku players with payment. The art is designated as one of important intangible cultural properties of Japan.

**44 Kurosawa
Dengaku dance**

February

About 25.7 km
from Shinshiro IC

This performing art is known one of three Mikawa Dengaku and performed on the first Sunday of February every year at the Amidado Hall in Kurosawa. This Dengaku is handed down by only a few families in Kurosawa village. The art is designated as one of important intangible cultural properties of Japan.

**45 Shinshiro
Takigi Noh dance**

August

About 5.4 km
from Shinshiro IC

These traditional arts of local Noh and Kyogen are handed down by townspeople. It is also quite rare to perform Noh only by townspeople in Japan. Visitors can enjoy a fantastical performance in the summer evening.

Children enjoy natural pools.



During the summer holidays, I go and play near the river everyday. I feel cool gentle flow, which is much better than in artificial pool, and moreover, you can find fish!

Imagine clear stream water surrounded by trees. Gentle flow of water creates a natural swimming pool that attracts children. They shout for joy with full of smiles



46 Onikubo Fureai Park

About 21.4 km from Shinshiro IC

This spacious highland resort park offers the experience of tennis, baseball, swimming, walking, and bird watching. Several resort inns are also available for the visitors staying and enjoying sports overnight.

47 Aichi Recreation Forest

About 14.8 km from Shinshiro IC

This is a comprehensive recreation facility centered on Moritopia Aichi, an accommodation in the forest, together with associated facilities such as forest museum, camping sites, amusement park, hiking trails, and playing at the river



48 Ayu fishing weir

During June to November, the site offers the opportunities of various activities such as Ayu fish catching by hands, playing in the water, and Ayu barbecue that attract a lot of family groups.

49 Shinshiro Comprehensive Park

About 4.3 km from Shinshiro IC

The park offers the facilities for various activities such as baseball, tennis and track and field, and Japanese archery field, in addition to free ground and children's forest where visitors enjoy nature while playing.

50 Children's Farm, Yamabikono Oka

About 11.4 km from Shinshiro IC

This is an agricultural park with accommodation facility where visitors can experience agricultural works and Soba noodle making. The restaurant there is popular for its hand-made bread and cuisine using seasonal ingredients. Sport facilities such as martial arts hall and multi-purpose ground are also available.

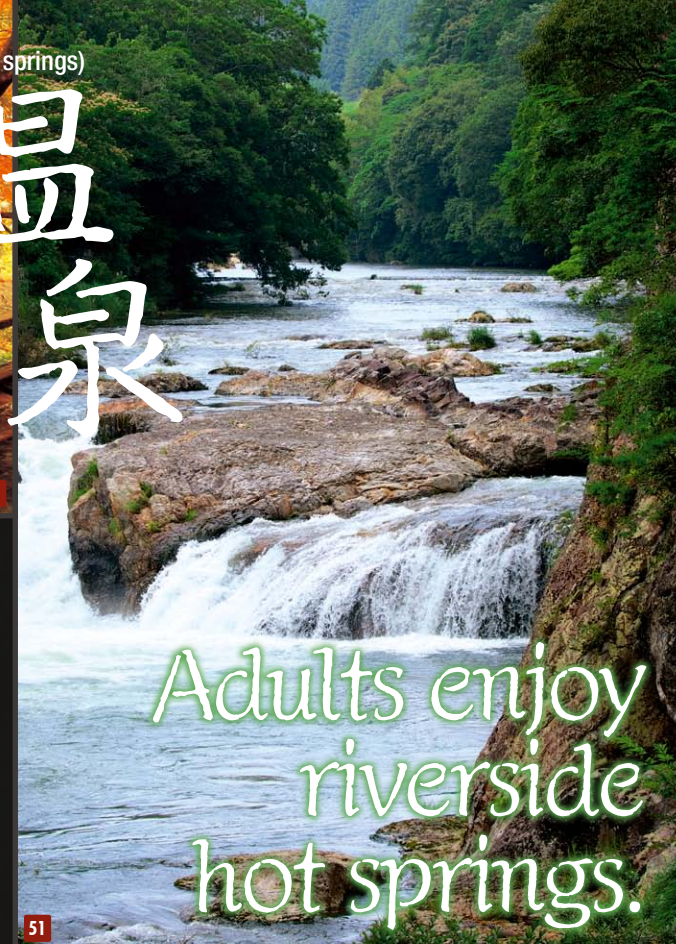


遊 (Play)



(Hot springs)

温泉



Adults enjoy riverside hot springs.

51 Yuya Hot Spring

About 10.8 km from Shinshiro IC

This hot spring village consists of nine Japanese style hotels along the Uregawa River. The site was said to be discovered by Rishu Sennin, who established the Horaiji Temple 1,300 years ago. The water source, Houekisen, is believed to work for any diseases. At the entrance of the village stands a vending machine that sells spring water. A footbath is also available for quick trial.

52 Horai Yu-Yu Arena

About 11.5 km from Shinshiro IC

This facility offers an open-air rock bath, an indoor bath, a 25-meter-long hot water pool, a water slider, a children pool, and a gym.

53 Myogo Hot Spring Umeno Yu

About 17.5 km from Shinshiro IC

This is the bathing facility located in Myogo, Village of Ume, the largest producing area of Ume (Japanese apricot) in the prefecture.

54 Yuya Park

About 12.7 km from Shinshiro IC

This is a play ground along the Itajiki River. In summer, visitors can enjoy natural pool made in the river and catching of Ayu (sweetfish) directly by hands, in addition to grilled Ayu fish on the site.



It is quite relaxing to go in a hot spring, seeing green forest, feeling forest breathing, and hearing the sound of streams. We feel the forces of nature can refresh our mind and body.



55 Tour de Shinshiro

July

This is a bicycle race circulating around the Shinshiro Comprehensive Park, using part of public road. The entry is classified into several endurance time according to participants' stamina, so everybody from beginners to experts can enjoy.

56 Trail running

Trail running is a cross-country sport, running through natural forests and mountains. The city holds the OSJ Shinshiro Trail Race, Mikawa Highland Trail Race, Oku-mikawa Power Trail, etc. Aichi Recreation Forest and Tokai Nature Trail also attract many trail runners.



57 Shinshiro Rally

November

This motor sport event is one of the leading cases of cabinet office-sponsored regional development projects, do-outdoor-sports (DOS), and attracts many spectators from all over Japan. The cars running so fast on public roads are so impressive. Visitors can also see powerful demonstration run by professional drivers at event sites.

Do you know that Yuya Hot Spring was favored by a rock singer, the late Imawano Kiyoshiro? He liked the landscape of Yuya and Horai areas and often came to Horaijisan Temple and terraced paddy fields by his motorcycle.

(Michino Eki (Roadside Station))

道の駅



43 Mokkuru Shinshiro

About 0.1 km
from Shinshiro IC

This unique tourist facility offers local specialties of Shinshiro and Oku-mikawa, serves foods with local ingredients, has footbath using the source water of Yuya Hot Spring, and provides tourist information regarding Oku-mikawa.



44 Tsukude Handicraft Village

About 21.1 km
from Shinshiro IC

This facility is built under the concept of "agriculture, nature, and handmade." It offers local agricultural and forest products and serves local dishes using seasonal ingredients. The facility also provides experiences of woodworking, handicrafts, local cooking and tomato harvest.



45 Horai Mikawa Sangoku

About 11.3 km
from Shinshiro IC

This facility offers local specialties and agricultural products of Horai area and serves foods using locally grown Japanese apricots. To the north of the facility is a famous garden of the Mankoji Temple.

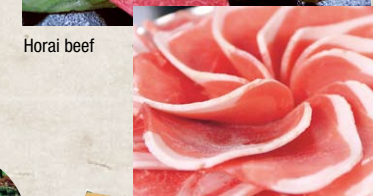


We welcome visitors
with local specialties.

Our local specialties include tomatoes, strawberries, Kyoho grapes, persimmons, Mineasahi rice, Yanamaru taros, wild yams, Shiitake mushrooms, and flowers.



Horai beef



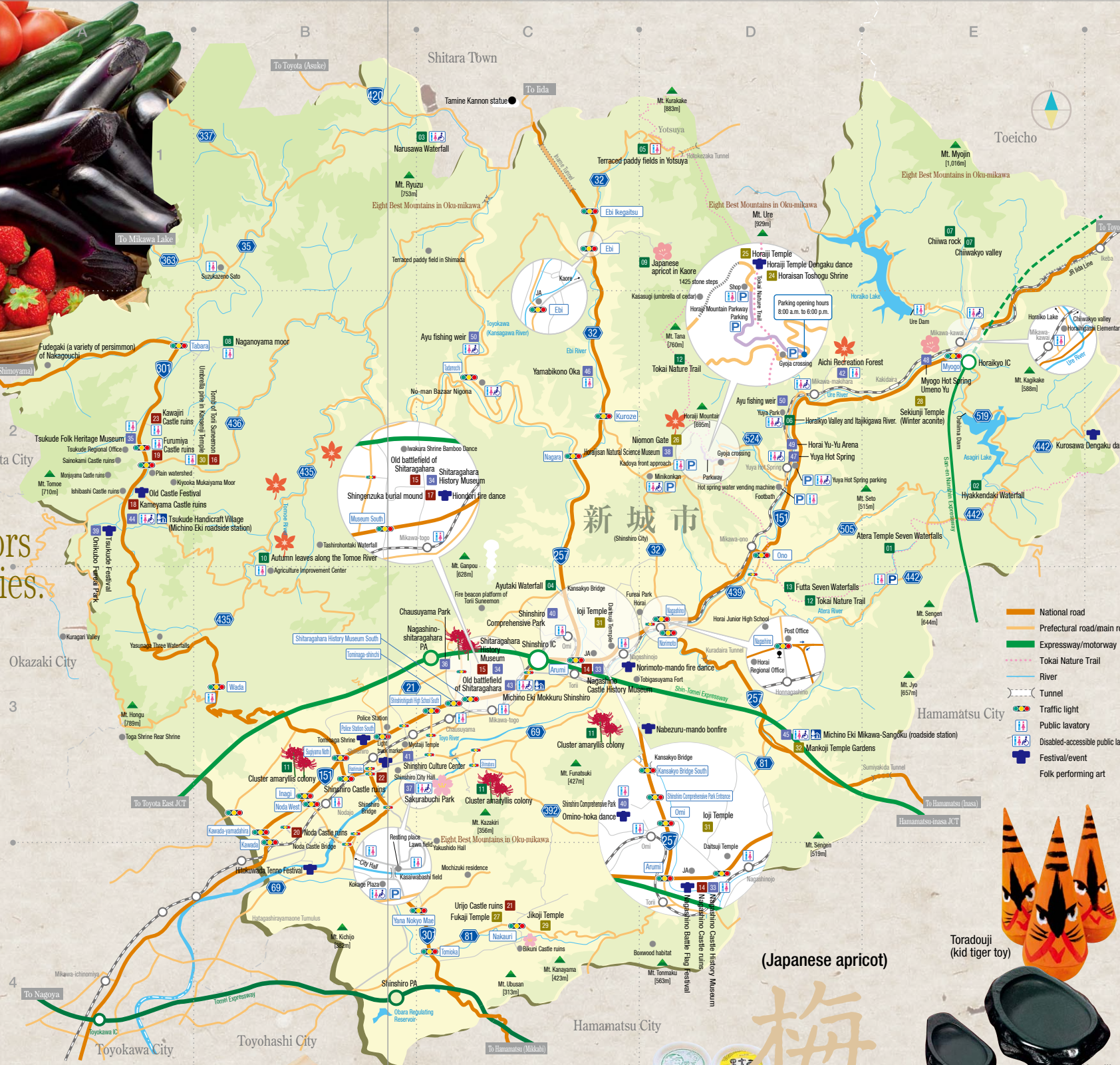
Gibier (game) dishes (wild boar)



Sakamanjyu cake



Shinshiro tea



(Japanese apricot)

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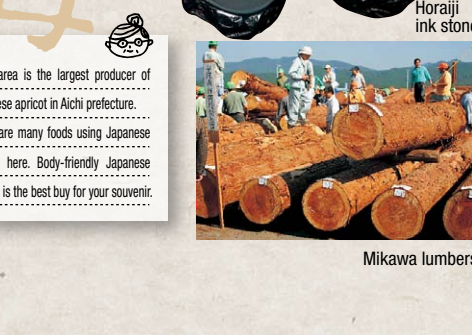
Horai area is the largest producer of Japanese apricot in Aichi prefecture. There are many foods using Japanese apricot here. Body-friendly Japanese apricot is the best buy for your souvenir.



Goheimochi cake



Japanese apricot noodle



Japanese apricot jam

Japanese apricot ice cream



Toradouji (kid tiger toy)

Horaiji ink stone

Mikawa lumbers

◆ Nature

- 01 E2 Atera Temple Seven Waterfalls
- 02 E2 Hyakkendaki Waterfall
- 03 C1 Narusawa Waterfall
- 04 C3 Ayutaki Waterfall
- 05 D1 Terraced paddy fields in Yotsuya
- 06 D2 Horaike Valley and Itajikigawa River
- 07 E1 Chiwa Rock and Chiwa Valley
- 08 B2 Naganoyama moor
- 09 D1 Japanese apricot in Kaore
- 10 B2 Autumn leaves along the Tomoe River
- 11 B3-C3 Cluster amaryllis colony
- 12 D-E Tokai Nature Trail
- 13 D3 Futta Seven Waterfalls

◆ History

- 14 C3 Nagashino Castle ruins
- 15 C3 Shitaragahara battle field (horse-blocking stockade)
- 16 B2 Tomb of Torii Suneeemon
- 17 C3 Shingenzuka burial mound
- 18 A2 Kameyama Castle ruins
- 19 A2 Furumiya Castle ruins
- 20 B3 Noda Castle ruins
- 21 C4 Urijo castle ruins
- 22 B3 Shinshiro Castle ruins
- 23 A2 Kawajiri Castle ruins

◆ Temples and shrines

- 24 D2 Horaisan Toshogu Shrine
- 25 D2 Horaiji Temple
- 26 D2 Niomori Gate (Horaiji Temple gate)
- 27 C4 Fukaji Temple (Lotus)
- 28 E2 Sekiunji Temple (Winter aconite)
- 29 C4 Jikouji temple (Lotus)
- 30 B2 Kansenji Temple (Umbrella pine)
- 31 C3 Ioji Temple (Remains of Katsuyori's headquarters)
- 32 D3 Mankoji Temple (Garden)

◆ Facilities

- 33 C3 Nagashino Castle History Museum
- 34 C3 Shitaragahara History Museum
- 35 A2 Tsukude Folk Heritage Museum
- 36 C3 Chausu-yama Park (Remains of Nobunaga's headquarters)
- 37 B3 Sakurabuchi Park
- 38 D2 Horaijisan Natural Science Museum
- 39 A2 Onikubo Fureai Park
- 40 C3 Shinshiro Comprehensive Park
- 41 B3 Shinshiro Culture Center
- 42 D2 Aichi Recreation Forest
- 43 C3 Mokkuru Shinshiro (Michino Eki roadside station)
- 44 A2 Tsukude Handicraft Village (Michino Eki roadside station)
- 45 D3 Horai Mikawa Sangoku (Michino Eki roadside station)
- 46 C2 Children's Farm, Yamabikono Oka
- 47 D2 Yuya Hot Spring
- 48 E2 Myogo Hot Spring (Umeno Yu)
- 49 D2 Horai Yu-Yu Arena
- 50 C2-D2 Ayu fishing weir