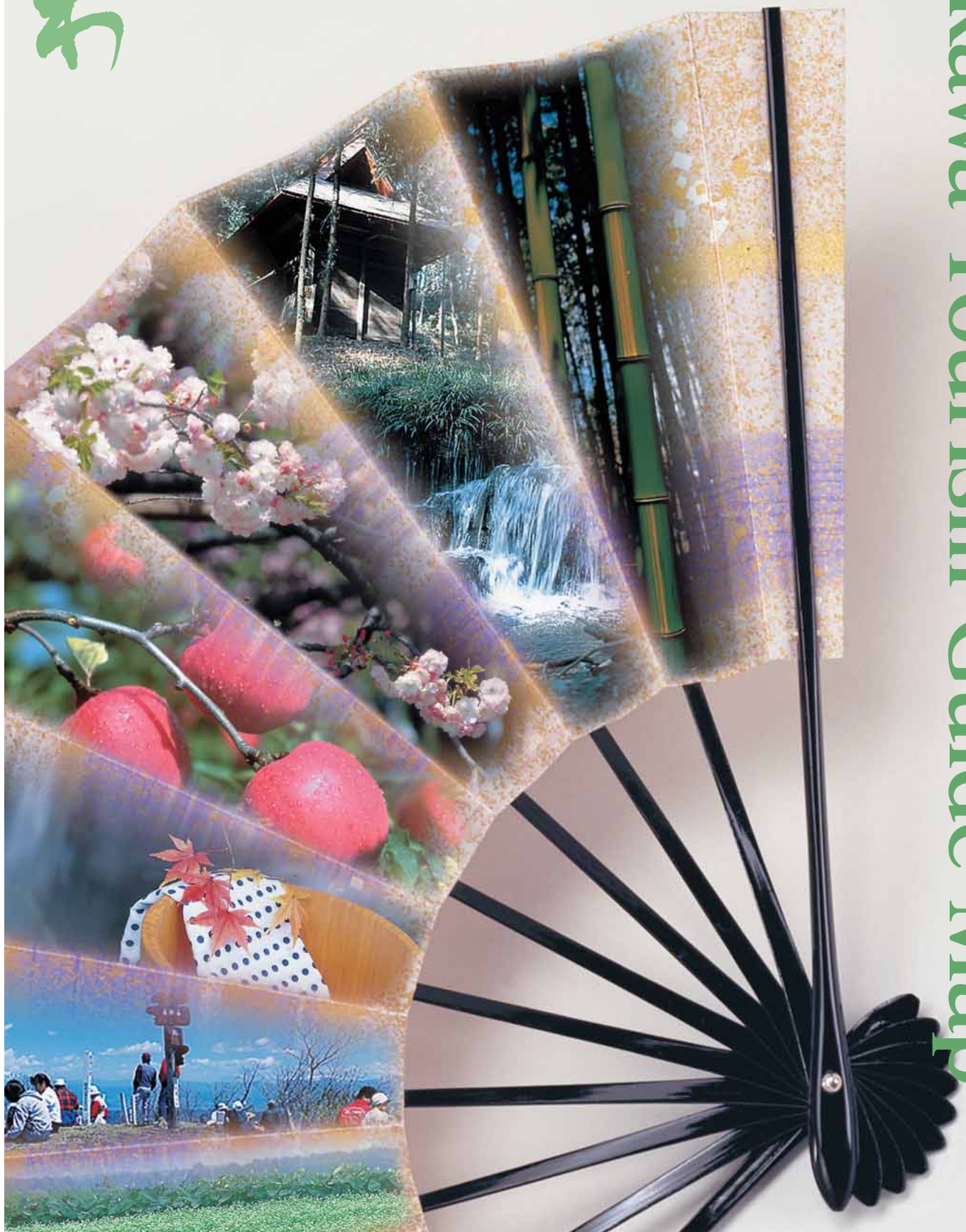


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Visiting the Vestiges of our History
Enjoy local scenery and hot springs resorts
Become familiar with our nature and arts
There are lots of things to see during your trip to “Shibukawa”.

Shibukawa Tourism Guide Map



◆ Yumoto (Source of the springs) ◆

The springhead of the Ikaho Kogane no yu spring.



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Outdoor Bathing facility

This is a public bathing facility where bathers can bathe in flowing water from the wellspring. They can also enjoy viewing azaleas in the spring and the leaves of maple trees in the fall.
TEL.0279-72-2488



MAP
Ikaho

Kajika Bridge

The contrast of this illuminated red arch bridge with the autumn leaves is especially attractive.



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Ishidan no yu

This public bath is located along a flight of stone steps.
Open: from April to October from 9:00~21:00
from November to March from 9:00~20:30
Closed: The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month
TEL.0279-72-4526

◆ Stone Stairway ◆



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Shrine

This shrine is known as one of the three major shrines located in Kozuke no kunii (Gunma Prefecture) and it is also a symbol of Ikaho.



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Sekisho

This is a restoration of one of the checkpoints located along the Mikuni Kaido, a major thoroughfare during the Edo Period. There is an entrance fee for visitors.
Open: from 8:30~17:00
Closed: The second and fourth Tuesdays of each month



MAP
Ikaho

Kingdom of Hawaii, Country Manor

Built during the latter half of the 19th century, this manor typifies the methods of wooden construction of the times in Japan.
Open: from 8:30~17:00
Closed: from December 25~29

Ikaho Hot Springs Resort

A historical hot springs resort that typifies hot springs in Japan



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Stone Stairway ...

Emotions waft throughout this main street of the hot springs neighborhood. Hot springs inns and souvenir shops can be found on either side of the stairway.



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Ropeway ...

This ropeway connects the Ikaho Hot Springs Resort with the peak of Mt. Monokiki.
* Hototogisu Sta. TEL.0279-72-2418
* Miharashi Sta. TEL.0279-72-4656



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Hoshina Museum

This museum possess samples of modern Japanese paintings, art nouveau glassworks and works by Takehisa Yumeji.
TEL.0279-72-3226

◆ Mizusawa ◆

This area is popular among worshippers visiting the Mizusawa Kanzeon (Goddess of Mercy) as well as its Mizusawa udon noodles.



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Mizusawa Kanzeon

Worshippers come from throughout Japan to pray at this sacred place.

Kogane no yu kan ...

This day bathing hot springs facility is open 10:00~next day 9:00, 365 days a year.
Fee: Adults / ¥680
TEL.0279-30-4100

◆ Museums • Leisure spots ◆



MAP
Ikaho

Takehisa Yumeji Ikaho Memorial Museum

This museum exhibits many of the works of the painter, Takehisa Yumeji.
TEL.0279-72-4788



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Kirie Art Museum

This museum offers an exhibition of kirie paper cutout works as well as a free hands-on kirie experience for visitors
TEL.0279-72-2780



MAP
Ikaho

Ikaho Kirie Art Museum

Historical sites

Rock sculpture "Fudomyo-oh"

In the cavern there is a fudomyo-oh rock sculpture that is exhibited to the general public annually on January 28.

MAP
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MAP
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Nakasuji relics

Approximately 1,500 years ago, this village was buried during a major volcanic eruption of Mt. Haruna. Today it is preserved as a historical park.



MAP
E-5

Mokugabashi Checking Station

This was a checking station located along the Mikuni Highway. Processions of feudal lords and travelers would often pass through this station.



MAP
D-6

Sorin-ji

This temple was constructed in 1447 by Nagao Kagenaka.



MAP
C-5

Yagisawa Shimizu relics

This is the site of vertical cave housing from the Jomon period.



MAP
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Komuro Gogura (warehouse)

In preparation for a year of famine, this warehouse was constructed to keep cereal grain and it was used as a storehouse from the 17th to the 19th centuries.



MAP
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Kamimiharada Kabuki Stage

This stage, with its special mechanism, is the oldest permanent installation farm village kabuki stage in Japan. Occasional performances are still held on this site.



MAP
Central
Shikokawa

Shinko-ji

This famous temple is also known as the "hydrangea" temple.



MAP
E-5

Kanai-juku

This served as the main street of a post town along the Mikuni Highway during the Edo period (through the 17th to the 19th centuries). Underground dungeons still remain.

Artenade ~Art Walking Path~



This path is found along the sloping road that leads from urban Shibukawa to the Ikaho Hot Springs Resort. Visitors can enjoy a number of museums and other tourist attractions during their stroll.



Tokutomi Roka Memorial Museum



This museum is dedicated to the life and works of the Meiji era author, Tokutomi Roka.
Open: from 8:30~17:00
Closed: from December 25~29
Entrance fee: adults / ¥350
TEL.0279-72-2237



Hara Museum Arc



This museum displays both domestic and overseas works of modern art and old oriental art.
Open: from 9:30~16:30
Closed: during winter, when replacing exhibitions, and during inclement weather
Entrance fee: adults / ¥1,000
TEL.0279-24-6585



Ikaho Sistine Sanei Monkey Theatre



This facility is famous as a "trick art" museum and for its monkey shows.
Open: from 9:30~18:00 Never closed
Entrance fee: adults / ¥1,500
TEL.0279-20-1600



Shibukawa Skyland Park



An amusement park with an excellent panorama of the Kanto Plains region.
Open: from 9:00~17:00
Closed: on occasion during winter
Entrance fee: adults / 1Day Pass ¥1,700
TEL.0279-20-1589



Ikaho Green Bokujo



Visitor to this verdant ranch can enjoy contact with animals.
Open: from 9:30~17:00
Closed: Monday through Thursday from mid-January to early March (except on holidays)
Entrance fee: adults / ¥1,200
※Included in the Hara Museum Arc entrance fee
TEL.0279-24-5335



Gunma Glass Fine Arts and Crafts Museum



Visitors can appreciate many aesthetic art nouveau glassworks.
Open: from 9:00~17:00
Closed: Wednesdays
Entrance fee: adults / ¥1,000
TEL.0279-20-1101



Shibukawa City Museum · Hiromori Kuwahara Sculpture Museum



Visitors appreciate seeing, touching and sensing the art of the works shown in this small city museum.
Open: from 10:00~18:00
Closed: Tuesdays
Entrance fee: ¥200 for the permanent exhibit
TEL.0279-25-3215



Japan Chanson Hall



This is the world's first museum dedicated solely to chanson music.
Open: from 9:30~17:00
Closed: Wednesdays (open on holidays)
Entrance fee: adults / ¥1,000
TEL.0279-24-8686

Day-trip Hot Springs



Onogami Hot Springs Center

Hot waters known for their potential to beautify the skin of bathers.
Open: from 9:00~21:00
Closed: the 20th of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥400
TEL.0279-59-2611



Utopia Akagi

With foot baths and a hot springs swimming pool
Open: from 10:00~21:00
Closed: the 2nd Wednesday of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥500
TEL.0279-56-4126



Hokkitsu Hot Springs Bando no yu

Famous for its panoramic view of the Kanto Plain
Open: from 10:00~21:00
Closed: the 4th Tuesdays of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥300
TEL.0279-60-1126



Shiroy Hot Springs Komochi no yu

Visitors can enjoy a stroll through this post station downtown area.
Open: from 9:00~21:00
Closed: the 2nd Thursday of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥250
TEL.0279-24-5526



Akagi Fureai no ie

The large outdoor bathing facility is a major attraction.
Open: from 10:00~21:00
Closed: the 2nd Wednesday of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥300
TEL.0279-56-2125



Sky Therme Shibukawa

Offers a beautiful panorama of the region from 15 meters above the ground.
Open: from 10:00~23:00
Closed: the 2nd Tuesday of each month
Entrance fee: adults / ¥500
TEL.0279-20-1126



Kanashima Hot Springs, Fuki-No-Yu

For a comfortable respite in an outdoor bath located in a Japanese garden.
Open: 10:00~21:30 (Admissions until 21:00)
Closed: The 15th of each month (Open on weekends, closed on the days following national holidays)
Entrance fee: 2hours ... adults ¥400, children ¥200
TEL.0279-23-0001

Other things to see

Shiroy-juku



Visitors strolling through town brings are bound to notice the ancient irrigation canals and rows of homes with adobe warehouses that remind us of our past.

Heso-ishi · Heso-jizo

The Heso-ishi rock serves as a symbol of the "navel" of Japan. Located next to this rock is a statue of a guardian deity of children with a magnificent belly button of its own.



Kuroimine relics

This settlement was buried during the eruption of Mt. Futatsu-dake of the Haruna mountain range before 1450.



Shibukawa Hachiman-gu

This shrine is known for its particular style of construction of its main sanctuary, built during the 17th century.



Nagaizaka Castle site

This is the site of the northernmost mountain castle of Hojo, a member of the Odawara clan.



Komochi Shrine

This is a shrine dedicated to safe childbirth and the bestowal of children to childless couples.



Kiso-sansha Shrine (Hakoda Taki no miya)

This shrine was dedicated to the 12th century shogun, Kiso Yoshinaka. There is a wellspring on the grounds of this shrine.



Takizawa Stone Age relics

There is a stone circle in this settlement from the later Jomon period (approximately 10,000 years ago).



Resource Centers



Akagi Historical Resource Center

The center is located on the site of the Katsu Hozawa Castle ruins and offers exhibitions of folklore data and cultural assets.
Open: from 9:00~17:00
Closed: Mondays, national holidays and New Year's holidays
Entrance fee: adults / ¥100



Hokkitsu Historical Resource Center

Visitors can gain an understanding of both the ancient and modern history of the Hokkitsu district.
Open: from 9:00~17:00
Closed: Mondays, national holidays and New Year's holidays
Entrance fee: adults / ¥200



The four seasons of Shibukawa

Spring

Cherry blossoms

Cherry blossoms in full bloom can be view at a number of locations throughout the city of Shibukawa between throughout the month of April.

Saku Electric Power Plant

Many cherry trees have been planted in the vicinity of the surge tank.
Peak season:early through mid-April

Shibukawa Municipal General Park

Peak season:late April

Konzo-ji

A "drooping cherry tree" on the temple grounds are nearly 400 years old.
Peak season:early April
TEL.0279-23-9081

Onogami Onsen Park

A row of cherry trees approximately 200 meters long is a major attraction of this park.

Midori to mizu Park

Peak season:early April

Shiroi-juku

Yaezakura cherry trees have continued to bloom for centuries along both banks of the old canal in this location
Peak season:late April through early May



Shoren-ji

9Over 1,500 strains of tree peonies representing 90 different species bloom on the grounds of this temple.
Peak season:late April through early May
TEL.0279-22-0838

Nagamine Park

Vivid mountain azaleas create an elegant contrast with the new green leaves of spring.
Peak season:mid-May

Summer Hydrangea

Shinko-ji

Many hydrangea have been planted on the temple grounds.
Peak season:mid-June through early July
TEL.0279-23-5152

Picking blueberries

Onoike Hydrangea Park

The Ajsai-matsuri (Hydrangea Festival) is held when these attractive hydrangea blossoms bloom.

Peak season:mid-June through early July

Tourists can enjoy picking blueberries in tourist patches located in the Akagi and Komochi districts.

Autumn

Soba (buckwheat) flowers

In the Miyukida and Akagi districts, you can find many fields of buckwheat plants with their delicate white blossoms.
Peak season:late September

Picking apples

In the Kanashima and Akagi districts, there are many apple orchards where visitors can enjoy picking ripe apples right off the branches.

Winter

Picking strawberries

Tourists can enjoy picking strawberries in tourist patches located in the Komochi and Akagi districts.
January through June

Robai

Robai no sato Komochi (Japanese allspice)

The yellow flowers blooming provide a refreshing repose among the dead trees.
Peak season: January through February

Himegifu-cho (Akagi-hime butterfly)

These beautiful butterflies are also known as the "Goddess of Spring". They can be found on Mt. Akagi from the end of April.

Enjoy nature to its fullest



Prefectural Ikaho Forest Park

Visitors can renew their ties with nature as they stroll along paths winding through the forest.



Tanashita Fudo Falls

The water falling in this magnificent waterfall drops 37 m. The aura of the water as seen from behind the falls is a special attraction.



Iwai-do

A Kanzeon Goddess of Mercy has been constructed in this rocky cavern.



Shikishima no kinmeichiku

The trees in this precious bamboo grove are known for their golden stripe patterns. The grove is on the grounds of the Hachiman Shrine.



Shishi-iwa

This rock tower is approximately 100 m high. Climbers can enjoy a splendid overlook of the surrounding mountains and rivers.



Akagi Nature Park

The park features Azaleas, a four season forest, as well as a nature & ecology park and is open from April to November Friday to Monday, including national holidays.

Enjoy the great outdoors!

Shibukawa has many leisure spots that keep us close to nature.



Maple Village Komochi

Attractions include country house bungalows with tennis courts and a swimming pool nearby.
TEL.0279-53-2344



Akagi Nature Park

Clumps of rhododendron, azalea hills and other natural attractions are well maintained. Contact the park for opening times.
TEL.0279-56-5211



Akagi Campsite

Located deep in the woods, rental tents, bungalows, and showers are available for campers.
Open:from July 1~September 30
TEL.090-4066-6561



Atago-yama Furusato Park

Attractions include a Japanese garden and childrens plaza, a waterwheel mill, and an observation hill. Fireworks exhibitions are held in the summer.
TEL.0279-52-2111 (Hokkitsu General Branch Office)



Golf Course

●Ikaho Kokusai Country Golf Course
TEL.0279-22-1270
●Shibukawa Municipal Golf Course
TEL.0279-24-8888

Enjoy local taste treats

◆ Fresh vegetables



Michi no eki Komochi · Furusato Commercial Museum

The museum has a wide range of fresh vegetable shops and restaurants.
Open: from 9:00~19:00
Closed: 3rd Tuesday of each month
TEL.0279-60-6600



Michi no eki Onoko

Fresh, locally grown vegetables and homemade buckwheat noodles are available.
Open: from 9:00~18:00
Closed: 2nd Tuesday of each month, and from December 31~ January 1
TEL.0279-59-2839

Agricultural produce direct sales stores

Shoppers can purchase flowers, mushrooms, fruit, vegetables, and other popular local items.

●Akagi No. 1 Direct Sales Store: MAP D-8
TEL.0279-56-3502

●Akagi No. 2 Direct Sales Store: MAP D-7
TEL.0279-56-4183



●Miyukida Agricultural Produce Direct Sales Store: MAP G-6
TEL.0279-24-5033

●Furumaki Agricultural Produce Direct Sales Store: MAP H-7
TEL.0279-20-1050

●Inakan-chi: MAP E-4
TEL.0279-24-6339

●Hokkitsu Special Produce Direct Sales Store: MAP G-7
TEL.0279-52-4015

●Hokkitsu Fureai Center Direct Sales Store: MAP H-8

●Onogami Agricultural Produce Direct Sales Store: MAP C-2
TEL.0279-59-2465



Japan's No.1 Konnyaku no sato

Shibukawa is Japan's No. 1 producer of konnyaku (devil's tongue). Visitors can enjoy miso dengaku (yam paste in miso) at the Michi no eki Komochi.



◆ Dining



Mizusawa Udon MAP G-4

(at Mizusawa Udon Registered Brand Union Shops)
These noodle shops are located along the approach towards the Mizusawa Kanzeon.



Soba (buckwheat noodles)

Shops such as "Soba-kobo" and "Soba-dokoro Komochi-an" offer delicious noodles made from buckwheat flour and delicious Shibukawa water.

●Soba-kobo MAP G-6
TEL.0279-25-3981

●Soba-dokoro Komochi-an MAP Komochi
TEL.0279-24-2266

Yana(Ayu (sweetfish) restaurants)

There are three Yana restaurants in Shibukawa where diners can enjoy their fresh fish meals overlooking the rivers where the fish were born.

●Ayado Yana MAP B-8
TEL.0279-56-3339

●Ochiai Yana MAP F-7
TEL.0279-22-1878

●Bando Yana MAP H-7
TEL.027-231-3891



◆ Souvenirs



Joshu Bussan-kan MAP F-4

A wide selection of Shibukawa's popular confections, pickles and folk handicraft are available here.
TEL.0279-24-3808



Yu no hana manju (stuffed buns) MAP Ikaho

Ikaho is the birthplace of these popular buns filled with bean paste. They can be found in shops along the flight of stone steps.



Yaki-manju (grilled sweet buns) MAP Central Shibukawa

These buns are covered in a unique miso (bean paste) and grilled over charcoal.
●Kotake Manju
TEL.0279-22-1071



Kogane-imo MAP Central Shibukawa

This is a potato-based confection flavored with cinnamon.
●Kinko-do
TEL.0279-22-0101



Pickles

Harizuka Agriculture's koji-zuke and the Agatsuma Miso moromi-zuke pickles are especially popular.
●Harizuka Agriculture
TEL.0279-22-0381
●Agatsuma Miso
TEL.0279-23-7226



Ham, sausage MAP G-9

These hams and sausages are made from a Japanese pork called waton mochibuta.
●Ham shop Global
TEL.0279-52-3746



Local sake MAP H-8

Visitors at the Hijiri-shuzo can enjoy tours of the brewery and sake tasting.
●Hijiri-shuzo
TEL.0279-52-3911



Potato shochu, strawberry liqueur

These drinks are brewed with potatoes and strawberries grown locally here in Komochi and blended with spring water from the foothills of Mt. Akagi.



Akagi miso (bean paste), soy sauce and oname paste MAP H-8

These items are all made by hand in the foothills of Mt. Akagi.
●Imai Soy Sauce
TEL.0279-52-2811



Original kokeshi dolls

These dolls are available in a wide range of original styles and are especially popular as souvenirs.



Yu no ka beauty lotions and gels

These lotions and moisture gels are made from formulas that contain natural ingredients from the spring waters of the Onogami Hot Springs
●Onogami Hot Springs Center
TEL.0279-59-2611

The challenge of making things by hand!

Ceramics

Try your hand at making your own original tea cup or coffee mug.
●Ikaho Tokuro-gama (kilns)
TEL.0279-20-3555



●Shibutami-yaki MAP F-5
TEL.0279-24-5514

Making soba and other products



Onogami Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries First-hand Experience Facility

Visitors can experience making dough for soba noodles, woodworking, etc.
TEL.0279-20-8111

Visitors can enjoy a variety of hands-on experiences, including making dough for soba noodles.

●Aguri House Ofukuro-tei MAP D-8
TEL.0279-56-2239

●Miyukida Soba-kobo MAP G-6
TEL.0279-25-3981

