



Town Guide

TANAGURA

Tanagura Town Fukushima-Prefecture

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<http://www.town.tanagura.fukushima.jp>

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Cherry Blossom

Viewing Locations



🌸 Cherry blossom season: beginning of April to mid-April.



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Tanagura Castle Site

P 100 cars Bus parking

At the Site of Tanagura Castle approximately 500 cherry trees surround the moat. When they bloom in the spring they are a beautiful sight to behold. At night they are illuminated and give off a very enjoyable color and reflection.

A cherry blossom festival is held here in mid-April.



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Hanazono Weeping Cherry Tree

P About 10 cars

A single 150 year old tree next to a pond. Because it reflects in the pond, it is sometimes called the “upside-down tree.” It’s a very popular spot for photographers.



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Akadate Park

P About 20 cars

Surrounded by around 300 cherry trees you can get the best view of Tanagura from here. The cherry blossoms are illuminated at night here as well.



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“Kibo no Sakura”

P About 20 cars

This tree was planted at the location of a Meiji period milestone. It’s around 140 years old.



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Baba Tsutsukowake Shrine

TEL.0247-33-7219

P Use the town hall’s northern parking lot.

Many cherry trees with small white blossoms bloom at this serene location.



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Joryu-ji Temple

TEL.0247-33-2628

P About 5 cars

At the entrance and on the grounds of this temple, a variety of cherry trees can be seen in full bloom here.



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Renge-ji Temple

TEL.0247-33-2344

P About 10 cars

Here you can see white and pink cherry blossoms with a spectacular temple background.



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Rensho-ji Temple

TEL.0247-33-3463

P About 10 cars

There is one weeping cherry tree that cascades down like a waterfall here.



MAP P20 B-3

Inojizo

P Use the town hall’s northern parking lot.

At this gravesite, there’s a cherry tree that’s over 300 years old with uniquely colored blossoms.



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Kannon-ji Temple


TEL.0247-33-4414

P About 10 cars

There is one large cherry tree that welcomes visitors at the entrance to the temple.

Autumn Leaves

Interesting Places

 Autumn Leaves season : end of October to the middle of November.
The leaves change in the following order :
Mt. Yamizo → Yamamoto Fudo-son → Tanagura Castle Site.



MAP P22 A-5

Mt. Yamizo

 5 cars

The fall leaves reflect onto the headwaters of the Kuji River making quite a sight to behold. You can get to the summit by car from either Tanagura or Dai-go Town in Ibaraki prefecture.



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Yamamoto Fudo-son/Yamamoto Park

TEL.0247-33-2445

 100 cars, free

 Bus parking available

The path to the temple and the temple grounds have especially colorful trees that follow the river.



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Tanagura Castle Site

 100 cars, free

 Bus parking available

The maple trees growing from the walls of the moat reflect off the water making a beautiful spectacle. The large Japanese elm tree also turns a beautiful color.

Other Places With Autumn Leaves



"Okeyaki" (Tanagura Castle Site)



Yatsukitsutsukowake Shrine



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Akadate Park

 20 cars, free

Open from March to November

Located on Tanagura's northern hill with an elevation of 345m, this former castle location was used until the new castle (Tanagura Castle) was built. On the southern side of the mountain a monument to Gyokushitsu Oshou, the head priest of Daitoku Temple in Kyoto who was exiled to Tanagura during the Shien Incident, is built at the site where his hut was.

There are very few historical materials relating to Akadate, but from what there are Akadate was probably built sometime around 1334~1338. With the first lord being Akadate Igajiro.



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"Toki no Kane"

 Use the town parking lot

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Built to resemble the bell tower in Kawagoe City, the bell is rung five times a day. (8a.m., 10a.m., 3p.m., 5p.m., 7p.m.) Its sound reverberates through the center of Tanagura. (Because the 15th lord of Tanagura Castle, Matsudaira Yasuhide, was transferred to Kawagoe and both Tanagura and Kawagoe shared a piece of history, they decided to become Friendship Cities in 1972.)

Shrines & Temples



MAP P23 C-4

🍁 Autumn Leaves 🌸 Cherry Blossoms 🌺 Azaleas

Yamamoto Fudo-son (Yamamoto Park)

P 100 cars free
 🚌 Bus parking available

TEL.0247-33-2445
 Park open from March to November
<http://www.yamamotofudouson.or.jp/>

After taking a road lined with 100 year old cedar trees, you will see Yamamoto Fudo-son. It's said that Yamamoto Fudo-son was founded in 807 when Kukai was on a pilgrimage through the Tohoku region, he built a Buddhist altar and prayed for the pacification of the evil spirits around Mt. Yamizo making it a safe place to live.

Once you enter the grounds, there is a bridge that leads to a steep set of 130 steps. At the top of the steps in a small cave is a statue of Kukai.

In spring, rhododendron and wild cherry trees bloom and in the fall the leaves turn a wonderful color. You can also enjoy walking along the Miya River (a tributary to the Kuji River) and watching the trout that swim in it. The path along the Miya River takes about 20 min to walk.



Municipal Camping Area / BBQ Area

Located in Yamamoto Park are bungalows and tent sites.

You may also enjoy BBQing at the camping areas.



Open from April until November
 Cooking and toilet facilities are available

Rates:
 Bungalow (Max capacity 5 people, 6 buildings)
 1 night ¥4,000 per building
 Day usage only ¥2,000

Tent site (Max capacity 300 people, 6 sites)
 1 night (adult) ¥2,000 Day usage only (adult) ¥100
 1 night (child) ¥1,000 Day usage only (child) ¥ 50

* The bungalows have no bedding. Please bring a sleeping bag or other bedding.
 * 1 night usage is from 4pm to 10am.
 * Day usage is from 10am to 4pm.
 * Child rates are for children aged 3 to 6.



Reservations / Tel.0247-33-2445 (Yamamoto Fudo-son administration office.)



Babatsutsukowake Shrine (Mutsu ichi no Miya)

TEL.0247-33-7219

P Use the town hall's northern parking lot.

-  Cherry Blossoms
-  Autumn Leaves

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One of the three “Tsutsukowake Shrines.” During the Edo Period it was also considered one of the three “Chikatsu Shrines” and was called “Kami no Miya” or upper shrine. It is told that Yamato Takeru first subdued the Emishi at Mt.Tatehoko in Shirakawa and it was there that his spear was enshrined. Around 807 Sakanoue no Tamuramaro moved the shrine to the current location of Tanagura Castle. In 1624 in order to build the castle, the lord of Tanagura-han, Niwa Nagashige, had the shrine moved to its present location.

Both Ajisukitakahikone no Mikoto and Yamato Takeru are considered to be enshrined here.



The main shrine is a Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property. Among the various relics of the shrine are two swords that were given to the shrine by Minamoto Yoshiie in the Kamakura Period (Nagafukurinno tachi), and a set of armor (Akaito odoshi yoroi zannketsu). Both are Nationally Designated Important Cultural Items.



Yatsukitsutsukowake Shrine (Oshu ichi no Miya)

TEL.0247-33-3505

P About 20 cars

-  Azaleas
-  Autumn Leaves

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Festivals: Otaue-sai; Shimotsuki-taisai

One of the three “Tsutsukowake Shrines” and one of the three “Chikatsu Shrines,” it was called “Naka no Miya” or middle shrine.

Legend says that when Yamato Takeru subdued the Emishi general, the three guardian deities of Mt. Tatehoko let loose a volley of arrows that landed where the shrine stands now. Both Ajisukitakahikone no Mikoto and Yamato Takeru are considered to be enshrined here. An agricultural deity is also believed to be enshrined here. Among the relics of the shrine are a copper bowl (Nationally Designated Important Cultural Item) and a statue of Kannon. (Nationally Certified Important Work of Art)



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-  Cherry Blossoms

Uga Shrine


TEL.0247-33-6395

P About 5 cars

At the top of a long stone staircase is Uga Shrine. It's a shrine dedicated to the guardian deity of the town. The current shrine was rebuilt in 1701 by Naito Kazunobu, the lord of Tanagura at the time. It is this shrine that is associated with the Fall Festival. Many people visit here on New Year's.



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-  Cherry Blossoms

Renge-ji Temple



TEL.0247-33-2344

P About 10 cars

Built in 1603 by Hasuike Mondo and Kasuya Yahee. In 1648 it received an Official Vermilion Seal from Tokugawa Iemitsu. It contains a bronze bell that is a nationally designated important work of art. Its temple gate is designated a cultural property by the town.



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-  Cherry Blossoms
-  Autumn Leaves

Chokyu-ji Temple

TEL.0247-33-4033

P About 40 cars

The main temple was built in 1707 at the order of Ota Bichunokami Sukeharu. The temple gate was once the southern gate of Tanagura Castle. It was donated and moved to its current location.



MAP P23 C-3

-  Cherry Blossoms

Joryu-ji Temple

TEL.0247-33-2628

P About 5 cars

The statue of Kannon on the temple grounds was carved by the priest Gyoki in 737. There is also a cherry tree called the “Upside Down Cherry.”

Festivals



Trekking



Spring Festival
Saturday and Sunday in mid-April

Many stalls and booths selling local goods and produce are set up at the Site of Tanagura Castle. There's also a parade and various stages with different events and live music.



Summer Festival
August 14

This lively festival has many food stalls and booths that line the main street of Tanagura. There are also many live music shows and Yosakoi dancing. It's a fun time for the family.



Fall Festival
2nd Saturday and Sunday in October

Associated with Uga Shrine, four large floats move through the center of town. The people on the floats wear bright colored clothing and children play the drums.



Shimotsukitasai
2nd Saturday and Sunday in December

This festival at Yatsukitsutsukowake Shrine has a story like dance that prays for a good harvest. (Designated as an Important Intangible Folk Culture Property by Fukushima prefecture).

Otauesai The photo at the top of this page Designated a National Important Intangible Folk Culture Property

An old tradition at Yatsukitsutsukowake Shrine, this festival also has a story like

dance that prays for a good crop for the coming year.



Mt. Yamizo

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P 5 cars

Trekking Course

Towering above Tochigi, Ibaraki and Fukushima prefectures is Mt. Yamizo. It's the tallest mountain in the area

with an elevation of 1,022m. The Abukuma mountain range is to the east and the Nasu mountain range is to the west and with good weather you can see as far as the Pacific Ocean and Mt. Fuji.

The soft green of the newly budded trees and the fall colors are especially nice to see. There are various legends surrounding the mountain and it has been revered as a mountain of Shugen.

The summit is accessible by car from Tanagura and Dai-go (Ibaraki prefecture).

From there you can enjoy around 1,000m of various hiking and mountain climbing trails.



Mt. Kofuji

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P No parking

At an elevation of 446m, on a clear day you can see Mt. Yamizo and the Nasu mountain range from the summit.

The entrance to the main hiking trail is on the west side. With around 1,000m of trail, it's about a 30 minute hike to the summit. Mt. Kofuji has been thought to be a spiritual mountain. In Horiuji, at the base of the mountain, there is a shrine called Fuji-Asama. Every year a festival is held at the shrine. At the summit is the "Oku no Miya" or the inner shrine of Fuji-Asama Shrine.

For a list of trekking courses please see pg. 22 & 23.

Tanagura Castle Site

Year	Lord	Seal
1622	初代城主 元和8年 丹羽五郎左衛門長重公	✕
1627	2代城主 寛永4年 内藤豊前守信照公	🌀
1655	3代城主 寛文5年 内藤豊前守信良公	🌀
1674	4代城主 延宝2年 内藤豊前守式信公	🌀
1705	5代城主 宝永2年 太田備中守資晴公	🌀
1728	6代城主 享保13年 松平右近将監武元公	🌀
1746	7代城主 延享3年 小笠原佐渡守長恭公	🌀
1776	8代城主 安永5年 小笠原佐渡守長堯公	🌀
1812	9代城主 文化9年 小笠原主殿頭長昌公	🌀
1817	10代城主 文化14年 井上河内守正甫公	🌀
1836	11代城主 文政3年 井上河内守正春公	🌀
1854	12代城主 天保7年 松平周防守康爵公	🌀
1862	13代城主 嘉永7年 松平周防守康主公	🌀
1864	14代城主 文久2年 松平周防守康泰公	🌀
1866	15代城主 元治元年 松平周防守康英公	🌀
1868	16代城主 慶応2年 阿部美作守正静公	🌀

歴代城主

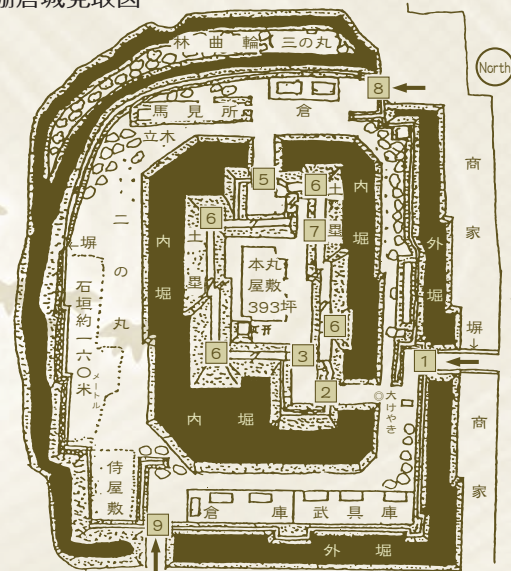
History

In 1622 Niwa Nagashige was transferred from Hitachi-Futto Domain to Tanagura Domain. In 1624 he was ordered by the Bakufu government to build a castle. It was then that he had Chikatsumyojin (Babatsusukowake Shrine) moved to its current location. In 1625 construction of Tanagura Castle began and it was completed in 1627. The castle fell in 1868 during the Boshin War. The castle had 16 lords from a total of 8 ruling families over a 240 year history. Because of the large turtles that live in the moat the castle has the nickname of "Kamegajo" or Turtle Castle. On the earthen ramparts are several monuments. On the outer wall of the western moat there's around 160m of the original stone wall that remains.

Castle's Scale

The main enclosure of the castle was surrounded on all four sides by 604m of 3.8m high walls that were built on top of the earthen walls. The walls had a total of 416 loopholes for rifles or bows. There were four two storied turrets, an inner and outer main gate, an inner and outer northern gate and a southern gate. The main enclosure is about 60m long east to west and 74m north to south. The earthen walls are 6.4m high. The inner moat is 36m wide and 7.3m deep with the water being a further 3.8m deep (record). The outer enclosure's earthen walls had a height of around 2.25m and had a total of 1,005m of 1.9m tall fence running around it. The outer moat had a width of 14m, a depth of about 6m and a water depth of approx. 2m.

棚倉城見取図



Tanagura Castle Site Joseki Tanagura-machi MAP P20 B-3

P2 100 cars Bus parking available

- 🌸 Cherry Blossoms
- 🍁 Autumn Leaves Cherry Blossoms (pg 2) Autumn Leaves (pg 4)
- 🌺 Azaleas Spring Festival (pg 10)

- 1 追手門
- 2 追手升型門
- 3 櫓門(二重)
- 4 北二門(升型)
- 5 北門
- 6 隅櫓4つ(二重)
- 7 多門(長屋風囲) 高さ3.7m (狭間が本丸で416個)
- 8 南門
- 9 部分 (狭間が918個)

SPECIAL PRODUCTS



“Koshihikari” Rice

Nurtured by rich soil and the head waters of the Kuji River, this rice produced in Tanagura is very flavorful. Its unique flavor is enjoyed by many.



Tanagura Strawberries

Requiring a high level of skill to raise, Tanagura Strawberries are considered excellent at the markets. “Tochiotome” has a touch of tartness within its sweet flavor and “Fukuharuka” has a very sweet fragrance. Both varieties of strawberry are raised here.



Tanagura Blueberries

One of the newer crops raised in Tanagura. Aside from being eaten raw, jam and juice are also popular.



Tanagura Brand Certified Product “Fresh Ai” Blue Berry Juice

This concentrated juice is made from 100% blueberries that were cultivated in Tanagura. One bottle contains 25mg of anthocyanin.

Tanagura Town Blueberry Ai Club
43-1 Ipponmatsu Sekiguchi
Tanagura-machi
TEL.0247-33-1252

Fruits and Vegetables

Local produce is sold at low prices at the farmer’s markets in town.

[Spring] cabbage, tomatoes, Fatsia sprouts, strawberries
[Summer] spinach, eggplant, cucumbers, blueberries
[Fall] potatoes, carrots, squash, shitake mushrooms
[Winter] Chinese cabbage, daikon radish, kiwis



Tanagura “Bidei” Soap

This cosmetic is made from “Minegreen.” “Minegreen” is a sea mud that contains 66 different natural minerals. Tanagura is the only place in Japan that it can be harvested. This soap carries nutrients deep into the skin cells and deeply cleans the skin. (Fukushima Special Products Contest, “Award of Excellence” winner)



“Machi Kobo Tanagura”

16-4 Furumachi Tanagura-machi
TEL.0247-33-3188
(Mail order available)
<http://www.tanagura.net/bidei/>

Farmer’s Markets



Miryokumanten
(East and West Shirakawa Japan
Agricultural Cooperatives)

15-1 Atagohira Shita-Yamamoto
Tanagura-machi
TEL.0247-33-1212
Open 9:30a.m.~6:00p.m.

Parking available MAP P23 C-3

Rice, fruits, vegetables, processed goods, handicrafts, blueberry juice, etc.
A restaurant called Yamaboshi is attached.



Inaka Sudachi

19-1 Miyamae Tanagura-machi
TEL.0247-33-6160
Open 9:30a.m.~6:00p.m.
(Closed New Year’s Day)

Parking available MAP P20 A-4

Rice, fruits, vegetables, processed goods, handicrafts, confections, blueberry juice, Tanagura “Bidei” Soap, etc.



**RENAISSANCE
TANAGURA**
Resort Sports Plaza

Renaissance Tanagura a sports, cultural, and research facility.

P 350 cars **MAP P21 D-2** <http://www.r-tanagura.jp/>
43-1Ipponmatsu Sekiguchi Tanagura-Machi TEL.0247-33-4111 FAX.0247-33-7100



Tennis courts / 30 courts. (4 indoor courts, 10 omni courts)



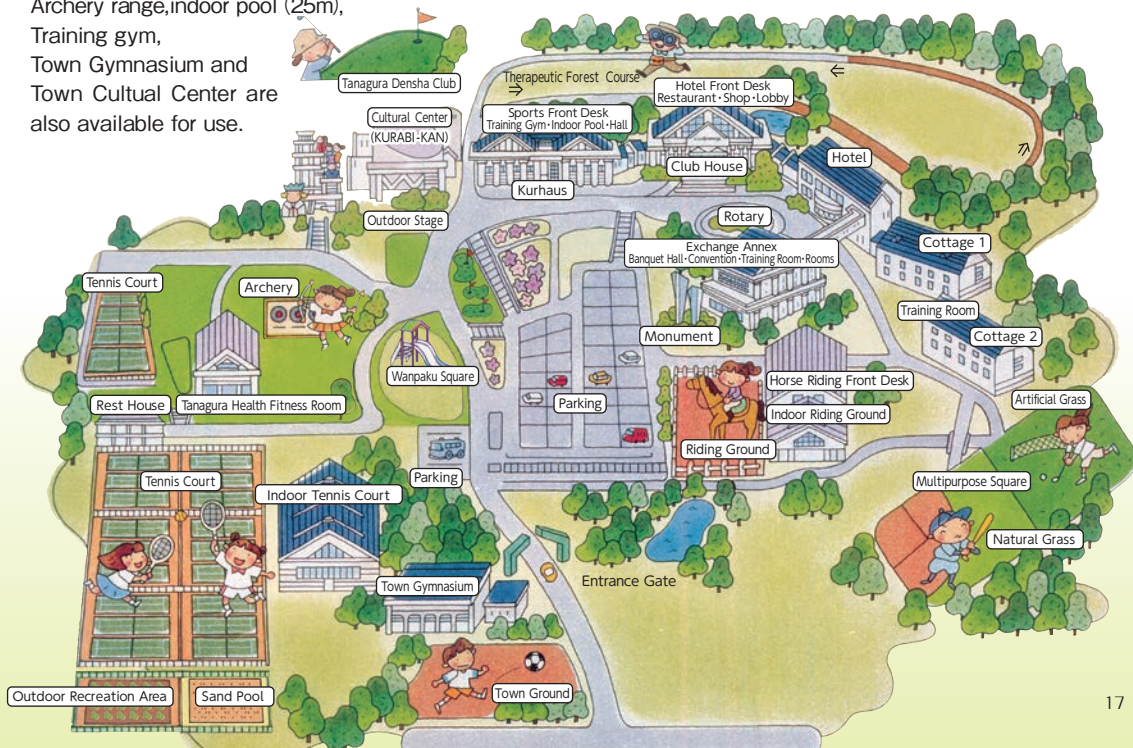
Horse back riding / 800m² indoor riding area.



Indoor pool / 4 25m courses.

Facilities.

Grass field, Artificial turf field, Tennis courts, indoor / outdoor, Archery range, indoor pool (25m), Training gym, Town Gymnasium and Town Cultural Center are also available for use.



Hotel Facilities (81 rooms, 436 person capacity)



Western Room (4 person and 6 person)



Japanese Room (4 person and 8 person)



Japanese Style Banquet Room



Banquet Hall



Hot spring facility:

Daily rate available.

Free for hotel guests.

Water analysis : Slightly alkaline.
Effective for : after illness recovery, fatigue and relaxation.

Facilities

Hotels

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▶ See page 16 for further details

Natural Hot Springs Hotel Renaissance Tanagura
(81 rooms · 436 person)

43-1 Ipponmatsu Sekiguchi Tanagura-machi
<http://www.r-tanagura.jp/> TEL.0247-33-4111

Optimum for lacrosse, hockey, horseback riding, baseball, soccer, tennis, choir, recital, pottery or other functions that might require an overnight stay. Cottages are also available.

Ryokans

Recommended for tourists and sightseers.



Akadate Ryokan MAP P20 A-2

45-6 Furogazawa Tanagura-machi TEL.0247-33-3018

Ichikawaya Ryokan MAP P20 A-2

3 Furogazawa Tanagura-machi TEL.0247-33-3039
<http://www.lifejoho.com/ichikawaya/>

Mochiya Ryokan MAP P20 B-3

86 Kitacho Tanagura-machi TEL.0247-33-2156
<http://www.lifejoho.com/motiya/>

Atagoso Ryokan MAP P21 C-3

61Hachimanzawa Sekiguchi Tanagura-machi TEL.0247-33-3060

Camping

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Town Camp Site

Within Hizawa Kitayamamoto Tanagura-Machi TEL.0247-33-2445

※ Open from April through November

Tent sites and bungalows available

Golfing



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Tanagura Densha Club

286 Kawaharada Nigogi Tanagura-machi
TEL 0247-33-3191
<http://www.tanagura-cc.co.jp/>



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New Gainsborough Country Club

166 Tozawa Segano Tanagura-machi
TEL 0247-33-7888
<http://gb-cc.com/>



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Tanagura Stakes Country Club

1Morinomae Kozume Tanagura-machi
TEL 0247-33-2200
<http://www.tanakurastakes.co.jp/>



Nearby Hot Springs

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Natural Hot Springs Hotel Renaissance Tanagura

43-1 Ipponmatsu Sekiguchi Tanagura-machi MAP P21 D-2
TEL.0247-33-4111 (Please check the hours of operation with the facility)
<http://www.r-tanagura.jp/>

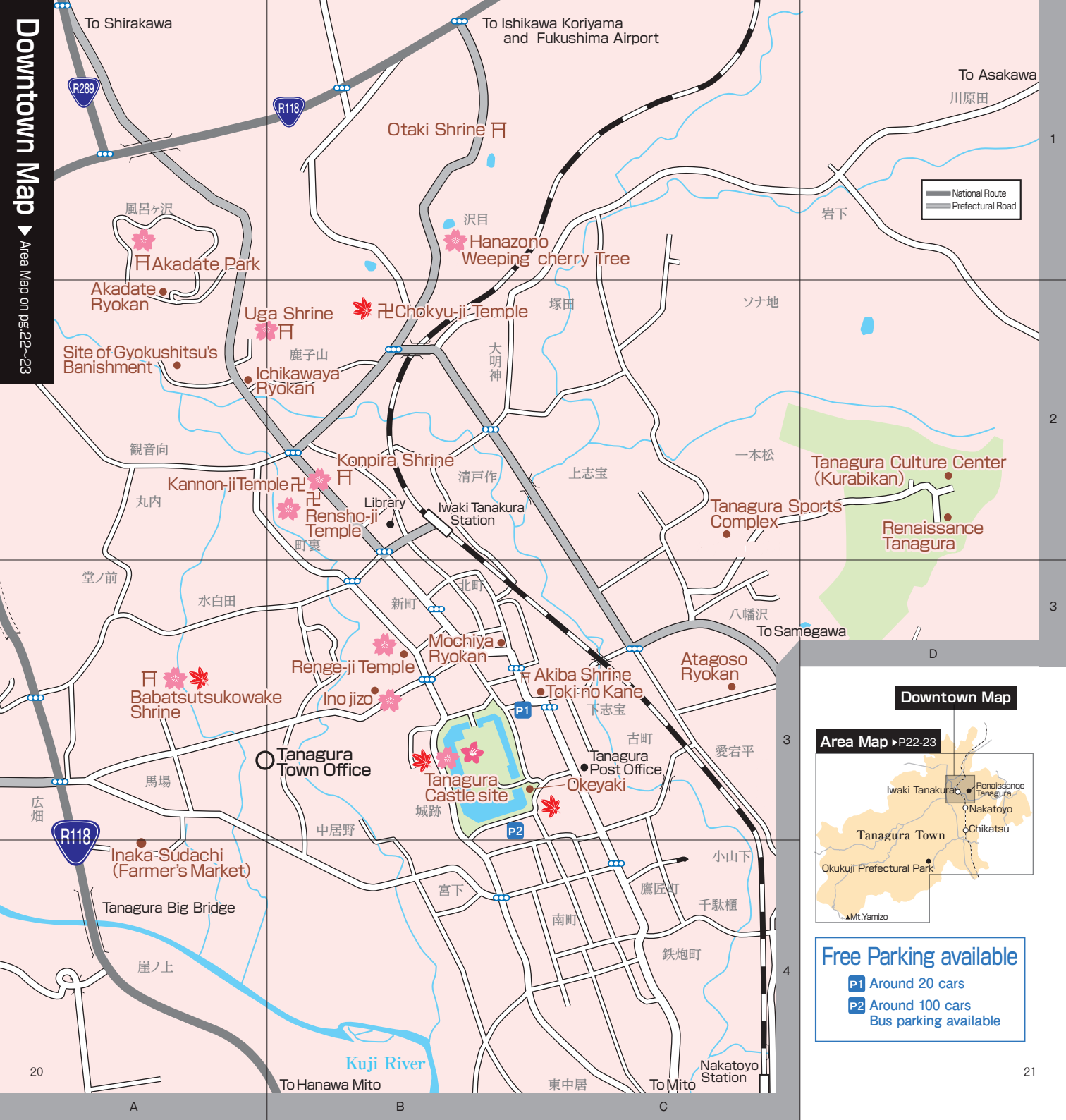
A hot spring that's good for relaxing and easing joint and muscle pain.

Taxi

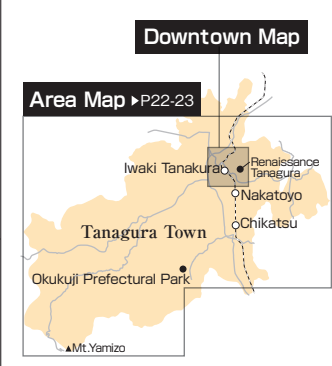
Ai Taxi 97 Aramachi TEL.0247-33-8800

Tokiwa Taxi 21-2 Furu-machi TEL.0247-33-2176

Chikatsu Taxi 3Yanagimachi Terayama TEL.0247-33-2722



Legend:
National Route
Prefectural Road

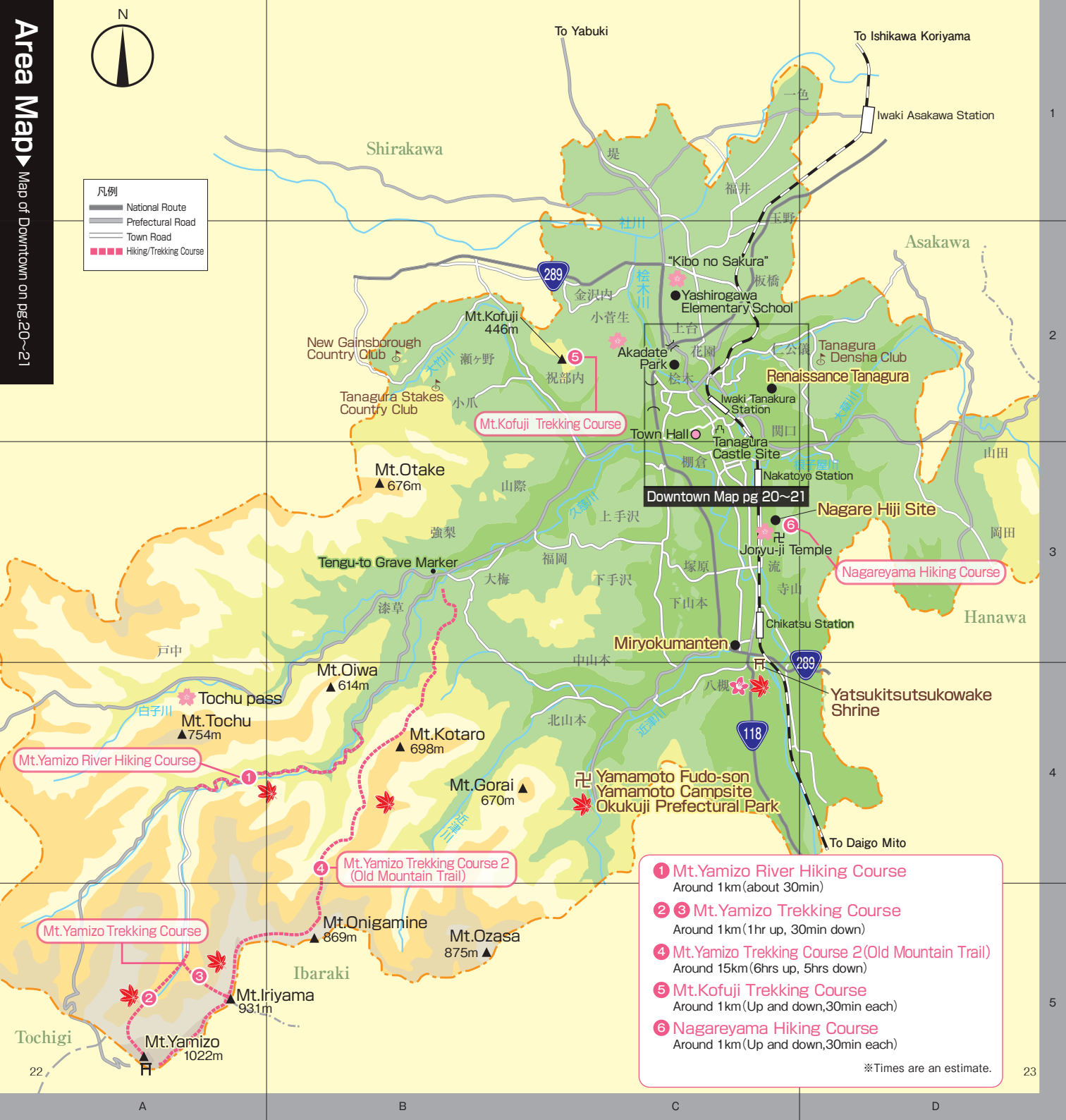


Free Parking available

- P1 Around 20 cars
- P2 Around 100 cars
Bus parking available



- 凡例
- National Route
 - Prefectural Road
 - Town Road
 - Hiking/Trekking Course



- 1 Mt. Yamizo River Hiking Course**
Around 1km (about 30min)
- 2 3 Mt. Yamizo Trekking Course**
Around 1km (1hr up, 30min down)
- 4 Mt. Yamizo Trekking Course 2 (Old Mountain Trail)**
Around 15km (6hrs up, 5hrs down)
- 5 Mt. Kofuji Trekking Course**
Around 1km (Up and down, 30min each)
- 6 Nagareyama Hiking Course**
Around 1km (Up and down, 30min each)

※Times are an estimate.

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B

C

D