



# Mt.Tsukuba Plum Blossom Garden

This plum grove is located halfway up Mt.Tsukuba (about 250 meters above sea level) and is one of the major attractions of the Mount Tsukuba Regional Geopark. The 4.5-hectare plum grove on the slope of Mt.Tsukuba has about 1,000 white and red plum trees. From "Azumaya Lookout" you can see the entire plum grove below, the rural landscape at the foot of the mountain, the cityscape of Tsukuba Science City, and on a clear day, the skyscrapers of Tokyo, and Mt.Fuji.





Mt.Tsukuba is dotted with many strange and mysterious rocks and

stones, and you can climb the mountain while enjoying the legends

"Benkei Nanamodori Rock" looks as if it might fall at any moment, and made even Benkei, a long-ago warrior monk, hesitate to pass

and folklore of each one. A huge rock hanging overhead, the

Hiking on Mt.Tsukuba

under it seven times.



## Ropeway & Cable Car

The cable car climbs 500 meters in just 8 minutes. Riding on the ropeway makes you feel as if you are walking in the air. Here you can enjoy beautiful scenery all year round.



## Mt.Tsukuba hot spring area

Hot springs at Mt.Tsukuba are simple thermal springs with strong alkalinity, and are called, "hot springs for beautiful skin" because they make the skin smooth. They are recommended not only for overnight guests but also for day-trip bathing after visiting the shrine or climbing the mountain.









Mt.Hokyo, which is the 2nd tallest mountain in the city, is very popular for hiking. Here you can enjoy scenic views in each season: cherry blossoms in spring, fresh greenery in summer and colored leaves in autumn.

# Hojo Oike Pond This reservoir has been used for

irrigation since the Edo Period. In the spring it is crowded with cherry blossom viewers.









There is a 45-meter-high observatory, which is a symbol of this park, and you can see nice view of Tsukuba city from the top. There is a Japanese garden to stroll around in, and a lawn area.





### Doho Park

This is a multi-purpose park is filled with nature and is an oasis for citizens. The park has sports facilities and provides various culture school classes.







## Tsukuba Expo Center

Featuring one of the world's largest planetariums, hands-on exhibits, science shows and other events, the Expo Center is a place where everyone from kids to adults can have fun.

Science Museum of Map and Survey

Here you can experience mapping and surveying from a wide range of perspectives, from daily life to outer space. The unique goods sold in the souvenir shop are great, too!



Garden

representative Japanese

Human and Biodiversity Area

Let's get on!





# JAXA Tsukuba **Space Center**

The Tsukuba Space Center, the core office of JAXA, is a place for various activities including research, development, and testing in the cutting-edge fields of space development. Visitors can feel and experience genuine space

development by looking at test models of various satellites, rocket engines used in firing tests, and a full-scale model of the Japanese Experiment Module "Kibo" in the exhibition hall, "Space Dome." A real H-II launch vehicle is exhibited at the Rocket Plaza near the center's main gate.



## **Geological** Museum

This is a museum specializing in earth sciences. It features special exhibitions of the latest research results and has a wide variety of exhibits focusing on minerals.



### Tsukuba Agriculture Research Hall

This museum presents the latest research work in agriculture, forestry and fisheries. There is also a display of the many tools that have been used during the history of Japanese agriculture.



Science Square Tsukuba The exhibits will help you to easily understand AIST's\* research

and development that aims to build a sustainable society. The exhibits are categorized into green technology for a rich and eco-friendly society, life technology for healthy and safe

\*National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and





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**H** Kokage Shrine

Historic Site

Hirasawa Government Office Site

Hojo Oike Pond

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Oda Tobu Bus stop

Hirasawa District

-Hirasawa Kanga Iriguchi Bus stop

Oda District

Mt.Hokyo(461m)

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Oda rest house at Mt.Hokyo

Kangori row houses

Mivamoto Family Storehouse

Tai Museum

**卍**Fumonji Temple

Tai Post Office

Hojo Shopping Street

Tsukuba Koryu Center Bus stop

# Tsukuba Road

Linking the Hojo district with Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine (Mt.Tsukuba Shrine), the 4 km-long Tsukuba Road was designated as one of Japan's 100 most beloved roads in 1986. Enjoy a nostalgic stroll as you take in the historical ambience. The road, which once bustled with shrine visitors, is now popular as a leisurely hiking course.

# **Historic Site Hirasawa Government Office Site**

The ruins of Hirasawa Kanga, the government office of Tsukuba County in the Nara and Heian periods more than 1,000 years ago, have been designated as a National historic site.

Three different high-floor warehouses have been reconstructed to recreate the ancient spot.



# Historic Site Oda-jo Castle Site

This castle was the residence of the Oda Clan from the Kamakura Period (1185–1333), and was abandoned following the Battle of Sekigahara. During the Nanboku-cho Period (1336–1392), it was known as the birthplace of Kitabatake Chikafusa, the historian of the historical treatise Jinno Shotoki chronicling the succession of imperial rulers in





Tsukuba Kasumigaura Ring Ring Roa

# Tsukubasan-Omido Temple

Number 25 of the 33 Bando Kannon temples, Omido Temple is visited by people who come to pray for good marriage matches, traffic safety, safe childbirth, home safety, and good luck and fortune. Founded in 782 by the holy priest, Tokuitsu, it was opened as an esoteric Buddhist hall in 810 by Kobodaishi Kukai (Chisokuin Chuzenii Temple).

## Sales pitch for Gama no Abura ointment

This sales pitch, which has been passed down through the years since it was first made by Hyosuke Nagai in the Edo period, is now a famous performance on Mt.Tsukuba.



### Tsukuba Sightseeing Volunteers 298

Sightseeing guides are available so that visitors to Mt.Tsukuba and the Mt.Tsukuba foothills (including Hojo, Oda, and Kangori) can better enjoy the history and nature of the area, and other sightseeing.

# Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine (Mt.Tsukuba Shrine)

Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine, known for the blessings of marital harmony and good fortune, regards Mt.Tsukuba as an object of worship.

It has a history of 3,000 years and the precinct of the shrine is about 370ha from the worship hall in the middle of the mountain to the summit.

The summit offers a panoramic view of the entire Kanto area.



# ACTIVITIES



# **Forest Adventure** Tsukuba

This is a nature experience-type outdoor park that makes use of the forest terrain and trees as they are, and has created courses between trees using wires and logs. Visitors are invited to experience the zip-line over the Tsukuba Plum Grove and other exciting activities.



### AHitachi Seaside Park

National Hitachi Seaside Park is located on the Pacific coast of Hitachinaka City. Surrounded by nature, visitors can enjoy beautiful flowers in each season. Millions of blue nemophilas in spring, and kochia leaves turning red in autumn, are especially worth seeing. In addition, there is the Pleasure Garden Amusement Park that has a variety of attractions.



# Surrounding Area



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Kairakuen Garden is one of the three most famous gardens in Japan and was created by Nariaki Tokugawa, the ninth lord of the Mito Domain as a place for people to rest and relax. The garden is planted with 3.000 plum trees of about 100 varieties and is crowded with plum viewing visitors in early spring. There are other seasonal attractions such as cherry blossoms and azaleas in spring. and bush clover in autumn.



In the park, visitors can appreciate about 900 varieties of roses and other seasonal flowers as well as enjoy activities that take advantage of the rich natural surroundings, and enjoy meals featuring vegetables grown in Yasato, Ibaraki.





### **O**Ushiku Daibutsu Buddha

With a total height of 120 meters, Ushiku Daibutsu is the tallest bronze statue in the world. Visitors can take an elevator up to the 85-meter-high chest section, inside the Buddha and enjoy the view below through observation windows on all sides.

# GOURMET

# Ramen restaurants in Tsukuba City

It is well known that there are about 90 ramen restaurants in Tsukuba City, competing with each other. You can enjoy many kinds of ramen!



### Local Sake

Sake, which is made from delicious rice nurtured in rich nature and pure water for brewing, is made from only the delicious parts of polished sake rice. One sip and you will be captivated by its taste.

Tsukuba's Sake Breweries Inaba Shuzo Phone:029-866-0020



Urazato Shuzo Phone:029-865-0032



# Pickup!

# Taste natural ingredients in a Japanese traditional style house restaurant

Hitachi Beef restaurant



Hitachino

Phone:029-866-1221

Italian restaurant



**Toemon Sakae** 

Phone:029-857-4020

Soba





Sobaya Phone:029-886-5006



Soba and Japanese

restaurant

Tsukuzen

Phone:029-866-0068

**Japanese** restaurant



Tsukuba Sansuitei

Phone:029-855-8181

Cafe Salon Art gallery



Cloud Nine

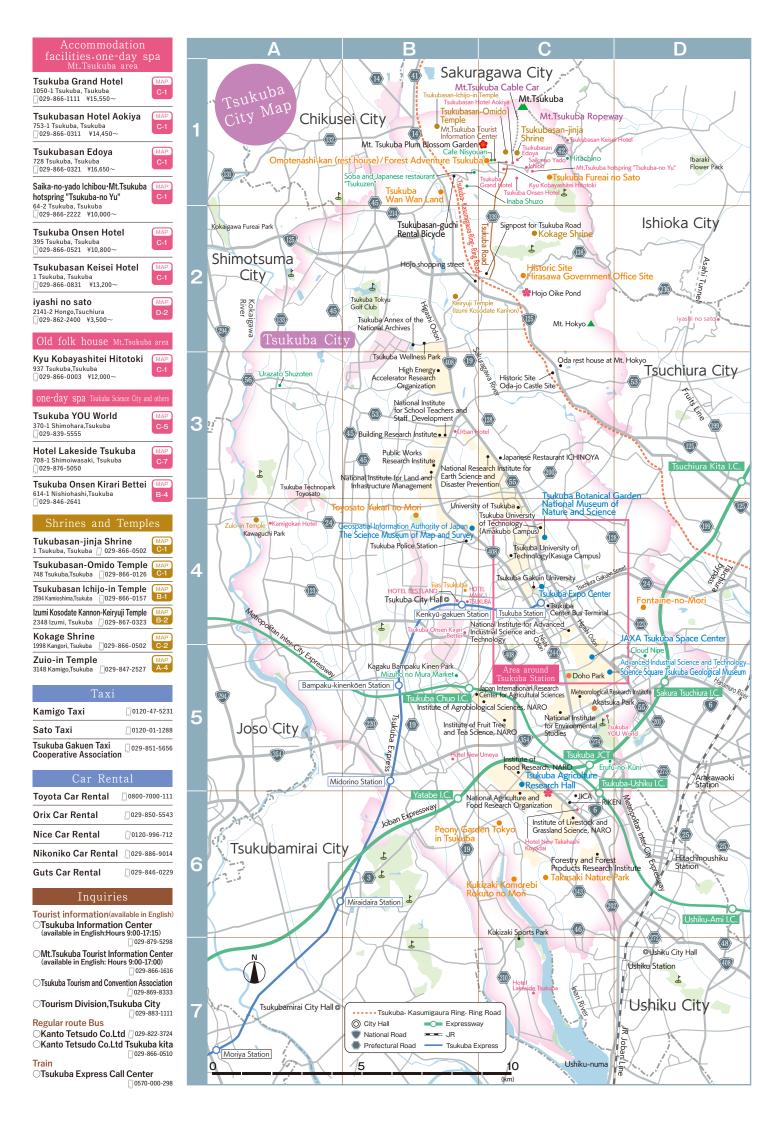
Phone:029-898-9019

Cafe



Cafe Nisyouan

Phone:029-875-8821









# Tsukuba Koen-Dori

Tsukuba Koen-Dori, connecting Matsumi Park in the north to Akatsuka Park in the south, is part of a pedestrian and bicycle path that runs through the central part of Tsukuba City. Along this 5 kilometer path, there are also urban parks rich with nature, and renting a bicycle is a great way to enjoy them.

#### Tsukuba Rental Bicycles

Rental bicycle is convenient to go around and do sightseeing in the City.



- © Rental place: Tsukuba Information Center (BiVi Tsukuba 1F)
- %If desired, a bicycle can be rented until 17:00 the next day \* Advance reservations are not accepted.

#### rental fee

Adult 500 yen/day Child (not older than elementary school age) 250 yen/day Helmets can be rented free of change.

Tsukuba Information Center Phone: 029-879-5298

For more information.



#### Tsukuba- Kasumigaura "Ring Ring"Road - cycling for everyone, anytime!

The Tsukuba to Kasumigaura Cycling Road is a 180 kilometer cycling course that connects the abandoned tracks of the former Tsukuba Railway and the lakeshore road that circles Lake Kasumigaura.









Hotel Lakeside Tsukuba

708-1 Shimoiwasaki, Tsukuba □ 029-876-5050 ¥5,544~



#### Event Hall/ Conference Hall

### Nova Hall

1-10-1 Azuma,Tsukuba \_\_\_029-852-5881



Tsukuba Capio

1-10-1 Takezono, Tsukuba 029-851-2886

Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba) 2-20-3 Takezono,Tsukuba 029-861-0001



Tsukuba Center, Inc.

2-1-6 Sengen,Tsukuba ∏029-858-6000



Fees are subject to change









4095-1 Kurihara, Tsukuba Phone: 029-864-2310 11:00~21:30. Closed on Wednesdays

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kannon sama" (the Goddess of

Mercy), is a place for parents to

pray for the healthy upbringing

of their children, blessing

against misfortune and to ward

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and unique flowers such as

cherry blossoms, peony and

# Mt.Tsukuba Cable Car & Ropeway



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Izumi Kosodate Kannon-Keiryuji Temple

2348 Izumi, Tsukuba Phone: 029-867-0323

Warding off evil spirits Pray for good health









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5-19 Kenkyugakuen, Tsukuba Phone: 029-828-8000











