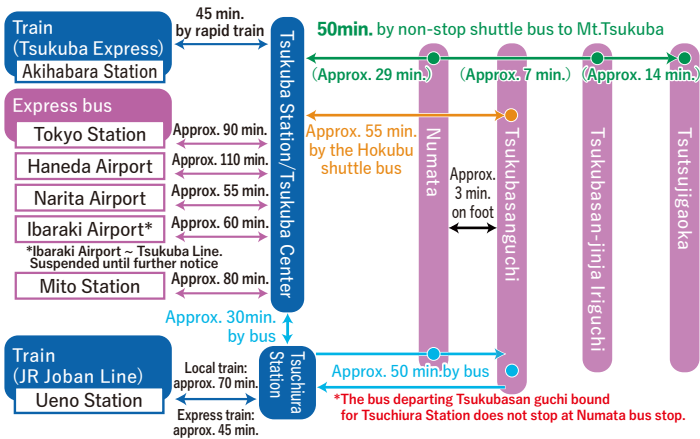




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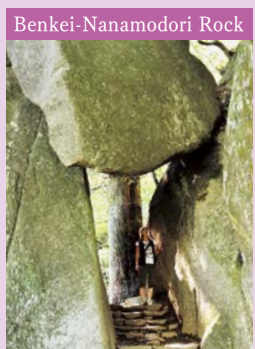




Let's Try



Gama-Ishi Rock



Benkei-Nanamodori Rock



Nyotai-san Peak

Hiking on Mt. Tsukuba

Mt. Tsukuba is dotted with many strange and mysterious rocks and stones, and you can climb the mountain while enjoying the legends and folklore of each. A huge rock hanging overhead, the "Benkei Nanamodori Rock" looks as if it might fall at any moment, and made even Benkei, a long-ago warrior monk, hesitate to pass under it seven times.



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 enjoy magnificent views such as the entire plum grove below, the rural landscape at the foot of the mountain and the cityscape of Tsukuba Science City. On a clear day, even the skyscrapers of Tokyo and Mt. Fuji can be seen.

MAP C-1



Ropeway & Cable Car

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

MAP C-1



Mt. Hoko

Mt. Hoko, 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.

MAP C-2

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.



For more information →

Hojo Oike Pond

This reservoir has been used for irrigation since the Edo Period. In the spring, it is crowded with cherry blossom viewers.



MAP C-2



Doho Park

This park, the largest in Tsukuba City, boasts a rich natural environment with play areas a pond and sports facilities such as tennis courts.

MAP C-4



Matsumi Park

There is a 45-meter-high observation tower which is a symbol of this park, and you can see nice view of Tsukuba city from the top. This park also has a stroll-style Japanese garden and a lawn area.

MAP C-4





©Tsukuba Expo Center



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 enjoy.



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 the museum specializing in earth sciences. It features special exhibitions of the latest research results and has a wide variety of exhibits focusing rocks, minerals and fossils.



The 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!



Tsukuba Agriculture Research Hall

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



Tsukuba Botanical Garden

Here you can see around 3,000 plant species in two areas: the World Vegetation Area shows representative Japanese vegetation, Asian tropical rainforest and world's arid region, and the Human and Biodiversity Area displayed many useful plants and plants related to culture and science.



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 organized into three zones of green technology, life technology and manufacturing technology.

*National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology
★Science Square Tsukuba will be closed from October 2024 to March 2025 for renovations.

For more information on each facility →



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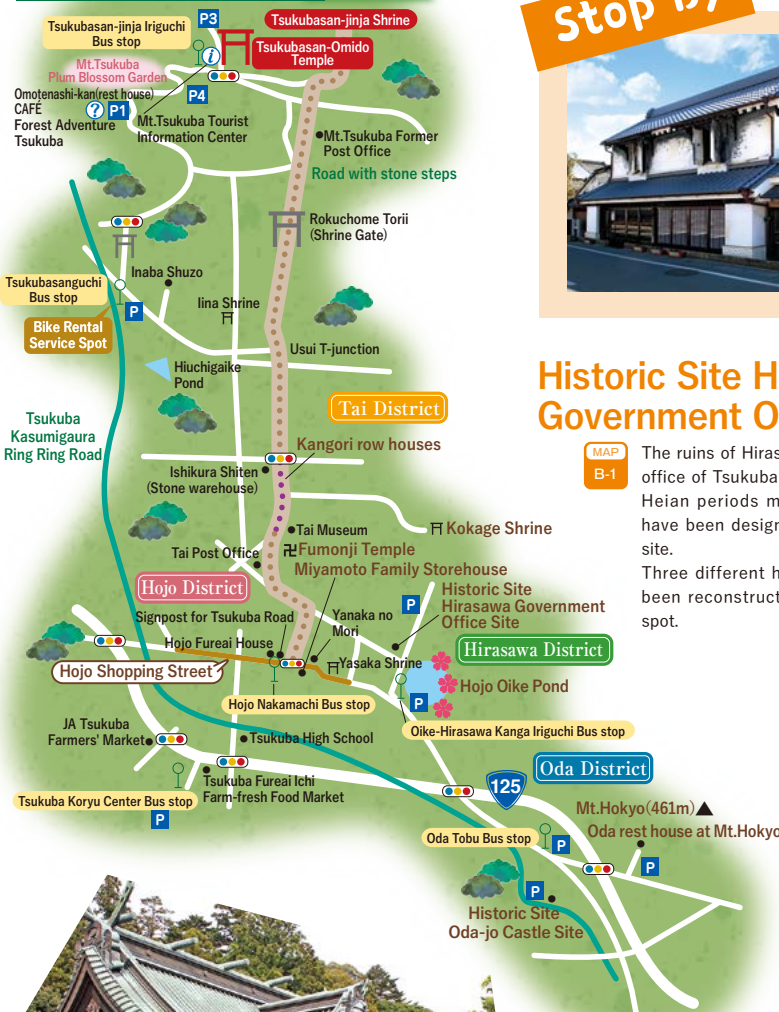
For more information →



SCIENCE



TSUKUBA ROAD STROLLING MAP



stop by



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

MAP B-1

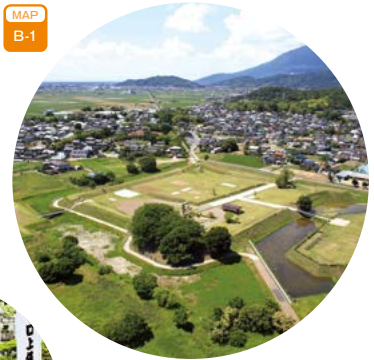
The ruins of Hirasawa Kanga, the government office of Tsukuba County in the Nara and Heian periods more than 1,000 years ago, have been designated as a National historic site. Three different high-floor warehouses have been reconstructed to recreate the ancient spot.



Historic Site Oda-jo Castle Site

MAP B-1

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 Japan.



Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine (Mt. Tsukuba Shrine)

MAP C-1

Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine, known for the blessings of marital harmony and good fortune, regards Mt. Tsukuba as an object of worship. The historic shrine is located in the middle of the mountain to the summits. The summits offer a panoramic view of the entire Kanto area.



Tsukubasan-Omido Temple

MAP C-1

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 Chuzenji 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 at Mt. Tsukuba.



Tsukuba Sightseeing Volunteers 298

Sightseeing guides are available around Mt. Tsukuba and the Mt. Tsukuba foothills area (including Hojo, Oda, and Kangori). Visitors can enjoy the history and nature in the area with the guide.

ACTIVITIES & GOURMET



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.

Surrounding Area



photo by National Hitachi Seaside Park

① Hitachi Seaside Park

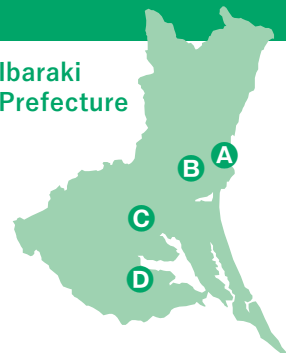
National Hitachi Seaside Park is located on the Pacific coast of Hitachinaka City. Surrounded by nature, visitors can enjoy beautiful flowers in each season. Millions of blue nemophilas in spring, and kochia leaves turning red in autumn, are especially worth seeing. In addition, there is the Pleasure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



② Kairakuen Garden

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 clovers in autumn.

Ibaraki Prefecture



③ 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.



④ Ibaraki Flower Park



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.

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!



Wine/ local beer

In Tsukuba, you can find wineries and local breweries. The wineries offer locally made wine and even grow grapes in their vineyards, while the breweries provide their own original brewed beer.



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
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Urazato Shuzo Phone:029-865-0032

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Italian restaurant



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Mizuhonomuraichiba 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

Accommodation facilities·one-day spa
Mt.Tsukuba area

- Kamenoi Hotel Tsukubasan**
1050-1 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-1111 ¥16,650~
- Tsukubasan Hotel Aokiya**
753-1 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-0311 ¥16,650~
- Tsukubasan Edoya**
728 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-0321 ¥17,750~
- Saika-no-yado Ichibou-Mt.Tsukuba
hotspring "Tsukuba-no Yu"**
64-2 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-2222 ¥12,250~
- Tsukuba Onsen Hotel**
395 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-0521 ¥10,800~
- Tsukubasan Keisei Hotel**
1 Tsukuba, Tsukuba
☎029-866-0831 ¥14,300~
- iyashi no sato**
2141-2 Hongo,Tsuchiura
☎029-862-2400 ¥3,500~

Old folk house Mt.Tsukuba area

- Kyu Kobayashitei Hitotoki**
937 Tsukuba,Tsukuba
☎029-866-0003 ¥13,000~

one-day spa Tsukuba Science City and others

- Tsukuba YOU World**
370-1 Shimohara,Tsukuba
☎029-839-5555
- Hotel Lakeside Tsukuba**
708-1 Shimoiwasaki, Tsukuba
☎029-876-5050
- Tsukuba Onsen Kirari Bettei**
614-1 Nishiohashi,Tsukuba
☎029-846-2641

Shrines and Temples

- Tsukubasan-jinja Shrine**
1 Tsukuba, Tsukuba ☎029-866-0502
- Tsukubasan-Omido Temple**
748 Tsukuba,Tsukuba ☎029-866-0126
- Tsukubasan Ichijo-in Temple**
2994 Kamoshima,Tsukuba ☎029-866-0157
- Izumi Kosodate Kannon-Keiryuji Temple**
2348 Izumi, Tsukuba ☎029-867-0323
- Kokage Shrine**
1998 Kangori, Tsukuba ☎029-866-0502
- Zuio-in Temple**
3148 Kamigo,Tsukuba ☎029-847-2527

Taxi

- Kamigo Taxi** ☎0120-47-5231
- Sato Taxi** ☎0120-01-1288
- Shinei Taxi** ☎0120-17-6123
- Ozone Taxi** ☎0120-000-302
- Tsukuba Gakuen Taxi
Cooperative Association** ☎029-851-5656

Car Rental

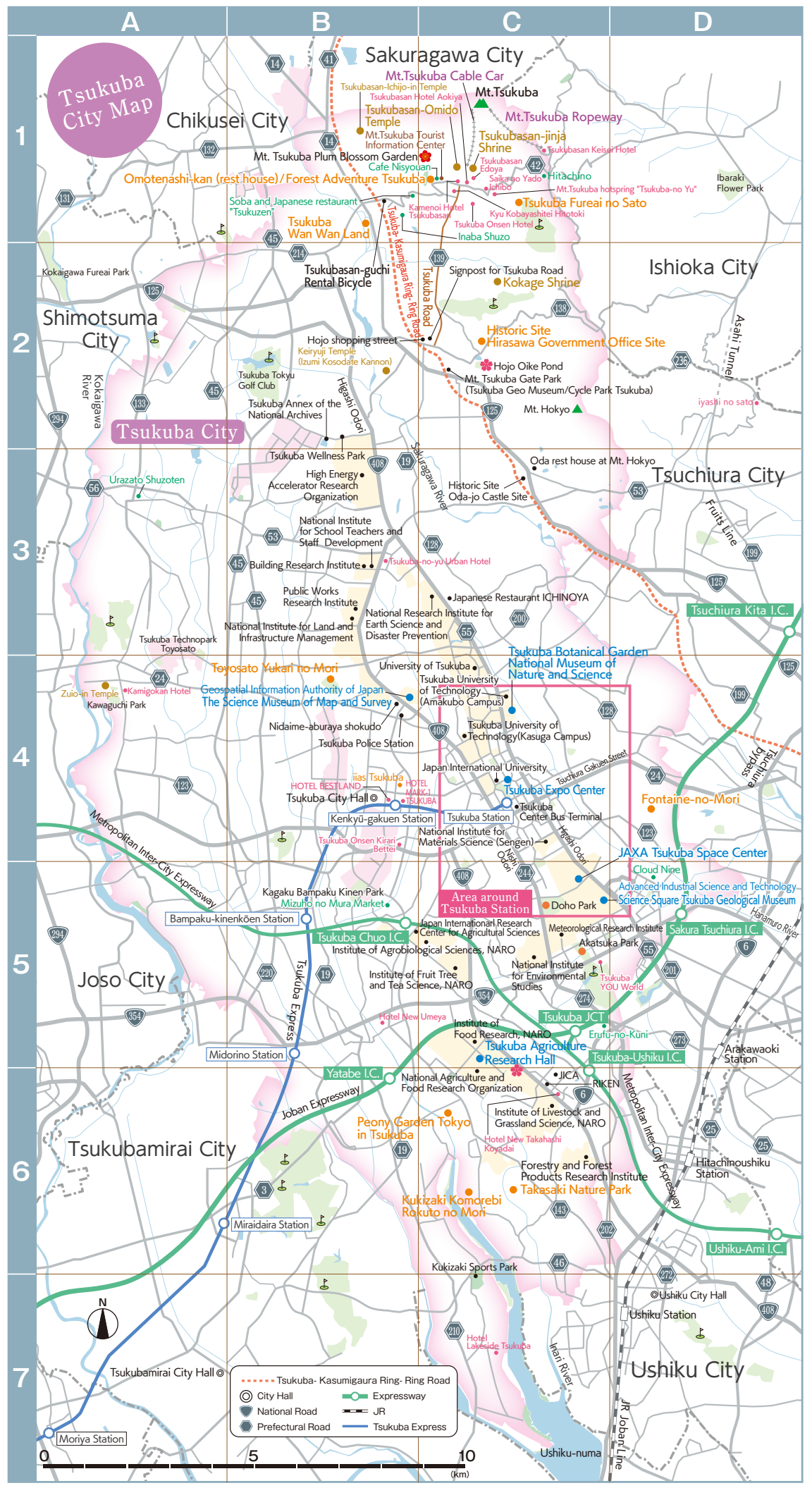
- Toyota Car Rental** ☎0800-7000-111
- Orix Car Rental** ☎029-850-5543
- Nice Car Rental** ☎0120-996-712
- Nikoniko Car Rental** ☎029-886-9014
- Guts Car Rental** ☎029-846-0229

Inquiries

- Tourist information**
- Tsukuba Tourist Information Center
(available in English:Hours 9:00-17:00)
☎029-879-5298
 - Mt.Tsukuba Tourist Information Center
(available in English: Hours 9:00-17:00)
☎029-866-1616
 - Tsukuba Tourism and Convention Association
☎029-869-8333
 - Tourism Division,Tsukuba City
☎029-883-1111

- Regular route Bus**
- Kanto Tetsudo Co.Ltd ☎029-822-3724
 - Kanto Tetsudo Co.Ltd Tsukuba kita
☎029-866-0510

- Train**
- Tsukuba Express Call Center
☎0570-000-298



Legend:

- Tsukuba- Kasumigaura Ring- Ring Road
- City Hall
- National Road
- Prefectural Road
- Expressway
- JR
- Tsukuba Express



Area around Tsukuba Station

Accommodation facilities Tsukuba Science City and others

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| Hotel Nikko Tsukuba
1-1364-1 Azuma, Tsukuba
☎029-852-1112 ¥11,000~ | MAP
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| Hotel JAL City Tsukuba
2-20-1 Takezono, Tsukuba
☎029-860-7700 ¥8,000~ | MAP
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| Hotel Grand Shinonome
488-1 Onozaki, Tsukuba
☎029-856-2211 ¥10,340~ | MAP
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| Daiwa Roynet Hotel Tsukuba
1-5-7 Azuma, Tsukuba
☎029-863-3755 ¥6,050~ | MAP
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| Tsukuba Sky Hotel
283-1 Onozaki, Tsukuba
☎029-851-0008 ¥6,050~ | MAP
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| Hotel Matsushima
35 Onozaki, Tsukuba
☎029-856-1191 ¥6,380~ | MAP
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| Hotel Route Tsukuba
1145-3 Hanamuro, Tsukuba
☎029-860-2111 ¥7,500~ | MAP
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| Tsukuba-no-yu Urban Hotel
2-1-2 Tsukuho, Tsukuba
☎029-877-0001 ¥7,160~ | MAP
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1-12-4 Sengen, Tsukuba
☎029-851-0003 ¥5,000~ | MAP
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| Hotel Sankyū
1 Onozaki, Tsukuba
☎029-852-3939 ¥5,700~ | MAP
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2-14-4 Matsushiro, Tsukuba
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2724-2 Kamigo, Tsukuba
☎029-847-2026 ¥5,000~ | MAP
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5-13-5 Kenkyugakuen, Tsukuba
☎029-875-7272 ¥6,440~ | MAP
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| HOTEL BESTLAND
5-8-4 Kenkyugakuen, Tsukuba
☎029-863-1515 ¥8,854~ | MAP
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5650 Yatabe, Tsukuba
☎029-838-0311 ¥7,250~ | MAP
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3-18-5 Koyadai, Tsukuba
☎029-836-1110 ¥5,800~ | MAP
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| Hotel Lakeside Tsukuba
708-1 Shimoiwasaki, Tsukuba
☎029-876-5050 ¥9,680~ | MAP
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Event Hall/ Conference Hall

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| Nova Hall
1-10-1 Azuma, Tsukuba
☎029-852-5881 | MAP
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| Tsukuba Civic Center
1-10-1 Azuma, Tsukuba, Corridio
☎029-855-1171 | MAP
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| Tsukuba Capiro
1-10-1 Takezono, Tsukuba
☎029-851-2886 | MAP
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| Tsukuba International Congress Center (Epochal Tsukuba)
2-20-3 Takezono, Tsukuba
☎029-861-0001 | MAP
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| Tsukuba Center, Inc.
2-1-6 Sengen, Tsukuba
☎029-858-6000 | MAP
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Let's Go!



Tsukuba Koen-Dori (Pedestrian Path)

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 various shops and many urban parks rich in nature. It is good idea to enjoy it with a rental bicycle.

Tsukuba Rental Bicycles

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

- ☉Open: everyday (Closed: Year-end and New Year holidays)
9:00-17:00 (Bicycle rental applications are available until 15:00)
- ☉Rental place: Tsukuba Tourist Information Center (BiVi Tsukuba 1F)
- ※If desired, a bicycle can be rented until 17:00 the next day *
No reservation service.



rental fee

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

Tsukuba Tourist 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.

For more information



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4160 Hojo, Tsukuba
<https://www.city.tsukuba.lg.jp/tourism/tsukubasanngatepark/16438.html>

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つくばジオミュージアム TSUKUBA GEO MUSEUM

This is a key facility at the Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark. The first floor features an interactive space designed to educate and promote tourism, providing hands-on experiences to pass on the natural and cultural heritage to the next generation.

Opening hours: 9:00-16:30
Closed: Every Tuesday (or the following Wednesday if Tuesday is a holiday) and New Year holidays (December 29th to January 3rd)
Admission fee: Free
For group use (15 people or more), please make a reservation in advance.
Phone: 029-883-0013



サイクルパークつくば CYCLE PARK TSUKUBA

A bicycle facility with Japan's top-class BMX racing course has opened at the foot of the Mt. TSUKUBA. There are shower rooms, a rest area and a bike maintenance space available. There are also bicycle rentals so that you can enjoy the beautiful countryside scenery of the "Tsukuba-Kasumigaura Ring Ring Road" near here and the great mountain.

Opening days: Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and holidays
From 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Conditions and fees vary depending on usage.
Phone: 029-883-0035

Tsukuba Tourism and Convention Association <https://www.ttca.jp> Phone: 029-869-8333

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