

# Map to various cities from New Chitose Airport



**Asahikawa**

179 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(127 minutes)



**Kushiro**

307 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(290 minutes)



**Otaru**

88 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(72 minutes)



**Sapporo**

50 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(52 minutes)



**Obihiro**

179 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(160 minutes)



**Hakodate**

275 kilometers by car from New Chitose Airport  
(227 minutes)

Information on expressway: [en.driveplaza.com/](http://en.driveplaza.com/)

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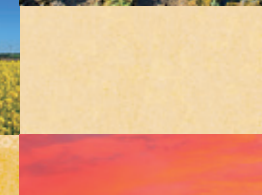
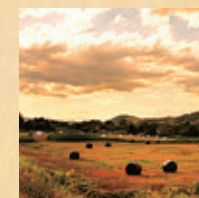
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# HOKKAIDO DRIVE GUIDE



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delicious food, enjoy dynamic,  
fascinating Hokkaido in any season.







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The nature of Hokkaido shows different aspects in spring, summer, autumn and winter. Driving around the prefecture, you can discover the many charms of Hokkaido, including dynamic scenery and delicious food.

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# The expressways of Hokkaido

## Legend

- HOKKAIDO EXPRESSWAY
- SASSON EXPRESSWAY
- DOTO EXPRESSWAY
- HIDAKA EXPRESSWAY
- FUKAGAWA-RUMOI EXPRESSWAY
- Toll-free section

Two-lane section	Four-lane section
HOKKAIDO EXPRESSWAY	HOKKAIDO EXPRESSWAY
DOTO EXPRESSWAY	SASSON EXPRESSWAY
FUKAGAWA-RUMOI EXPRESSWAY	HIDAKA EXPRESSWAY
Toll-free section	

\*In two-lane sections, passing lanes are allocated at some intervals.

- All-direction Interchange
- Half interchange
- Junction
- A place where two roads meet. It is not possible to enter or exit here.

## Flat rate Section

## Speed limits

**Key**

- Speed limit: 70Km/h
- Speed limit: 80Km/h
- Speed limit: 100Km/h
- Half Interchange
- Interchange

Pay careful attention to speed signs while driving because speed limits vary by section, weather and road conditions.



## Guide to service symbols

Information center	Snack area	Shopping area	Disabled-accessible restroom	Vending machines
Fax service	Road information terminal	Infant care station	Wheelchair rental service	Seicomart Convenience store

**Idemitsu Kosan**  
Wattsu PA (both direction)  
Open 24 hours

**JX Nippon Oil & Energy**  
Sunagawa SA (both direction)  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Usuzan SA**  
(both direction)  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**Yuni PA**  
(both direction)  
8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Service areas and parking areas are facilities for resting along an expressway.

# Advice for driving on expressway

## 1 Departure

**Everyone should wear a seatbelt.  
And don't forget the people sitting in back.**

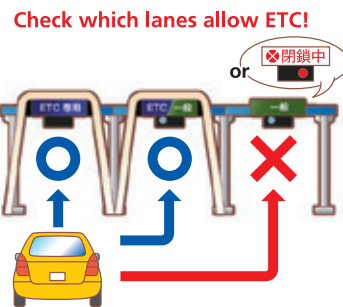
The fatality rate of people not wearing seat belts is 9.2 times higher than those wearing seatbelts on expressways. A seatbelt is a life net protecting you and your family. Everyone, whether sitting in the driver's seat, next to the driver or in the back seats, should always wear a seatbelt.



## What is ETC ?

ETC (Electronic Toll Collection System) is a system that allows drivers to pay tolls without stopping their cars. To use this ETC system, inserting an ETC card into the onboard ETC unit installed in the car. When you drive through an ETC gate, wireless communication takes place between the unit and an antenna installed at the gate.

- Drivers must enter the lane marked as "ETC専用 (ETC Only)" or "ETC一般 (ETC/Cash)" when using the ETC. "ETC専用 (ETC Only)" or "ETC一般 (ETC/Cash)" is indicated at the top of the gate.
- If you fail to insert an ETC card, then "STOP" sign appears and the gate does not open.
- If you see a red light at an ETC entrance gate, use a staffed gate to receive a ticket. And when you exit, use a staffed gate again and hand your ETC card over to the toll collector with the ticket given at the entrance.
- If you see a red light at the ETC exit gate, use a staffed gate and hand your ETC card over to the toll collector.



## Precautions for driving with ETC

### • Is your ETC card inserted properly?

If your ETC card is not properly inserted into the onboard unit, the gate will not open. Ensure that it is properly in place before going through an ETC gate.

### • Do not exceed 20 km/h when entering the lane!

You may need to stop suddenly in cases such as an abrupt stop by the vehicle in front or if the toll gate bar does not open due to entering the wrong lane or improperly inserting your ETC card in an ETC lane.

### • Maintain a safe distance between vehicles!

The vehicle ahead of you in an ETC lane may stop suddenly.

### • Do not put your car in reverse!

There is a danger that the vehicle behind you may fail to stop, or you may hit a toll booth personnel member. Even in an ETC lane, do not attempt to put your car in reverse to leave the lane. Wait for a staff member in your car.

### • Do not drive through the gate when the signal is red!

## 2 Entering tollgates

### ① Check your lane.



Slow down to 20 km/h or slower.



**ETC専用** ETC lanes are for ETC cars, and **一般** drivers using cash or credit cards should use the general lanes. There are blue and yellow (or white) road signs in front of the ETC lanes. **ETC一般** There are also mixed lanes that can be used by both ETC cars and general cars. Check the lane type before entering.

### ② Pass through the tollgate.

#### Paying by ETC

Slow down to 20 km/h or slower and pass through slowly.



#### Paying by cash or credit card

Stop and take a ticket from the ticket machine. Pay the toll at the exit.



#### Other ways of passing through tollgates for cash/credit cards users

##### Sapporo-Nishi IC to Sapporo-Minami IC Flat Rate Section

Pay the toll at the entrance gate.

##### Otaru IC to Sapporo-Nishi IC

Sapporo-Nishi IC and Otaru IC are free to enter. (There are no tollgates.) Receive an entrance ticket at the Asari, Zenibako, and Teine tollgates, and pay when you exit with the ticket. Note that when you enter the Asari tollgate, you will be asked in which direction you are going to (towards Otaru or Sapporo) at the gate. Towards Otaru, pay the toll there. Towards Sapporo, receive a ticket and pay when you exit with the ticket.

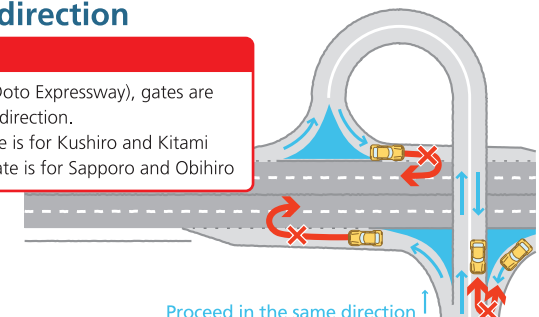
### ③ Never drive in the wrong direction

There have been cases of drivers entering the expressway, get confused about their direction, find themselves driving in the opposite direction they wanted to, and then turning around and driving. If you find yourself driving in the opposite direction you want to, do not turn around. Instead, get off at the next interchange, and tell the toll collector.

#### Attention

At Ikeda IC (Doto Expressway), gates are separated by direction.

- The left gate is for Kushiro and Kitami
- The right gate is for Sapporo and Obihiro





### 3 Merging with the main lane

#### 1 Check the traffic flow on the main lane



When you have entered the acceleration lane, watch the flow of traffic in the main lane, make sure there is a sufficient distance between your car and the car in front of you, then give a turn signal.



Decide what you want to do without hesitating, speed up sufficiently and join the flow of traffic!

Advice

What is the acceleration lane?

It's a lane for accelerating to the speed of the cars on the main lane when merging to the main lane from an interchange, etc.



#### 2 Determine which car you will follow, then accelerate sufficiently.



An acceleration lane runs parallel to the main lane, and from it you agilely decide the position where you will enter the flow of traffic using your direct sight and mirrors. Drivers should decide which car they want to get behind, rather than which car they want to get in front of, and accelerate sufficiently. Sudden acceleration can lead to skidding and accidents, so please be careful.

#### 3 Check the positions of the cars driving on the main lane and gently join the flow of traffic.



When joining the flow of traffic, check your right rear direction using mirrors and your direct sight (there are blind spots when using mirrors) and gently enter following your target car while adjusting your speed to match it.

Advice

If you fail to join the flow of traffic and stop

In case you stop at the end of acceleration lane. Missing a chance to merge, do not panic. Turn on your turn signal and wait for the right moment to enter the main lane.



### 4 Driving on the expressway



Drive at a safe speed and keep your eyes on the road!

#### 1 Keep your eyes on the road!



Hokkaido has beautiful scenery, and it is easy to take your eyes off the road without knowing. At a speed of 100 km per hour, a car advances 28 meters per second. Taking your eyes off the road causes rear-end collisions.

#### 2 Drive at a safe speed.



The law states that on expressways, the left lane is the driving lane and the right lane is the passing lane. Return to the driving lane after passing. Also, remember that speeding can cause accidents. Pay attention to speed limit signs and drive at a safe speed suitable for road conditions.

#### 3 Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you!

If you keep an enough distance, a driver's field of visions grows and it becomes possible to avoid such dangers as rear-end collisions. To get information about what is in front of you as soon as possible, try to put enough distance between your car and others while driving.

#### 4 Watch out for animals!

Accidents caused by animals such as deer and foxes are not unusual. Drive at a safe speed while paying close attention to what is in front of you. Particularly at night, it takes time to notice animals, so be careful. If you see an animal on the expressway, report it using an emergency telephone or the Road Emergency Hotline (#9910).



Winter advice

Drive at a safer speed and keep plenty of distance between vehicles.

#### 1 Watch out for sudden weather changes



In the winter, even when the sky is clear a snowstorm can suddenly appear. Be alert to changes in the weather.

#### 2 Turn on your headlights in a snowstorm or blizzard



At times, visibility can be suddenly reduced by a snowstorm or blizzard. Keep your headlights on at all times to make your car stand out.



#### 3 Maintain more distance between cars than in summer

On snowy winter roads, a driver needs three times more stopping distance than in the summer.

#### 4 "Sudden" is taboo

Sudden braking and sudden steering cause slipping and can lead to serious accidents. "Sudden" is an absolute taboo.



## 5 Tunnels



Offensive lane changes and passing cause accidents.

### ① Watch out for the black hole effect and sensibility changes.

Because of the contrast with the brightness outside a tunnel, the car in front of you can seem to be absorbed by shadows when it enters a tunnel and become hard to see. Also, inside a tunnel it can suddenly become difficult to judge whether a car in front of you is moving or stopping. Do not try to change lanes or pass offensively, and maintain a safe driving speed.



### ② Turn on your headlights in a tunnel.

Simply turning on your headlights inside a tunnel helps cars behind you avoid rear-end collisions. Also, keeping sufficient distance between cars helps prevent accidents.



## 6 Service areas (SA) and Parking areas (PA)



Whenever you feel tired or sleepy, take a rest.

Service areas and parking areas are facilities for resting along an expressway. All service areas and parking areas have restrooms. Some also have restaurants, shops and gas stations. Check the "Guide to Service Symbols" on pages 3 and 4.

### ① If you feel sleepy, don't push it. Take a rest.



Driving for a long period of time tends to be monotonous and to lose concentration. When you get tired or sleepy, be sure not to push it and take a rest at a service area or parking area to refresh yourself.

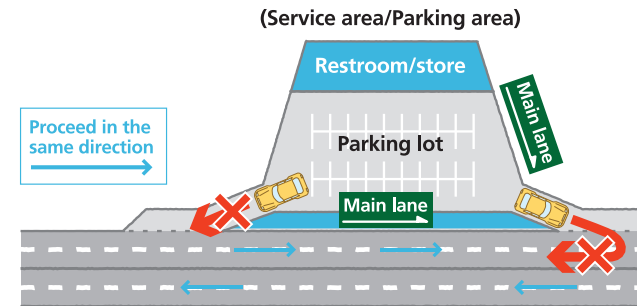


### ② Park properly in a parking space

When a standard car parks in a parking space for a large vehicle or a large vehicle in a space for a standard car, it can cause trouble for users who arrive later. Be sure to park in a parking space that matches the size of your car. (A security guard may guide you to a space.) Also, drive slowly in a service area or parking area. Pedestrians should watch for cars while walking.



## ③ Never drive in the wrong direction



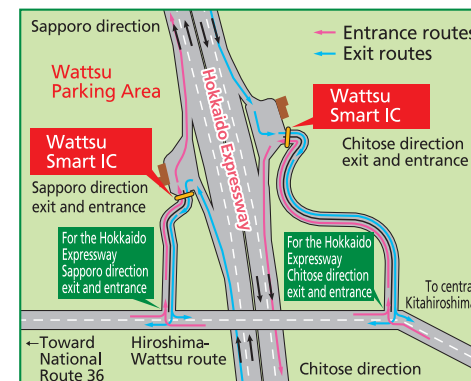
Drivers sometimes get confused about direction or drive the wrong way after resting. Carefully check signs and direction boards before setting out.



### Watsu Smart IC ETC-only full stop type, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.



### Getting there



### Usage precautions

- The smart interchange accepts ETC cars only. (Cars without an onboard ETC unit cannot enter, even if you have an ETC card.)
- Because data transmission happens when a car is stopped, if a car does not come to a complete stop, the gate will not open. Be sure to make a complete stop in front of the bar.
- The interchange cannot be used from ordinary roads for the parking area only (or for U-turns).
- Drive slowly because there are pedestrians in the parking area.
- Following another car is not allowed. (Only one car can pass through each time the bar is raised.)

Aug. 8, 2015 Hokkaido Expressway Sunagawa Service Area planned for use as a smart interchange as well (ETC-only full stop type, 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.)



## 7 From the expressway to exit tollgates



Check your exit with exit signs

### 1 Check your exit interchange



Exits are announced 2 km, 1km, and 500m in advance, by sign. Check the signs and prepare to exit driving in the left driving lane.



### 2 Pass through the tollgate.

#### Paying by ETC

Slow down to 20 km per hour or slower and enter the lane, then pass through slowly.



#### Paying by cash or credit card

Hand over your pass at the exit tollgate. Pay your toll by cash or credit card.



#### Other ways of passing through tollgates

##### Sapporo-Nishi IC to Sapporo-Minami IC Flat Rate Section

You are free to exit. (There are no tollgates.) Where traffic merges with public roads, cars must come to a full stop (except for in Sapporo-Minami IC). Also, you cannot exit from the Flat Rate Section onto public roads in Sapporo-Nishi IC and the Sapporo IC.

##### If you entered at Otaru IC or Sapporo-Nishi IC

Hand over your entrance ticket at the exit tollgate. Note that if you entered at Otaru IC or the Sapporo-Nishi IC (Free Interchange), you don't get an entrance ticket, the toll collector will ask you which interchange you entered. Please tell him which interchange you used. Pay by cash or credit card, depending on the entrance interchange.

## 8 Driving manners and in case of emergency



Make your drive comfortable

### 1 Do not cut off other vehicles

Cars that are cut off can cause accidents by steering abruptly or putting on their emergency brakes.



### 2 Use cell phones and navigation systems only at service areas and parking areas.

It is illegal to use a cell phone while driving. Using a cell phone can cause you to focus on operating it and to lose attention to the road in front of you, leading to accidents. It is also illegal to park on the shoulder of the road and use a cell phone or operate a navigation system. Use service areas and parking areas.



### 3 When changing lanes, always use your turn signal.

Changing lanes without thinking causes accidents, and when you change lanes, use your rearview mirror and direct sight to check safety, then turn on your turn signal before changing lanes. After you have finished changing lanes, quickly turn off your turn signal.



### 4 If an accident occurs

Turn on your hazard flashers to signal cars approaching from behind you. After you stop your car, light an emergency flare canisters and triangular stop signs. Accidents involving stopped cars are increasing, so both drivers and passengers should pay attention to cars that are passing by while getting out and take refuge in a safe place such as outside the guardrail.



Use an emergency telephone, cell phone or PHS to report accidents or breakdowns using the Road Emergency Hotline (#9910). Traffic control center operators are on standby 24 hours a day.

#### When using a rental car

- 1 When there is a change in your usage period or times, let your rental car company know in advance.
- 2 Return your car to the correct location.
- 3 Contact your rental car company if you should happen to be in an accident or have a traffic violation.
- 4 Keep the inside of your rental car clean.
- 5 Be careful not to park on private property or in monthly rental parking lots.
- 6 Don't drink and drive
- 7 Contact your rental car company if you have with any questions.





## Use expressways safely and comfortably in the winter

### Be extra careful in these kinds of places!

—In order to drive safely and comfortably on expressways in the winter—

**Caution!**

Twice as many accidents happen in the winter as in the spring and fall in Hokkaido

In a typical year, accidents suddenly increase around November, the beginning of winter. In winter, road surfaces become extremely slippery because they are covered with snow and ice, so driving at the same speeds and same steering as in summer is quite dangerous.

Always drive with great care and with possible dangers in mind.

#### Next to a large vehicle



When you are driving behind or next to a large vehicle, a cloud of snow can decrease your visibility, so be careful.

#### Before curves



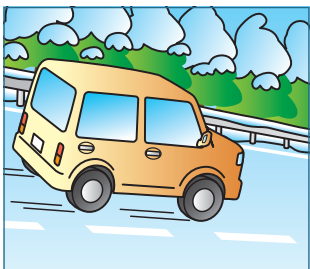
Driving too fast may cause an accident. Reduce your speed before curves and avoid abrupt steering and sudden stops.

#### On bridges



Winter winds cause a lot of black ice. Be careful not to skid.

#### Long downhill stretches



Driving downhill for long distances may cause your speed to increase. Take care to maintain an appropriate speed and a safe distance from the vehicle ahead of you.

#### Entrances and exits of tunnels



High winds and sudden snow may occur. Take care when driving through tunnels as the road inside may become icy.

#### Road conditions in the shade



Pay close attention to road conditions in the shade on mountain roads and under bridges. Ice develops easily in these areas due to the low temperature.

## Measures for snow and ice

Roads are being cleared of snow 24 hours a day to allow drivers to use them more safely and comfortably. Depending on road conditions, this work may be going on even after the weather has improved.

**You may not pass snowplows in operation.**

**Safety is the first priority, so passing is not allowed.**

Snow cleared aside by snowplows causes differences in level, so for safety's sake passing is not allowed.



**Snowplows regularly suspend operations at some intervals to allow cars to pass.**

Snowplows in operation may not be passed, but snowplows suspend operations at some intervals, and pull over to the hard shoulder to allow cars behind them to pass.



**Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

## Snow removal work

#### Clearing newly fallen snow



A group of three snowplows and a VMS vehicle is working together to clear entire lanes. So long as this work is going on, passing is not possible.

#### Snow removal for widening



Snow pushed onto the shoulders of roads is cast off the road by rotary-type snowplows. On bridges and elevated sections of road it is loaded into dump trucks and carried away.

#### Work to prevent freezing



To prevent road surfaces from freezing, an anti-freezing agent (sodium chloride) is scattered. Take care in passing while the agent is being sprayed. Take care in passing while the agent is being scattered.





- Otaru Aquarium
- Herring Mansion (The Old Aoyama Villa)



Atsuta Fishing Harbor ●

A metropolitan area,  
yet filled with wonderful nature.



# Central Hokkaido

Hokkaido Expressway  
(Iwamizawa IC to New Chitose Airport IC)  
Doto Expressway  
(Chitose-Higashi IC to Yubari IC)  
Sasson Expressway  
(Otaru IC to Sapporo JCT)

This map is not to a consistent scale. Some destinations are not located exactly as illustrated.



## Shown Area



- HOKKAIDO EXPRESSWAY
- SASSON EXPRESSWAY
- DOTO EXPRESSWAY
- IC / Section Under Construction
- Ordinary Road



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Sapporo (in July)

A manufacturing plant for Shiroi Koibito, where you can watch, learn and experience

## Shiroi Koibito Park

At Shiroi Koibito Park, in addition to observing the production line of Shiroi Koibito cookies, tasting original sweets and more, visitors can also have fun making sweets. At the Cookiecraft Studio, they have aprons and hats ready so you can participate easily. Among the options is the "My Shiroi Koibito" experience in which you use a chocolate pen to draw pictures and write messages on a 14 cm, heart-shaped Shiroi Koibito cookie. (It costs 972 yen to participate. The admission fee is separate. A reservation must be made at least one day in advance.)



Must-see spot

Shinkawa IC

Map P.15 A 10 minutes by car from Shinkawa IC (using the Sapporo-Nishi IC coming from the direction of Otaru)\*

Address: 2 Chome-11-36 Miyanosawa 2 Jo Nishi-ku, Sapporo Tel.: 011-666-1481

Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Admissions end at 5 p.m. and the shop closes at 7 p.m.) Open 365 days per year Parking: 120 car capacity

Admission: High school age and older 600 yen, junior high school age or younger 200 yen, and free admission for children ages 3 and under.

► <http://www.shiroikoibitopark.jp/>

Come into contact with animals up close

## North Safari Sapporo

This is a facility where you can come into contact with animals you normally cannot get close to, such as capybaras, seals and penguins, and even feed lions and bears. The chance to put an enormous python around your neck is also popular. A bird show featuring owls and hawks is put on every day. There are plenty of activities on offer including snowmobiles and dogsleds in the winter, and a jungle tour on amphibious vehicles and four-wheel buggies in the summer.



Must-see spot

Kitahiroshima IC

Map P.15 B 45 minutes by car from Kitahiroshima IC\*

Address: 469-1 Toyotaki Minami-ku, Sapporo Tel.: 011-596-5300 Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (varies with the day of the week and the season)

Closed: Some days in the winter. Please check. Parking: 150 car capacity

Admission: Unlimited passports are 1,300 yen (including tax) for junior high age and older, 500 yen (including tax) for elementary school age to 4, and free for children ages 3 and under. Note: Check prices after April.

► <http://www.north-safari.com/>

Notes:

\*Interchanges mentioned are just examples. The best route may vary with your departure point. Also, there are routes for getting to your destination using ordinary roads. Please check your route before departing.

Relax while gazing at sailboats and other boats

## Otaru Port Marina

Otaru Port Marina has mooring facilities, and it has been designated a hub of information on marine leisure by the Sea Station Network Hokkaido. It also has an adjacent cafe and shop selling marine promotional items, so you can enjoy coffee and such snacks as cake and six kinds of soft-serve ice cream while gazing at the sea, sailboats and other kinds of boats.



Activity

Otaru IC

Map P.15 C 5 minutes by car from Otaru IC.\*

Address: Otaru-Chikko 5-7, Otaru Tel.: 0134-22-1311 Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sundays and holidays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. October to March)

Seacle Cafe open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (April to September only) Closed: Wednesdays (the following day when Wednesday is a holiday).

Note: From April to June and in September, Seacle Cafe is only open weekends and holidays.

Parking: 30 car capacity Cost: Lunch from 1,200 yen

► <http://www.mv-otaru.jp/>

A well-known hot spring resort near central Sapporo

## Matsunoyu, a seasonal inn at a hot spring source

Soak in a pure sulfur spring with plenty of mineral content while enjoying the abundant nature of Toyohiragawa at this soothing inn. With both overnight plans and day trip plans available, it serves many customers from Sapporo, Hokkaido and elsewhere day after day. The versatile restaurant has 80 items on the menu.



Hot springs

Kitahiroshima IC

Map P.15 D 60 minutes by car from Kitahiroshima IC\*

Address: 24 Koganeyu Minami-ku Sapporo Tel.: 011-596-2131 Open: 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Open 365 days per year. Parking: 80 car capacity

Admission: Adults 600 yen and children 300 yen for inn admission and single-day hot spring bathing

► <http://www.matsunoyu.co.jp/>

A spot where visitors can enjoy fishing year-round, 40 minutes by car from Sapporo

## 10pound

This is one of the largest managed fishing areas in Japan, where visitors can enjoy fishing without bringing any equipment with them. Visitors can partake in lure and fly fishing from spring to autumn and catch rainbow trout, whitespotted char, Japanese huchen and Dolly Varden trout. And during the winter visitors may experience snowmobiling between the groves surrounding the lake. Anyone can drive a snowmobile after about five minutes of simple instruction. Visitors may ride around the snowfields for up to three hours.



Activity

Wattsu Smart IC

Map P.15 F 10 minutes by car from Wattsu Smart IC.\*

Address: 1 Shimamatsuzawa Eniwa Tel.: 0123-29-3355 Open: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Lure fishing is available from mid-April to September,

6 a.m. to 5 p.m., until sundown on weekends and holidays.) Open 365 days a year. Parking: 70 car capacity

Admission: 3,000 yen and up per person for masu salmon fishing and barbecue. (Fishing rod and bait included. Masu salmon caught are 400 yen per 100 grams.) 6,500 yen and up per person for snowmobiling (60 minutes). ► <http://homepage2.nifty.com/10pound/>

\*The travel times from interchanges mentioned are estimates. Travel times may vary with traffic conditions, time spent waiting at traffic lights and other factors.

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An unbroken view of the city of Sapporo from the 307 meter altitude summit

## Okurayama Viewing Point

Mount Okura was the venue for the ski jumping events at the 1972 Sapporo Winter Olympics and today many international events are held there. Ascend to the summit using the lift and take in the unbroken view of the city of Sapporo, the Ishikari Plain and Ishikari Bay from the Viewing Lounge. See the starting point of the ski jump right in front of you and briefly feel how a ski jumper feels.



**Sapporo-Nishi IC** Map P.15 **D** 20 minutes by car from Sapporo-Nishi IC

Address: 1274 Miyanomori Chuo-ku, Sapporo Tel.: 011-641-8585 Open: 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the summer, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the winter  
Note: Business hours and closures may change. Please inquire for details. Closed: Early April to mid-April Parking: 113 car capacity  
Cost: Lift ticket (round trip) 500 yen for junior high school age and older, 300 yen for elementary school age and younger.

► <http://okura.sapporo-dc.co.jp/jump>

Ice cream made on site using fresh milk

## Ushigoya Ice Cream

This ice cream shop is run directly by a ranch. It makes a wide variety of flavors using fresh milk. The flavors change with the seasons. The "Maze Maze Ice Cream" (pronounced ma-zay ma-zay), a mixture of multiple flavors the customer chooses on the spot, is popular. Also, we recommend the ice cream of the day, one of around 100 kinds of ice cream with a topping that changes daily.



**Oiwakecho IC** Map P.16 **E** 10 minutes by car from Oiwakecho IC\*

Address: Inside Hosota Bokujo, 219 Nakamikawa Yuni-cho Tel.: 0123-86-2848 Open: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. with exceptions, Maze Maze Ice Cream available until 4 p.m., and until 5 p.m. in October and November. Closes when the ice cream sells out. Closed: Wednesdays, Thursdays and during the winter Parking: 50 car capacity Admission: Entry to Ushigoya Ice Cream and the ice cream of the day: 390 yen with a paper cup and 420 yen with a cone. Fried chicken 650 yen (available to go).

► <http://www.k2.dion.ne.jp/~ushigoya/>

A dining spot where customers can enjoy a variety of flavors

## Yubari Yatai-Mura (Bari Yatai)

This is the most popular dining spot in the city of Yubari, with eateries selling famous Yubari curry and soba, Sekitan Ramen, Jingisukan (mutton barbecue) and more. Because they are all under one roof, there is no need to worry about the cold or the weather conditions. In addition to seats in each eatery, there is shared seating for 52.



**Yubari IC** Map P.16 **H** 30 minutes by car from Yubari IC\*

Address: 1 Chome-81 Suehiro, Yubari Tel.: 0123-52-0230  
Open: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. (depending on the restaurant) Closed: Depends on the restaurant.  
Parking: 30 car capacity  
Admission: None

► <http://bari-yatai.com>

Notes:

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A memorial hall showcasing the history of a brewery established in 1878

## Kita no Nishiki Brewery Memorial Hall

With a design modeled on a bank in Otaru, this is the former headquarters of Kobayashi Brewery, which was completed in 1944. It is opened to free admission by the general public as a memorial hall. Some 5,000 items are on display inside, including valuable corporate materials and sake-related tools. Also, there is a permanent section for selling and providing samples of Kobayashi Brewery's high-quality sakes, including items only available at the brewery.



**Iwamizawa IC** Map P.16 **G** 20 minutes by car from Iwamizawa IC\*

Address: 3 Chome-109 Nishiki Kuriyama-cho Tel.: 0123-76-9292  
Open: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Closes at 5 p.m. April to October.) Closed: New Year's holidays  
Parking: 40 car capacity. (Large buses allowed.)  
Admission: Free admission

► <http://www.kitanonishiki.com/kitanonishiki/map/index.html#>



Plenty of lesson options

## Kiroro Snow World

This authentic winter resort has the finest powder snow. Lift lines are rare and even when the snow does stop falling, fresh tracks can be found for days. Annie Kids Ski Academy offers a wide range of programs for children of all levels. Also, the Kiroro Ski & Snowboard Academy has gathered many of the top skiers and snowboarders in Japan and offers improvement lessons. Relax after the day at the slopes and take a dip in the Kiroro hot spring – Shinrin no Yu.



**Asari IC** Map P.15 **K** 30 minutes by car from Asari IC\*

Address: 128-1 Aza-Tokiwa, Akaigawa Tel.: 0135-34-7111  
Open: 9 a.m. until sunset (lifts and night skiing available after sunset) Open 365 days a year.  
Parking: 2,000 car capacity  
Admission: One point lift ticket 300 yen for adults.

► <http://www.kiroro.co.jp/>



Enjoy strawberry picking even during cold weather

## Suparu Berries

This establishment makes possible strawberry (tochiotome variety) picking inside a large greenhouse in all weather conditions, from winter to spring. The structure has a high ceiling, permitting the picking of strawberries while standing up, and it is wheelchair-accessible. Eat all the berries you can pick for the first 30 minutes, then you may purchase for just 200 yen take-home 100 gram strawberry packs normally sold for 300 yen, as a special deal for those who pay the admission fee.



**Eniwa IC** Map P.16 **J** 5 minutes by car from Eniwa IC\*

Address: 2 Chome-2-44 Kashiwagi-cho, Eniwa Tel.: 090-8899-1541 (Check the availability of ripe strawberries ready for picking before entering)  
Open: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed: Mondays (There may be other closures depending on the availability of ripe strawberries. Also closed summer to autumn.)  
Parking: 30 car capacity Admission: Elementary school age and up 1,700 yen (1,400 yen from early April to late May), ages 3 to 5 1,000 yen (700 yen from early April to late May), ages 2 and under free

► <http://www.suparuberry.com/index.html>

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**Hokkaido Expressway**  
( Mikasa IC to Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC )  
**Fukagawa-Rumoi Expressway**

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Some ordinary road sections are closed for winter. Please confirm road status before departing.

Each region  
in North Hokkaido has  
its own vibrant local culture.



# Northern Hokkaido

Hokkaido Expressway  
( Mikasa IC to Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC )  
Fukagawa-Rumoi Expressway



Higashikawa (in September)

Late April to  
mid-October

From spring to autumn, travel across the wilds of  
Mikasa in a minicart at full speed

## Mikasa Mini-Cart Railway

Board a minicart and take it easy as you travel over 2.8 kilometers of the Horonai Line, which was taken out of service in 1987. The refreshing feeling of running through Hokkaido scenery between spring and autumn is the draw. Visitors can try driving some of the minicarts, making this facility quite popular with families.



Mikasa IC

Map P.22 H 7 minutes by car from Mikasa IC\*

Address: 971-1 Honcho, Mikasa Tel.: 01267-2-2255 Open: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (until 4:40 during busy times).

Note: Operates from April 29 to Oct. 15 in 2015. Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday when Monday is a holiday) Parking: 120 car capacity

Admission: Adults 1,000 yen, children 500 yen (for driving experience carts, adults 1,500 yen, adults accompanying children 1,200 yen and children 600 yen)

► <http://www.karamatsu-train.co.jp/mikasa/mtr.html>

Spring to  
autumn only

A theme park where visitors can board a steam locomotive

## Mikasa Tetsudomura

This is a rail theme park where a steam locomotive formerly used in Hokkaido, a miniature railroad and various other cars are on display. Inside, precious materials from the Meiji period, including timetables, uniforms and more, are on display. Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from mid-April to mid-October, visitors can ride on a steam locomotive running on tracks in the park. The park also operates every day during summer vacation. The whole family can enjoy the old locomotive.



Mikasa IC

Map P.22 G 15 minutes by car from Mikasa IC\*

Address: 2 Chome-287, Horonai-cho, Mikasa Tel.: 01267-3-1123

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday when Monday is a holiday)

Parking: 1,000 car capacity

Admission: Adults 530 yen, children 210 yen

► <http://www.s-304.com/>

Notes:

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Tyrannosaurus skeletal specimen

## Takikawa Museum of Art and Natural History

This is a museum with an art section and a natural history section in the same building. In the art section, Japanese paintings, Western paintings and books by creators with a connection to Takikawa are on display. In the natural history section, there are high-impact displays including skeletal specimens of a Takikawa sea cow (a member of the Sirenia order, to which manatees belong) and such dinosaurs as the Tyrannosaurus. It has an attached children's science museum where children can have fun while learning. It features such items as a moving globe.



Takikawa IC

Map P.22 C 10 minutes by car from Takikawa IC\*

Address: 5-30, 2-Chome Shinmachi, Takikawa Tel.: 0125-23-0502 Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (admission until 4:30)

Closed: Mondays (or the following weekday when Monday is a holiday) and Dec. 31 to Jan. 5 Parking: 120 car capacity

Admission: 620 yen for the general public, 370 yen for high school students, 250 yen for junior high school students and 120 yen for elementary school students

► <http://www.city.takikawa.hokkaido.jp/260kyouiku/05bijyutsu/sizensi.html>

Introducing Asahikawa's woodworking

## Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum of Art

This museum displays a large number of works of art by artists with a connection to northern Hokkaido. Located in Asahikawa, which has long had an active woodworking industry, it provides information on traditional woodworking, modern wood sculptures and woodworking crafts. A stroll around the perimeter of the museum, which is located in a place with abundant greenery, is also enjoyable. Inside the museum is a cafe where you can drink coffee from a cup made at a local famous potter's workshop, and promotional items are available for purchase. The special exhibitions held in the exhibit room are changed several times a year, and artists from overseas are also featured.



Asahikawa-Takasu IC

Map P.22 B 10 minutes by car from Asahikawa-Takasu IC\*

Address: In Tokiwa Park, Asahikawa Tel.: 0166-25-2577 Open: 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (admission until 4:30)

Closed: Mondays (or the next business day if a Monday is a holiday or make-up holiday. However, the museum is open Nov. 2, during art week). Also closed Dec. 29-Jan. 3 and when exhibits are being changed. Parking: 40 car capacity

Admission fees: Depend on the exhibition

► <http://www.dokyoj.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/hk/abj/top.htm>

Sweets made from Hokkaido-grown ingredients

## The Sun Kuroudo

This store is in an elegant brewery building made of stone. The half-baked chocolate shortbread "Kuranama" has a moist texture and is popular. The second floor has a self-service cafe where coffee and other beverages are available free of charge, so feel free to take advantage of it after you buy your sweets.



Asahikawa-Takasu IC

Map P.22 D 20 minutes by car from Asahikawa-Takasu IC\*

Address: 1 Chome Kaguraoka 8 Jo, Asahikawa Tel.: 0120-30-3961 (toll-free)

Open: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Open 365 days a year.

Parking: 100 car capacity

Price: 600 yen for a box of 12 Kuranama, six chocolate and six white chocolate

► <http://www.robakashitsukasa.co.jp/>

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Communing with alpacas at an idyllic stock farm

## VIVA ALPACA FARM

Alpacas are an animal of the Camelidae family pastured in the 3,500 meter and up elevation Andean Plateau zone. Their cute appearance calms people. In addition to spending time with the alpaca, popular activities at Viva Alpaca Farm include taking a mountaintop drive in a convertible or buggy in the summer, and in the winter using the air-board course. Various alpaca promotional items are on sale at the lodge, where you can also use the cafe.



**Wassamu IC** **Map P.21 A** 15 minutes by car from Wassamu IC\*

Address: 3733 Higashimachi, Kembuchi-cho Tel.: 0165-34-3911  
Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (10 a.m. to 4 p.m. November to March) Open 365 days a year.  
Parking: 50 car capacity  
Admission: Adults 550 yen elementary school and junior-high school students 250 yen.

► <http://www.viva-alpaca.jp>

Illumination of a sunflower field, an annual mid-summer event

## Hokkaido Prefectural Sunpillar Park

Three areas and 11 zones have been established in this 67.6 hectare park to offer various recreational activities, including sports and leisure. It is a facility families can enjoy all day. The sunflower field, which was the setting of the film "Star Watching Dog," is at its best from early to mid-August. The field is also beautiful when illuminated at night (planned for early August). There is an adjacent campsite and an adjacent astronomical observatory.



**Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC** **Map P.21 E** 50 minutes by car from Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC\*

Address: 147-2 Nisshin, Nayoro Tel.: 01654-3-9826  
Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open 365 days a year.  
Parking: 150 car capacity  
Admission: Free admission.

► <http://www.nayoro.co.jp/sunpillarpark/>

Early January to  
early March

A snowmobiling experience in the sheep town of Shibetsu

## Snowmobile Land in Shibetsu

In Shibetsu, which has beautiful scenery of undulating hills, in the winter (weekends and holidays from early January to early March) a snowmobile area is open that runs through a golf course and Suffolk Land Shibetsu. It is also possible to ride on banana boats and rubber rafts pulled by snowmobiles.



**Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC** **Map P.21 K** 10 minutes by car from Shibetsu-Kenbuchi IC\*

Address: Golf course — 15 Chome Higashi 8 Jo, Shibetsu / Suffolk Land Shibetsu — Gakuden Nishishibetsu Shibetsu.  
Tel.: 0165-23-1281 (golf course) / 0165-22-2991 (Suffolk Land Shibetsu) Open: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. / 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Closed: Weekdays Parking: Available Admission: Snowmobile experience starts at 500 yen. Banana boat 500 yen.  
Rubber raft 500 yen. Other options available.

► <http://taiken-kankou.com/snowshibetsugolf>

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Winter  
only

You may be able to see seals.

## Icebreaker Garinko II

Breaking up ice floes with a scraping sound, the icebreaker Garinko II pushes its way through the Sea of Okhotsk ice field. Only those on board can see the intricate and mysterious coloring of the broken ice and sea water. During the ice floe season, passengers may be able to see white-tailed eagles and seals. Also, at Okhotsk Tower, which is near the departure and return point, visitors can observe the sign below the frozen sea.



**Ukushima IC** **Map P.22 J** 90 minutes by car from Ukushima IC.\*

Address: 1 Kaiyokoen Monbetsu Tel.: 0158-24-8000 (Okhotsk Garinko Tower)  
Open: Ship operating times 6 a.m. to 4:10 p.m. (Advance contact required.) Open 365 days a year.  
Parking: 400 car capacity  
Admission: Winter fare 3,000 yen for adults (2,500 yen when there are no ice floes).

► <http://www.o-tower.co.jp/>

Winter  
only

A wide variety of winter recreation options

## Asahiyama Snow Village

Asahiyama Snow Village has a family ski slope for children and beginners. It has many forms of winter recreation ready, including snow rafting, snow banana boats, snowmobiles and inner tubes. There is a restaurant serving such dishes as rice bowls and ramen made using local ingredients. Asahiyama Zoo is nearby, so why not take them both in?



**Asahikawa-Kita IC** **Map P.22 I** 30 minutes by car from Asahikawa-Kita IC\*

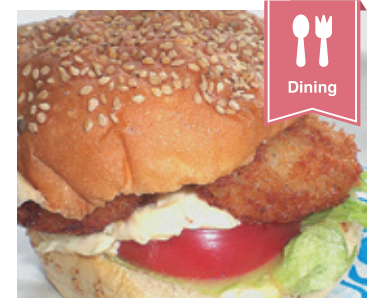
Address: 11-15 Higashi-Asahikawa Kuranuma Asahikawa Tel.: 0166-36-1941  
Open: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (until sundown) Closed: Dec. 30 to Jan. 1 Parking: 100 car capacity  
Admission: Snow rafting 200 yen for elementary school age and under and 500 yen for junior high school age and up

► <http://www.asahikawa-dpc.co.jp>

A dish made by a marine products company  
and only available at Saroma

## Hokusho Fishery Inc. Seafood Outlet

This is an original burger made using high quality scallops offered by a direct sales store dealing in fresh fish and shellfish from the Sea of Okhotsk and Lake Saroma. It is sold only at a cafe section attached to the direct sales store. Full of rich flavor, it is fried on the spot after an order is taken, then served. In addition to the scallop burger, customers can also purchase a salmon burger.



**Maruseppu IC** **Map P.22 F** 60 minutes by car from Maruseppu IC\*

Address: 52 Naniwa, Saroma  
Tel.: 01587-6-2002  
Open: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed: Irregular  
Parking: 20 car capacity

► <http://www.hokushosuisan.com/hotatebarger.htm>

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# Southern Hokkaido

Hokkaido Expressway  
(Tomakomai-Higashi IC to Onumakoen IC)  
Hidaka Expressway

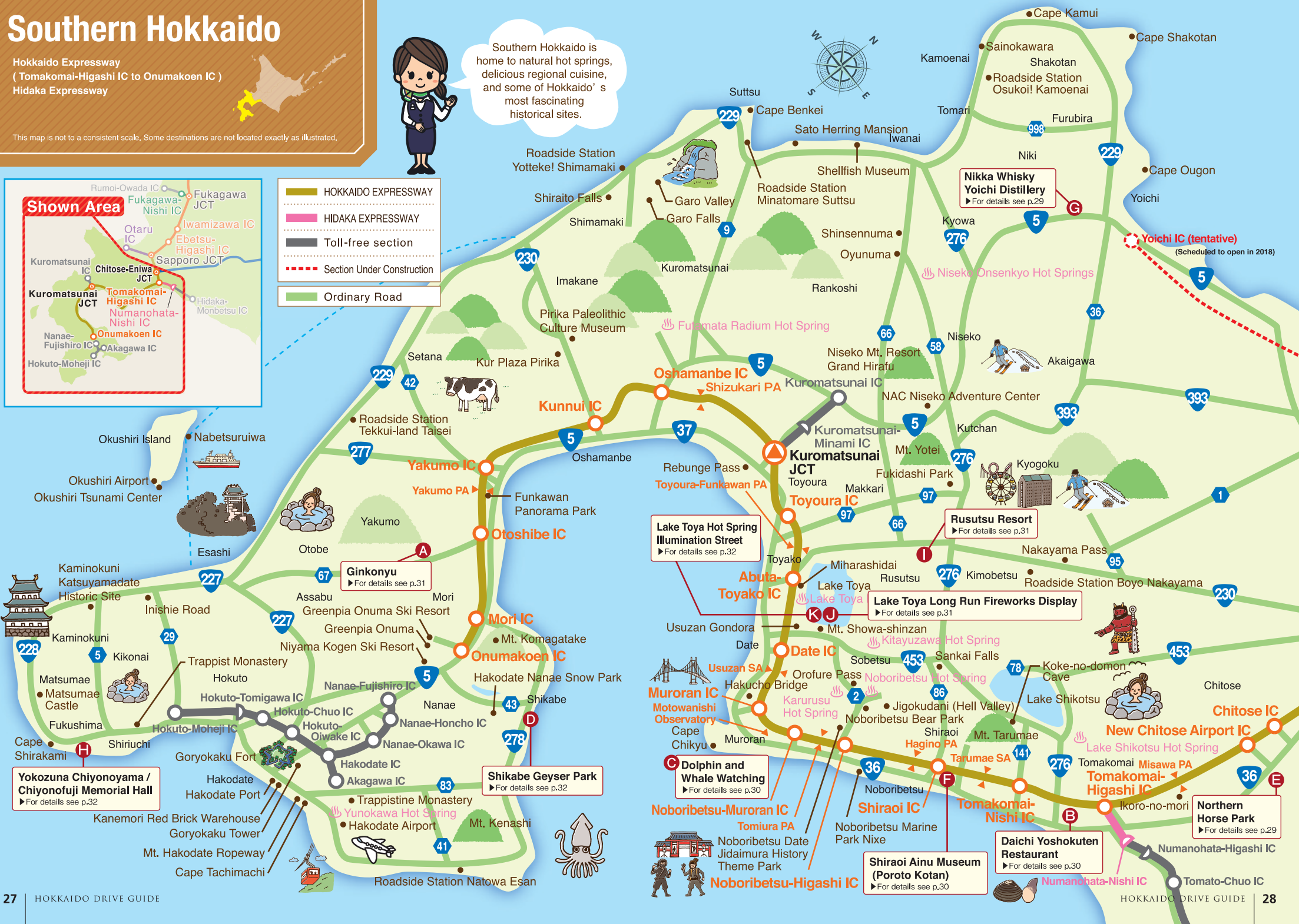
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Southern Hokkaido is home to natural hot springs, delicious regional cuisine, and some of Hokkaido's most fascinating historical sites.



- HOKKAIDO EXPRESSWAY
- HIDAKA EXPRESSWAY
- Toll-free section
- Section Under Construction
- Ordinary Road





# Southern Hokkaido

Hokkaido Expressway  
(Tomakomai-Higashi IC to Onumakoen IC)  
Hidaka Expressway



Hakodate (in September)

Whisky made in a world-famous traditional method

## Nikka Whisky Yoichi Distillery

This high-quality whisky distillery was fostered by Masataka Taketsuru, the founder who learned to make whisky in Scotland. Here you can watch a whisky making process that is highly acclaimed around the world. A highlight is the distilling building where pot stills stand in a row. It is a facility that has not changed since its founding and where you can feel the passion for whisky making. And you can sample whisky for free at the end of your tour.

Don't drink and drive



Otaru IC

Map P.27 **G** 30 minutes by car from Otaru IC\*

Address: 7-6 Kurokawacho Yoichimachi Tel.: 0135-23-3131

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (There are guided and unguided tours available. For a guided tour, you need a reservation)

Closed: Dec. 25 to Jan. 7

Parking: 40 car capacity

► <http://www.nikka.com/guide/yoichi/about.html>

A nature park easy to get to from New Chitose Airport

## Northern Horse Park

This is a nature park, with a theme of "the bonds between horses, the land and people," where you can enjoy coming into contact with horses on a large plot of some 50 hectares. It is full of ways to enjoy yourself, including various recreational opportunities including draft horses and horse-drawn carriages, along with charming gourmet dishes at various kinds of restaurants with diverse menus centered on Hokkaido-grown ingredients, all set amid beautiful scenery. A popular, one-of-a-kind pony show is put on every day.



New Chitose Airport IC

Map P.28 **E** 10 minutes by car from New Chitose Airport IC\*

Address: 114-7 Misawa Tomakomai Tel.: 0144-58-2116

Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (until 5 p.m. in October, and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from November to April 22)

Open 365 days a year Parking: 500 car capacity

Admission: Adults 500 yen, children 200 yen (free after 4 p.m. and in winter)

► <http://www.northern-horsepark.co.jp>

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A French food menu of flavors that have remained constant since the restaurant opened

## Daiichi Yoshokuten Restaurant

This is a well-established Hokkaido restaurant that has devoted itself to French food since its founding in 1919. Its numerous laboriously prepared dishes truly represent traditional flavor. For example, the demi-glace sauce for its signature dish beef stew takes two weeks to make. The rice with hashed beef is another well-known dish. The retro ambiance of the interior, which reminds one of the Taisho Roman movement, is full of charm.



Tomakomai-Higashi IC

Map P.28 **B** 20 minutes by car from Tomakomai-Higashi IC\*

Address: 6-21-1 Chome Nishikimachi, Tomakomai Tel.: 0144-34-7337

Open: 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (noon to 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. weekends and holidays)

No scheduled holidays. Parking: 5 parking spaces available (free for the first hour)

Prices: Beef stew 1,890 yen, meat and potato croquette (lunch only) 1,050 yen

► <http://www11.plala.or.jp/dyoshoku/>

See, touch and experience Ainu culture

## Shiraoi Ainu Museum (Poroto Kotan)

This is an outdoor museum that presents the history and culture of the Ainu, the indigenous people of Hokkaido. In addition to a museum that exhibits the food, clothing, shelter and manner of living of the Ainu in a way that is easy to understand, and there are public demonstrations of traditional dance and handicrafts in the thatch-roof chise (house) in the park. There is also a hands-on musical performance classroom with tonkori (plucked stringed instruments) and mukkuri (Jew's harp). For the classroom, reservations are required and there is an entry fee.



Shiraoi IC

Map P.28 **F** 6 minutes by car from Shiraoi IC

Address: 2-3-4 Wakakusa-cho Shiraoi-cho Tel.: 0144-82-3914 Open: 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed: New Year's holidays

Parking: 37 car and 8 motorcycle capacity. 300 yen for cars, 100 yen for motorcycles.

Admission: Adults 800 yen, high school students 600 yen, junior high school students 500 yen, elementary school students 350 yen

► <http://www.ainu-museum.or.jp/index.html>

Nearby sea animals enliven Funka Bay in the spring

## Dolphin and Whale Watching

In the sea near Muroran, you can observe various sea animals from a boat, including Pacific white-sided dolphins giving birth and rearing their pups, minke whales, killer whales and fur seals. The trip takes between 2 hours and 2 hours 30 minutes. The highlight is whales and dolphins swimming energetically in the blue waters of Funka Bay with Komagatake, Mount Usu and Mount Yotei in the background.



Muroran IC

Map P.28 **C** 5 minutes by car from Eniwa IC\*

Address: 1st Floor Enrum Marina, 2-14 4-Chome Etomo-cho, Muroran Tel: 0143-27-1822 (KKelm), 090-1644-6793 (Starmarine)

Open: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (operates early May to late August) Closed: No closures during operating period

Parking: 100 car capacity Fees: Adults 6,000 yen (including tax), children 3,000 yen (including tax)

► [http://www.kk-elm.jp\(KKelm\)](http://www.kk-elm.jp(KKelm)) [http://www.muro-nc.com/\(Starmarine\)](http://www.muro-nc.com/(Starmarine))

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Summer to  
autumn only

Annual fireworks displays that bring excitement  
to Lake Toya from summer to autumn

## Lake Toya Long Run Fireworks Displays

This is an annual series of fireworks displays marking its 34th year this year. They are put on every night from April 28 through Oct. 31. Some 450 fireworks are set off over a span of 20 minutes in the sky over Lake Toya. They are sent up from moving boats one after another and can be seen from anywhere in the Lake Toya Hot Springs Resort. The fireworks are particularly impressive when viewed from a room in a lake view hotel.



Abuta-Toyoko IC

Map P.28 J 5 minutes by car from Abuta-Toyoko IC\*

Address: Lake Toya Hot Springs Lakeside Tel.: 0142-75-2446 (Toyako Onsen Tourist Association)

Open: 8:45 p.m. to 9:05 p.m.

Closed: Canceled during stormy weather

Parking: 200 car capacity (public parking lots)

► <http://www.laketoya.com/event/>

Actively enjoy amusement parks and nature

## Rusutsu Resort

This is a resort where visitors can fully enjoy the vast nature of Shikotsu-Toya National Park. In the summer they can enjoy outdoor activities in nature and amusement parks. In the winter they can partake in winter sports including skiing and snowboarding as well as a dogsledding experience. The hotel is equipped with a hot spring bath. At this resort a person can fully enjoy the nature of Hokkaido outdoors and then heal her fatigue by soaking in the hot springs.



Abuta-Toyoko IC

Map P.28 I 50 minutes by car from Abuta-Toyoko IC\*

Address: 13 Izumikawa, Rusutsu (Rusutsu Resort Hotel) Tel.: 0136-46-3331 (reception) Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Varies with the season.)

Hotel open 24 hours.) Closed: Seasonal closures in April and November

Parking: 2,000 car capacity in summer and 3,000 car capacity in winter. Admission: Amusement park admission fee 4,950 yen for adults, 1,200 yen for elementary school students to age 4 and for people ages 60 and older.

► <http://www.rusutsu.co.jp/>

An inn where visitors can enjoy abundant nature and famous hot springs

## The hot springs inn Ginkonyu

Ginkonyu got its start on the day of Emperor Taisho's silver (25th) wedding anniversary when the owners two generations back struck a new hot spring source. It is an inn full of atmosphere located in the middle a copse, surrounded by abundant nature. Admired as one of the best and best-known hot springs in Hokkaido Prefecture, it attracts married couples celebrating their silver anniversaries from throughout Japan. A promenade loop that takes about an hour to complete is dotted with reserved outdoor baths, for which it is well-known.



Otoshibe IC

Map P.27 A Oboshibe 20 minutes by car from Otoshibe IC\*

Address: 199 Kaminoyu Yakumo Tel.: 0137-67-3111 Open: Noon to 4 p.m. (day-trip bathing)

Closed: Mondays

Parking: 30 car capacity

Fees: 700 yen for adult one-day bathing

► <http://www.ginkonyu.com/>

Notes:

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Relax while soaking in foot baths and gazing at powerful geysers

## Shikabe Geyser Park

The sight of water approximately 100 degrees centigrade spraying more than 15 meters in the air through the power of geothermal energy is a powerful one. Inside the garden, which is in the style of Japanese rock gardens, there are footbaths that use the hot water from the geysers to soothe tired feet. With facilities such as Chobo no Yakata, where visitors can take in an unbroken view of the Pacific Ocean and Funka Bay, and Dokutsu no Michi, which explains the mechanism of geysers, it is a park full of fun options.



Onumakoen IC

Map P.27 D 30 minutes by car from Onumakoen IC\*

Address: 18-1 Shikabe Shikabe-cho Tel.: 01372-7-5655 Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. in summer)

Closed: Every fourth Monday from November to March (two days later when Monday falls on a holiday), New Year's holidays

Parking: 60 car capacity Admission: 300 yen (tax included) for adults, 200 yen (tax included) for children (elementary and middle school children)

► <http://shikabe.jp/skk/>

Learn about the history and achievements of two great yokozuna

## Yokozuna Chiyonoyama / Chiyonofuji Memorial Hall

In the town of Fukushima, the birthplace of 41st yokozuna Chiyonoyama Masanobu and 58th yokozuna Chiyonofuji Mitsugu, there is a museum that extols their great achievements. It presents the achievements of the two yokozuna and scenes from their activities, including their trophy cups and embroidered aprons. Many of their valuable possessions are on display, including Chiyonofuji's certificate of merit and vase from when he received a People's Honour Award in 1989.



Onumakoen IC

Map P.27 H 90 minutes by car from Onumakoen IC\*

Address: 190 Fukushima Fukushima-cho Tel.: 0139-47-4527

Open: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed: Winter vacation (Open everyday from March 17 to Nov. 15)

Parking: 32 car capacity Admission: 500 yen for adults and 250 yen for elementary, junior high and high school students

► <http://www.town.fukushima.hokkaido.jp/sumo/memory/default.htm>

Winter only

Winter illumination

## Lake Toya Hot Spring Illumination Street

An Illumination Street, which adorns Lake Toya Hot Springs Resort in the winter. In addition to a vividly illuminated street that continues to the lakeside, a fantastical illumination tunnel you can walk through is also popular with tourists. After taking in the lights, warm your body to the core in Lake Toya's famous hot springs.



Abuta-Toyoko IC

Map P.28 K 10 minutes by car from Abuta-Toyoko IC\*

Address: Lake Toya Hot Springs Resort, Toyoko Tel.: 0142-75-2446 (Toyako Onsen Tourist Association)

Open: 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Closed: None (Opening schedule: November to March 31)

Parking: 100 car capacity (free, public parking)

► <http://www.laketoya.com>

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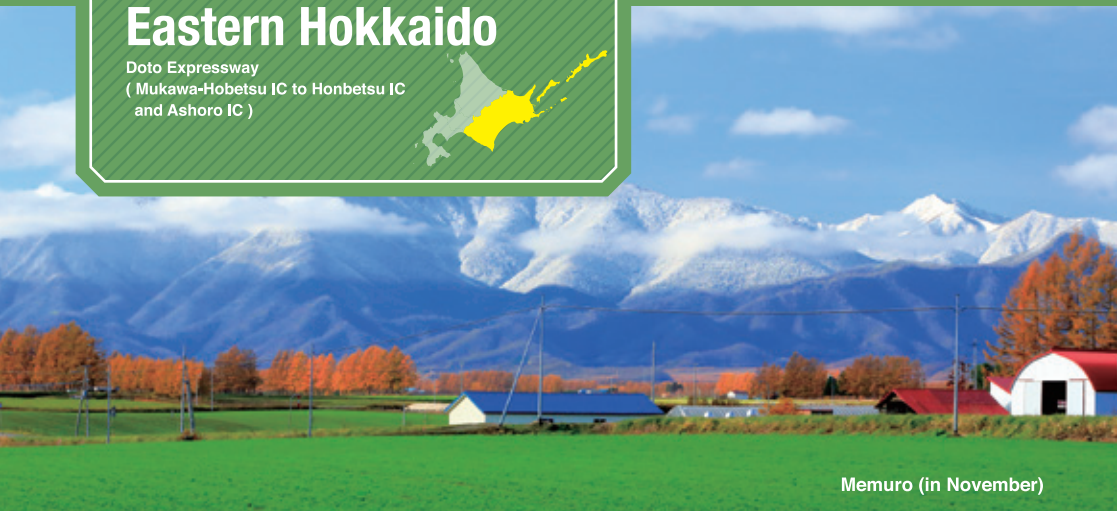
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# Eastern Hokkaido

Doto Expressway  
(Mukawa-Hobetsu IC to Honbetsu IC  
and Ashoro IC)



Memuro (in November)

Experience the good old days of phonographs and records

## Listening experience and cultural exchange center Recordkan

This is a cultural exchange center that exhibits many rare pieces of our cultural legacy such as phonographs and early records that have historical value. It has some 920,000 records in its collection. While learning about the struggles and process of the inventors, visitors can look at the record jackets that are beautiful as art in their own right and immerse themselves in the nostalgic sound of the music flowing from horn speakers that are among the largest in Japan.



Must-see spot

Hidaka-Monbetsu IC

Map P.33 D 30 minutes by car from Hidaka-Monbetsu IC\*

Address: 1-4 Chuochi Niikappu-cho Tel.: 0146-45-7833 Open: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parking: 150 car capacity  
Closed: Mondays (open when Mondays fall on a holiday and closed the next day; open during Golden Week and summer vacation),  
Dec. 30 to Jan. 5 Admission: Admission to the center is free. There is a charge for admission to the museum and some other sections.  
► <http://www.niikappu.jp/kurashi/kyouiku/bunka-sports/record/index.html>

The summer sea of clouds and winter ice are beautiful

## Hoshino Resorts Tomamu

This is a stay-type resort that has three hotels on its large grounds, various activities and restaurants where diners can fully enjoy seasonal Hokkaido ingredients, all against a background of mountains covered with coniferous trees. The Unkai Terrace is very popular in the summer. Reached by ascending the mountain on a gondola, it allows visitors to look down on a sea of clouds that spreads out before their eyes. In the winter, a fantastic world can be seen in the Ice Village. It features an ice bar, an ice restaurant, an ice chapel and more, most made of ice. The resort also has a family ski slope and day care facilities. It is a place where families can enjoy themselves as well.



Activity

Tomamu IC

Map P.33 A 5 minutes by car from Tomamu IC

Address: Nakatomamu, Shimakappu-mura Tel.: 0167-58-1111 Open: Hours vary with the facility, so please check the website.  
Closed: There are some closures. Please check the website. Parking: 2,000 car capacity  
Admission: No admission fee. An overnight stay with breakfast starts at 11,500 yen (two people per room).  
Admission to the Unkai Terrace is 1,900 yen (adults).  
► <http://www.snowtomamu.jp/>

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Take a breather while tasting some sweets

## Ryugetsu Sweetpia Garden

This is a popular spot for individuals or families, where you can watch the signature offering, the Sanpooroku, be covered with a white birch pattern in two colors of chocolate. It has an attached cafe section where coffee is available for free. Taste items from the limited menu of freshly made offerings right there. The shop also sells unique, limited items.



Must-see spot

Otofuke-Obihiro IC

Map P.33 B 5 minutes by car from Otofuke-Obihiro IC\*

Address: 9 Sennishi-18-2 Shimootofukekita Otofuke Tel.: 0155-32-3366  
Open: 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (In summer the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and operating hours of the cafe and tours should be checked in advance.)  
Open 365 days a year. Parking: 200 car capacity  
Admission Free  
► <http://www.ryugetsu.co.jp/>

Full of leisure activities that allow you to play to your heart's content in the nature of Tokachi

## Tokachi Nature Center

Enjoy various outdoor activities throughout the four seasons amid the grand nature surrounding Tokachigawa Hot Spring. There is a full menu of recreational activities available to allow visitors to fully enjoy the vast scenery only found in Tokachi, including hot air balloons, canoes, river rafting and mountain biking tours.



Activity

Otofuke-Obihiro IC

Map P.34 E 20 minutes by car from Otofuke-Obihiro IC\*

Address: 12 Chome-1-12 Tokachigawaonsenminami Otofuke Tel.: 0155-32-6116  
Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open: 365 days a year  
Parking: 8 car capacity  
Admission: 2,100 yen for the hot air balloon experience, 7,300 yen for the canoe tour  
► <http://www.nature-tokachi.co.jp>

An scenic viewpoint where the vast scenery of Tokachi spreads out before you

## Tokachigaoka Scenic Viewpoint

This is a scenic viewpoint that affords an unbroken view of the Tokachi Plain and Tokachi River near Tokachigaoka Park, whose impressive flower clock is 18 meters in diameter and has a seconds hand 10 meters, 10 centimeters in length. The grand sight of the evening sun matches the vast scenery. On weekends and holidays only from the end of April until the end of October, a "scenic cafe" will be there serving coffee and other items free of charge.



Must-see spot

Otofuke-Obihiro IC

Map P.34 F 20 minutes by car from Otofuke-Obihiro IC\*

Address: Tokachigawa Onsen Kita 14-4, Otofuke Tel.: 0155-32-6633 (Tokachigawa Onsen Tourist Association)  
Open: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.  
Parking: 10 car capacity  
Admission: free  
► <http://www.tokachigawa.net/sightseeing/features/tokachigaokaPark/index.html>

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Going there may bring you happiness

## Kofuku Station

Kofuku Station was closed in 1987, but it lives on as a tourist attraction because of the good omen of its name. ("Kofuku" means "happiness" in Japanese.) A great many tourists have been visiting it for many years, both from within and outside Japan. A "Destination: Happiness" ticket from Kofuku Station has become a standard souvenir. The wedding experience "Kofuku Station Happy Ceremony" is also recommended (5,290 yen for costume rental and keepsakes). For details, call 0155-67-6611.



Kofuku IC

Map P.33 2 minutes by car from Kofuku IC\*

Address: Obihiro-shi, Kofuku-cho, East 1 Sen 161 Tel.: 0155-65-4169 (Obihiro City Tourism Section)

Open: 24 hours, 365 days a year.

Parking: 36 car capacity

Admission: Free

► <http://www.city.obihoro.hokkaido.jp/shoukokuankoubu/kankouka/c020201aikokukoufuku.html>

An aquarium featuring only freshwater fish that are rare even in Japan

## Aquarium of north earth

This is an aquarium of fish gathered from the rivers and lakes found amid the mountains of Hokkaido, fish that are rare within Japan. In the "Four Seasons Tank," where a Hokkaido river has been re-created, visitors can see the behavior of various kinds of river fish. The fish include the landlocked masu salmon, Salvelinus leucomaenis and Salvelinus malma miyabei. The "Waterfall Basin Tank," which allows you to experience the sensation of being in the basin of a waterfall, is another highlight. The aquarium has many appealing exhibits, including a large tank in which swim 40 Hucho perryi, which is known as a huge, fancy fish.



Ashoro IC

Map P.34 100 minutes by car from Ashoro IC and 80 minutes by car from Maruseppui IC\*

Address: 1-4 Rubeshibecho Matsuyama Kitami Tel.: 0157-45-2223

Open: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. (9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from November to March) Closed: Dec. 26 to Jan. 1, April 8 to 14

Parking: 39 car capacity

Admission: Adults 670 yen, junior high school students 440 yen and elementary school students 300 yen ► <http://onneyu-aq.com/>

Steep in a bath as long as you like while gazing on the nearby lake water

## Kotan no Yu

Kotan no Yu is a free, outdoor hot spring where Lake Kussharo spreads out right before your eyes. Area residents continually keep the area around the hot spring clean. There is a large rock placed right in the center, separating the men's and women's bathing areas, but the back area is connected, so for practical purposes it is mixed bathing. Wearing a bathing suit is allowed, however, so there is no need to worry.



Ashoro IC

Map P.34 110 minutes by car from Ashoro IC\*

Address: Kotan Kussharo Teshikaga-cho Tel.: 015-482-2200 (Mashu Lake Tourist Association)

Open: 24 hours a day Closed: Tuesdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Parking: 5 car capacity

Admission free

► <http://www.masyuko.or.jp/pc/onsen/cotan.html>

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Late June to  
early September

The standard among standards for Lake Kussharo tourism

## Sunayu

Of course, this is a hot spring in a lot at the only scenic point on the banks of Lake Kussharo, which are lined with souvenir shops. Beginning in summer you can create an impromptu hand or foot bath by digging in the sand. The hole you make will quickly fill up with hot spring water. Of course you can also get in. There are no changing rooms, so it is essential to wear a bathing suit.



Ashoro IC

Map P.34 120 minutes by car from Ashoro IC\*

Address: Sunayu, on the banks of Lake Kussharo, Teshikaga Tel.: 015-484-2106 (Sunayu Rest House)

Open: 24 hours a day, 365 days a year

Parking: 140 car capacity

No bathing fees

► <http://www.masyuko.or.jp/pc/sightseeing/sunayu.html>

Appreciate the graceful Japanese crane, a special natural monument

## Kushiro City Japanese Crane Reserve

The Japanese crane is a nationally designated special natural monument once threatened with extinction due to indiscriminate hunting. This is a nature park opened with the aim of protecting them and increasing their numbers. The big draw is the ability to see the Japanese crane in a near natural environment anytime, regardless of season or weather conditions. There is also an exhibition room where visitors can learn about the ecology of the Japanese crane.



Shiranuka IC

Map P.34 50 minutes by car from Shiranuka IC\*

Address: 112 Tsuruoka Kushiro Tel.: 0154-56-2219

Open: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Closes at 4 p.m. from Health and Sports Day [2nd Monday in October] to April 9)

Closed: New Year's holidays Parking: 85 car capacity

Admission: General public 470 yen, elementary and junior high school students 110 yen

► <http://kushiro-tancho.jp>

Winter only

Take a walk on the frozen surface of Lake Akan

## Walking in the Forest and on the Surface of Lake Akan

Through mid-March, tours are conducted in which participants put on snowshoes and walk on the frozen surface of Lake Akan and in the surrounding forest. When conditions are right, participants may see such natural phenomena as frost and frost flowers, and animals including the Ezo red fox, the Hokkaido sika deer and the Hokkaido squirrel. It is a precious tour experience only available during the winter season.



Ashoro IC

Map P.34 50 minutes by car from Ashoro IC\*

Address: 2-6-20, Akan-Ko Onsen, Akan-cho Tel.: 0154-67-3200 (Akan Tourism Association)

Open: From 9:30 a.m.

Closed: When weather requires it.

Admission: Participation fee 3,000 yen for adults and 2,100 yen for children.

► <http://www.lake-akan.com/>

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## A spring-only pleasure

## Pink Bibai Tunnel

From Mikasa IC to Bibai IC



The Bibai Tunnel entrance (in the direction from Sapporo to Asahikawa) has been planted with moss phlox in places. When you drive toward Asahikawa in the spring, you can enjoy the pink tunnel.



## Height 9.5 meters, width 14 meters

## Crab tunnel

From Noboribetsu Muroran IC to Motowanishi Observatory

When you drive toward Hakodate, you will see a cute crab on the Kamishiro tunnel entrance.

At the time discussions were underway on how this tunnel 4 kilometers before the cities past the Muroran IC could be used for tourism PR for Muroran, Oshamanbe and Hakodate. Many candidates were considered, including Hakucho Bridge, Mount Usu and Cape Chikyu, but because the expressway runs along Uchiura Bay, it was decided to create a monument using the image of a crab in relief. The crab is a famous marine product of Uchiura Bay. Thus appeared this huge crab 9.5 meters tall and 14 meters wide.



## Protecting birds

## A bridge lined with 4 meter poles

Between Otoshibe IC and Mori IC

The animals whose bodies are most frequently recovered on Hokkaido expressways are birds. Birds of prey have a behavior of catching river fish while flying at low altitudes. Placing 4 meter poles at 2 meter intervals on both sides of bridges over the rivers that are their feeding grounds causes them to fly so as to avoid the poles and prevents collisions with cars.



## A stone circle from some 4,000 years ago

## The Washinoki Ruins above the tunnel

Between Otoshibe IC and Mori IC

The Washinoki Ruins are a stone circle and pit cemetery from first half of the latter part of the Jomon Period (some 4000 years ago) discovered when the expressway was being built in 2002. The stone circle is made up of approximately 600 stones of 20 cm to 60 cm in diameter, and the elliptical shape of 37 meters by 34 meters is one of the largest in Hokkaido. It is thought to have been a holy place for religious ceremonies and rituals. In 2005, due to the tunnel construction method, it was decided to preserve the ruins in their present condition. Carefully carrying out the construction, the crew succeeded in preserving it with sinkage of just 1 cm. The town of Mori is responsible for managing the ruins. Because the ruins are being preserved using a waterproof canvas, they are not currently open to the public.

In 2006, The Washinoki Ruins became a nationally designated historic site, and in 2009, they were added to the UNESCO World Heritage provisional list as part of "the Jomon Archaeological Sites in Hokkaido, Northern Tohoku, and other regions."



The Washinoki Ruins

## Enjoy Tokachi to the fullest

## The Hidaka Mountains and the Tokachi Plain

Between Tokachi-Shimizu IC and Tokachiheigen SA

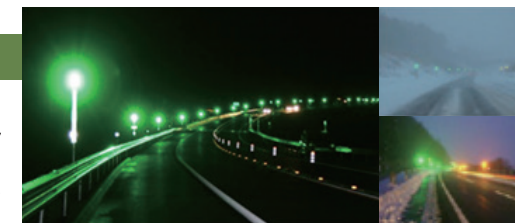


When you head west from the Memuro IC toward Sapporo and pass the Tokachiheigen Service Area, the Doto Expressway runs across the Tokachi Plain. The land on each side of the expressway is covered with fields of wheat, beats, beans and other crops. At harvest time each has its own color and the land appears clothed in patchwork. After a while you will see right in front of you the Hidaka Mountains, which are known as the backbone of Hokkaido. That sight seen from the expressway is a highlight and it will truly make you feel you have driven across Hokkaido. The Doto Expressway makes you hold the island of Hokkaido in awe and allows you to fully experience scenery of a different kind from Honshu's.

## Green and orange light

## LED snow poles

"LED snow poles" are equipment designed for safe driving on the expressways of Hokkaido in winter. They are installed every 50 meters as eyemarks for drivers (visual guidance) for times of poor visibility due to thick fog, snowstorms and blizzards.





## EVENT INFORMATION

There are many fun events in Hokkaido year round.



### Central Hokkaido

Event name	Dates	Event details
<b>Chitose and Lake Shikotsu — Chitose and Lake Shikotsu Hyoutou Festival</b>	Late January to late February	The ice sculptures, illuminated with variously colored lights at night, are beautiful. Stage events are also held on weekends and holidays.
<b>Sapporo Snow Festival</b>	Early February	There are many highlights, including the large, artistic snow statues.
<b>Otaru Snow Light Path</b>	Early February to mid-February	Some 200 glass-float candles twinkling on the surface of the canal, along with softly glowing snow candles and objects art, fantastically adorn the townscape of Otaru.
<b>Sapporo Lilac Festival</b>	Early May	Some 400 lilacs are in full bloom. Music festivals are held in various venues.
<b>Sapporo Autumn Fest</b>	Mid-September to early October	This is a popular food-themed event. There is a full lineup of Hokkaido dishes made with ingredients from the prefecture.

### Northern Hokkaido

Event name	Dates	Event details
<b>Soukyo Hot Springs Ice Fall Festival</b>	Late January to mid-March	On a 10,000 square meter venue on the riverbed of the Ishikari River, castles and shrines of ice appear. At night they are illuminated to create a fantastical ambience.
<b>Asahikawa Winter Festival</b>	Early February	When all is said and done, the highlight is the large snow statues. There are also an enormous slide and a snow-sculpture workshop.
<b>Fairytale Village Takinoue Moss Phlox Festival</b>	Early May to early June	The highlight is a huge colony of moss phlox in full bloom on 100,000 square meters of hills. There are many events to be enjoyed during the festival period.

### Southern Hokkaido

Event name	Dates	Event details
<b>Matsumae Cherry Blossom Festival</b>	Late April to mid-May	Matsumae Park is recognized as one of the 100 best locations for viewing cherry blossoms. It blooms with some 10,000 cherry trees of 250 varieties.
<b>Hakodate Port Festival</b>	Early August	This is Hakodate's largest summer festival during which the entire city is alive with a variety of events.
<b>Noboribetsu Jigoku Festival</b>	Late August	The great king Enma of Jigokudani appears in the hot springs village accompanied by large numbers of red and blue demons. There is also a fireworks display.

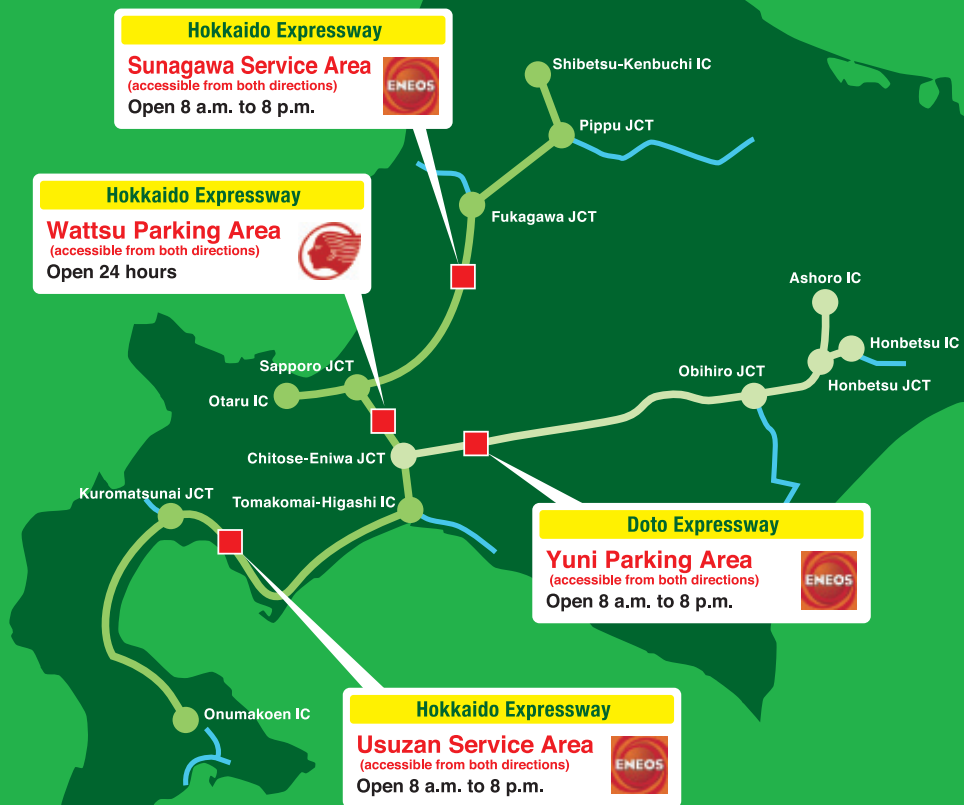
### Eastern Hokkaido

Event name	Dates	Event details
<b>Otofuke Tokachigawa Swan Festival Sairinka</b>	Late January to early March	This is a fantastical show that wraps the intensely cold snow field of winter in light and sound.
<b>Akkeshi Sakura and Oyster Festivals</b>	Mid-May to late May	Fully enjoy the last cherry blossoms of the Japanese archipelago while dining on oysters, a famous product of Akkeshi. An event for catching oysters and clams by hand also gets pretty lively.
<b>Kachimai Fireworks Display</b>	Early August	Some 20,000 fireworks color the night sky in harmony with music and laser beams.

The schedules and locations of the various events may change, so be sure to confirm them before heading to an event.

# Be careful not to run out of gas!

## Service areas and Parking areas with gas stations



- When driving on the Doto Expressway toward Obihiro, **the Yuni Parking Area is the last gas station**, so check your remaining gasoline before proceeding.
- **The Wattsu Parking Area has limited operating hours**, so when driving at night be sure to fill your gas tank early.