



Historic Site: Jigamine-jo Castle Ruins

The castle ruins, originally from the Heian period, are located atop an alluvial fan at an altitude of 195m. Remains of a double moat and earthen walls that were used as protection from intrusion can be seen in the surrounding area. Traditional ceramics such as white porcelain and celadon, as well as weights and inkstones, have been excavated from the site. Other remains believed to be traces of battle have also been recovered, including carbonised bowls and iron arrowheads.



Historic Site: Kamegami Kofun & Chinjutori Kofun

Constructed in the latter half of the 4th century, the Kamegami Kofun is 129m long, 66m wide at the front, and 74m wide at the rear, making it one of the largest key-hole shaped burial mounds in the Tohoku region. Chinjutori Kofun is a keyhole-shaped burial mound measuring 55m long, 17m wide at the front, and 31m long at the rear. It is believed to be slightly older than the Kamegami Kofun. Artifacts such as cylindrical haniwa (clay figures) and jar-shaped pottery have also been excavated from these mounds.



Former Igarashi Family Home

The home of a mid-sized farming family in the Aizu plains. It was designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan as the construction date was found written on a beam in the rafters. Donated by Mr. Igarashi of Naka-kazui, it was dismantled and repaired before being moved to its current location. It has been preserved with as little alteration as possible, giving us an insight into the lives of the common people at the time.
Contact: Education Division, Lifelong Learning Section
0242-83-3010
Open: 9:00AM-16:00PM (Apr-Nov)
Closed: Mondays (or the day following a public holiday)



Aizubange Buried Cultural Properties Center

This facility was opened with the aim of preserving and reutilising cultural assets excavated from local areas. The exhibition displays include earthenware and pottery from various eras, giving visitors an insight into the history of the area.
Contact: Aizubange Buried Cultural Properties Center
0242-83-1421
Open hours: 9:00AM-16:30PM
Open weekdays (Saturdays by reservation only)



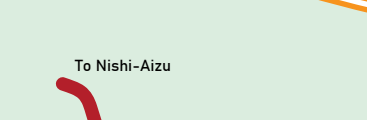
Aizubange's local hero
Hatsuichi Warrior Tawaraiga



Ancient Echigo Highway



Tabanematsu Pass



Subashiri Mineral Hot Springs



JR Tadami Line



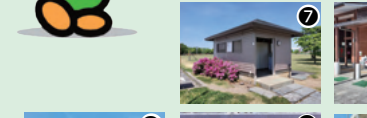
Tadami Line Mascot
Kiha-chan



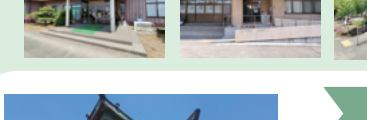
Kitaura St. historic sites and cultural assets



Hokai-ji Temple



Kitoku-ji Temple



Komyo-ji Temple



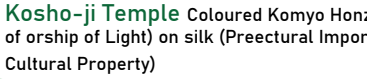
Kosho-ji Temple



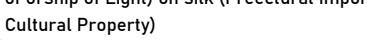
Kororiji Temple



Tsurunuma Cherry Blossom Lane



Rape blossom



Apple blossoms



Sweet lilies



National Important Cultural Property:
Kami-unai Yakushi

Contact: Kami-unai Yakushi-do Manager, Saito Mitsuru
0242-83-1953
Festival date: Sep 12

This seated yakushi nyorai (healing buddha) statue is one of the "Five Aizu Yakushi" (the Western Yakushi). It stands 1.83m tall and is made from a single piece of zelkova wood. Believed to have been created in the mid-Heian period (794-1185), it was the principal image at Takadera Temple at the time of its consecration. During the Genroku period (1688-1704), the temple fell into disrepair, but Doan of Odawara restored it and move it to its current site. Standing statues of nikko and gakkō (sunlight and moonlight) Bodhisattvas and standing shokannon Bodhisattva are also enshrined within the temple.

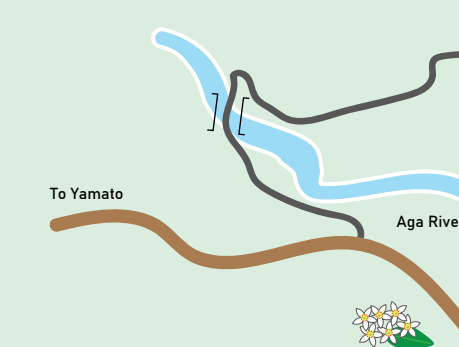
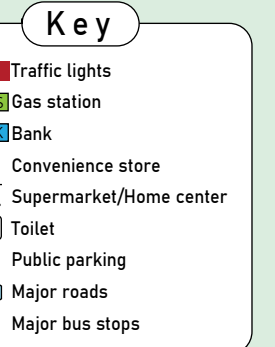


National Important Cultural Property: Eryu-ji Temple, Tachiki Kannon

Contact: Mt. Kinto-san, Eryu-ji Temple
Festival date: Aug 17, 18
10:00AM and 14:00PM (1hr sessions)

0242-83-3171
Open: 9:00AM-16:00PM
Price: ¥300

This Thousand-Armed Kannon statue is one of the three "Aizu Korori San Kannon". One of the largest tachiki (standing tree) Buddha in Japan, the statue itself is 7.4m tall, with the full height reaching 8.5m tall, and it is said that the roots of the tree extend beneath the floor. The hall houses the "dachi-tsuki hashira", or the hugging pole; if you hug it while making a wish, your wish may be granted. You can also view the 28 deities that accompany the Buddha, including the Fujin and Raijin (wind and thunder god) statues, all of which are in near perfect condition.



Aizubange
Navigation Map



Toilet Map					
No.	Facility	Time	Closed	Multipurpose Toilet Wheelchair	Baby seat
1	City-operated parking lot	24h	No holidays	○	○
2	Aizubange Station	6:00-22:30	No holidays	○	○
3	Tachiki Kannon	24h	No holidays	○	○
4	Kami-unai Yakushi	24h	Dec-Mar	○	○
5	Sugi-no-Ito Sakura (cherry tree)	24h	Dec-Mar	○	○
6	Kasuga Hachiro Memorial Museum	10:00-16:00	Dec-Mar	○	○
7	Bange Higashi Park	9:00-17:00	Dec-Mar	×	×
8	Roadside Station Aizu	24h	No holidays	○	○
9	Bange Community Center			×	×
10	Wakamiya Community Center			○	○
11	Kanagami Community Center	8:30	Sat/Sun Public Holidays	×	×
12	Hirose Community Center	~	New Year period	○	○
13	Kawanishi Community Center	17:15	Sometimes closed weekdays	○	○
14	Yahata Community Center			○	○
15	Takadera Community Center			○	○

Aizu Spiritual Tourism

Aizu Korori San Kannon
Tachiki Kannon, Mt. Kinto-san (Aizubange) 0242-83-3171
Nakada Kannon, Mt. Fumon-zan, Koon-ji Temple (Aizumisato)
Torioi Kannon, Mt. Kongo-san, Nyoho-ji Temple (Nishi-aizu)

Aizu 33 Kannon
No. 11: Tsukabara Kannon 0242-83-5711
Commerce, Industry and Tourism Section
No. 31: Tachiki Kannon 0242-83-3171
Mt. Kinto-san Eryu-ji Temple
No. 32: Aotsu Kannon 0242-83-4777
Josen-ji Temple
No. 33: Oike Kannon 0242-82-2479
Saiko-ji Temple

Five Aizu Yakushi
Western Yakushi, Kami-unai Yakushi-do (Aizubange) 0242-83-1953
Central Yakushi, Shoyo-ji Temple (Yugawa)
Eastern Yakushi, Enichi-ji Temple (Bandai)
Northern Yakushi, Kitayama Urushi Yakushi (Kitakata)
Southern Yakushi, Nodera Yakushi (Aizuwakamatsu)



Tsukabara Kannon-do



Aotsu Kannon



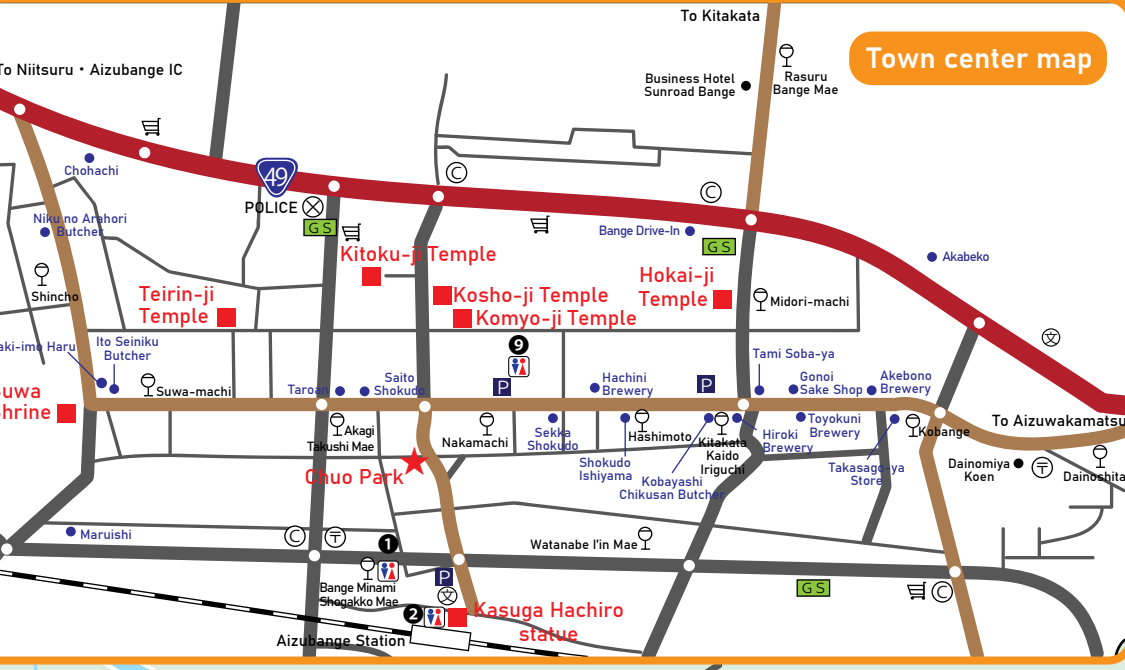
Kami-unai Yakushi-do



Kasuga Hachiro Memorial Museum

This museum exhibits items related to the late singer Kasuga Hachiro, a major star of the Showa Kayo-kai, and an honorary citizen of Aizubange. There is also a karaoke corner, where you can sing some of his most famous songs. A single cedar tree stands in front of the museum, with a nearby plaque bearing song lyrics to his song "Wakare no Ippon Sugi" (The Lone Pine Tree of Farewell).

Contact: Kasuga Hachiro Memorial Park & Museum
0242-82-4601
Open Hours: 10:00AM-16:00PM
Open Period: Apr-Nov (Open everyday, closed over winter)



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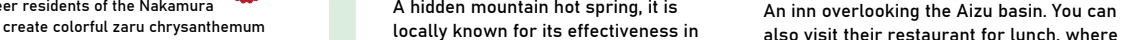
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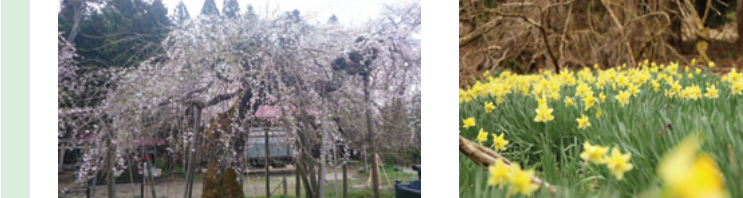


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Flowers of Aizubange



Sugi-no-Ito Sakura (cherry tree) Mid-April
This weeping tree, characterised by its pale flowers, is one of Aizu's five famous cherry trees. It is said to be the second generation of the tree transplanted from Miyagi county during the Tencho era (1573-1592).

Eryu-ji Temple (Tachiki Kannon) cherry blossoms Mid-April
The many cherry trees that bloom and fall around the temple gate create a picturesque scene, with petals fluttering in the wind along the approach to the temple.

Tsurunuma Cherry Blossom Lane "Komichi" Mid-April
The cherry blossoms that line over 1km of the walking path are planted by the Cherry Blossom Owners Association, and can be enjoyed while strolling the path.



Violets and daffodils Mid-April-Late May
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Buckwheat Mid-late September
Found mostly in the Nagai and Takadera districts, buckwheat produces many small white flowers.

Rape blossom Mid-late April
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Zaru chrysanthemums Mid-October-early November
Volunteer residents of the Nakamura district create colorful zaru chrysanthemum art.

Ski resort mid-April
Sugiyama district
Tenya district

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Hot springs • Accomodation



Subashiri Mineral Hot Springs
A hidden mountain hot spring, it is locally known for its effectiveness in treating skin conditions such as miliaria.
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Warijuku Ryokan: Shorinkaku Inn
An inn overlooking the Aizu basin. You can also visit their restaurant for lunch, where you can enjoy delicious local cuisine such as soba noodles.
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