

# YOSHINOOGAWA CITY



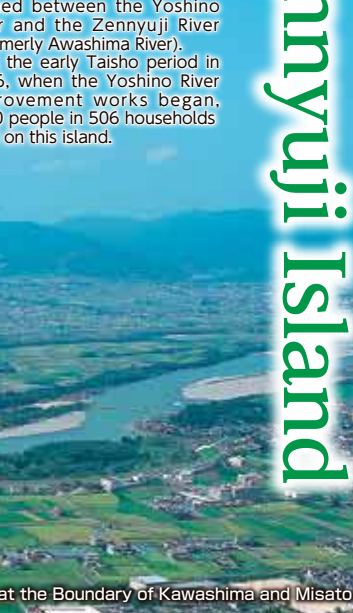
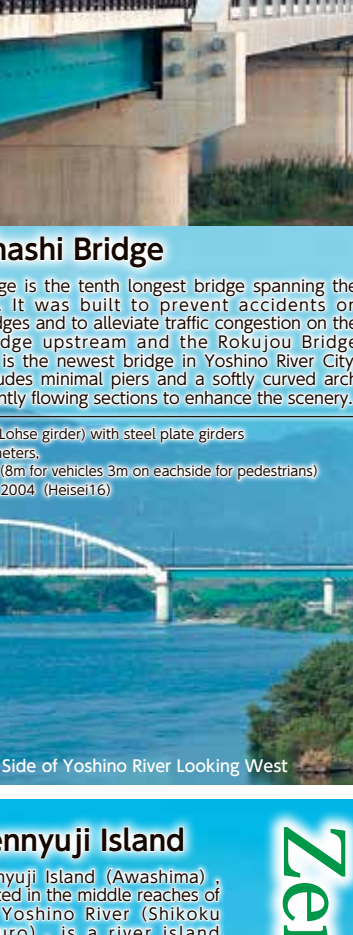
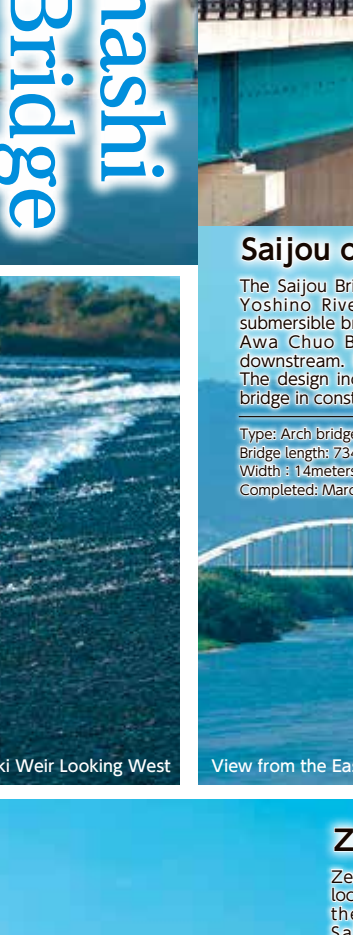
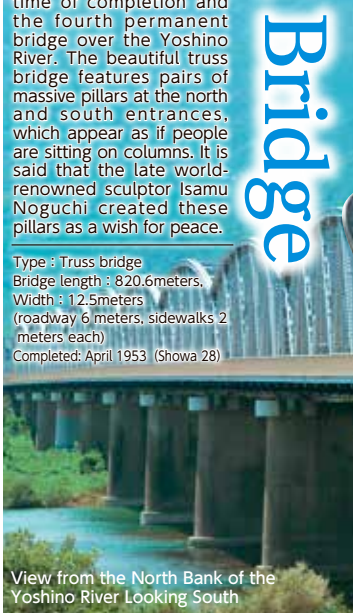
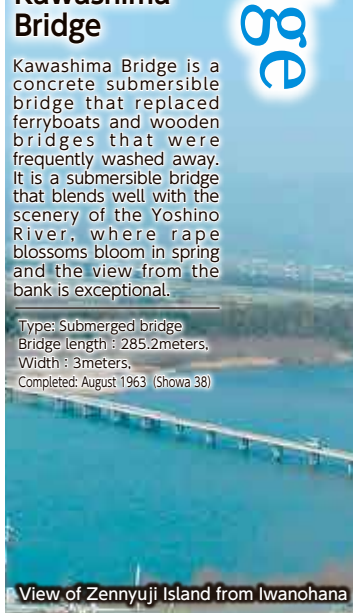
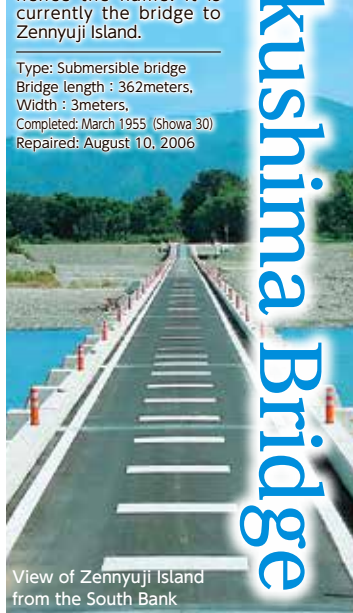
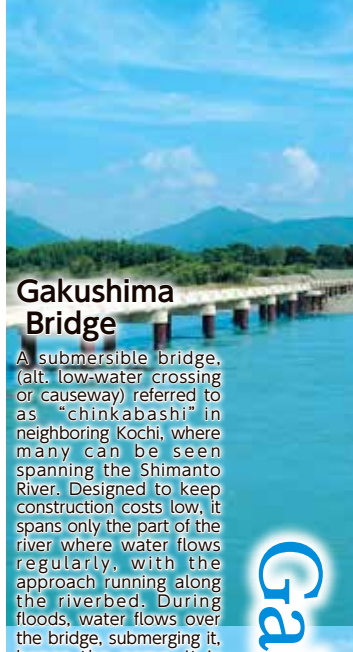
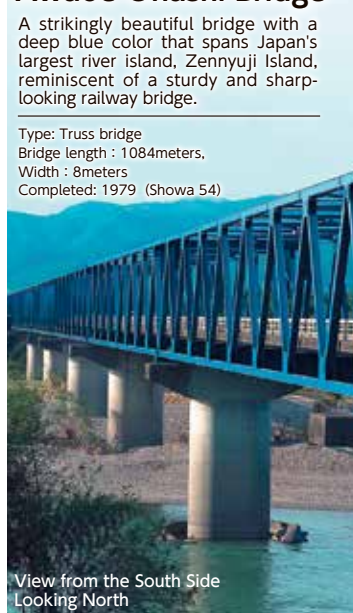
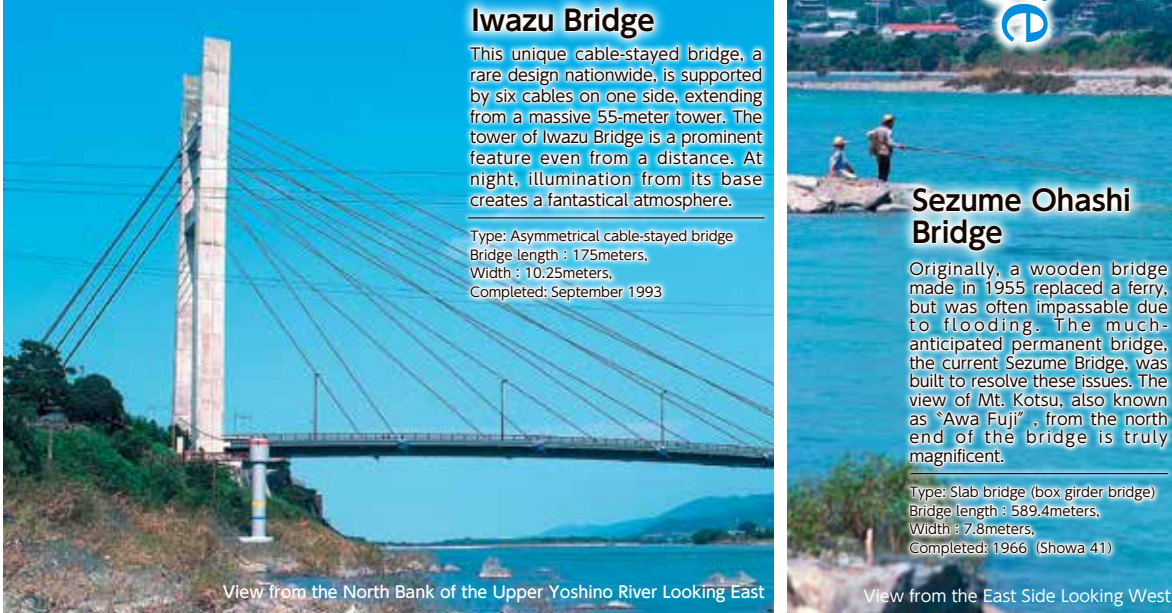
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Yoshinogawa City Hotel Guide			
Central Hotel Kamojima	471-2 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	50 guests	+81-(0)883-24-8989
Business Hotel Access Kamojima	224-1 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	35 guests	+81-(0)883-24-5050
Business Hotel Roadside	160-3 Uchibara, Kamojima-cho	20 guests	+81-(0)883-22-1088
Olke Ryokan	537 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	20 guests	+81-(0)883-24-2459
Sakura Ryokan	502-11 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	30 guests	+81-(0)883-24-2404
Ryokan Yoshino	1444-1 Inoo, Kamojima-cho	24 guests	+81-(0)883-24-1263
Mikasaya Ryokan	461-10 Kamojima, Kamojima-cho	23 guests	+81-(0)883-24-2511
Guest House Channel Kan	740-1 Chiejima, Kamojima-cho	10 guests	+81-(0)883-24-7059
HOSTEL OE	485-4 Kamishima, Kamojima-cho	16 guests	+81-(0)883-26-0117
Yonetani Ryokan (Inn)	420-3 Kawashima, Kawashima-cho	15 guests	+81-(0)883-25-2226
Awarakuya	178 Kawashima, Kawashima-cho	7 guests	+81-(0)883-25-3699
Fuigo Onsen (Hot springs)	31-1 Hisamune, Yamakawa-cho	25 guests	+81-(0)883-42-4700
Sugimura Bekkan Annex	13-1 Okidai, Yamakawa-cho	10 guests	+81-(0)883-42-2223
Tanenoya	47 Kawamata, Misato	16 guests	+81-(0)883-43-2900
Misato no Yu (Hot springs)	75-1 Okumaru, Misato	14 guests	+81-(0)883-30-3836
Oyado eleven	148-1 Inoo, Kamojima-cho	10 guests	+81-(0)80-2989-8070
Rando store guest room- Aizome to yado	73-3 Kawahigashi, Yamakawa-cho	11 guests	+81-(0)883-33-9643
(Farm stay)			
Hands-on Farming Inn Pokomo Yama	14-2 Maruyama, Misato	9 guests	+81-(0)883-43-2970
(Camp site)			
Airakuyu Farm Chienomori	2007-1 Sanji, Kamojima-cho	Akara reservation required	+81-(0)80-1575-8909

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## | Bluer than Indigo, The Yoshino River |

# Landscapes of Bridges and Islands

Known as Shikoku Saburo, and celebrated in song as the "bluer than indigo, Yoshino River," it's a major river of Japan, originating from Mt. Kamegamori in Ehime Prefecture and stretching 194 kilometers. Within the city, various bridges from different eras that span it make for a landscape likened to a museum of bridges.



## ■ YOSHINOOGAWA ■ CITY ■ ANNUAL ■ EVENT ■

- [January] **Early Jan.**  
Admission Ticket to JR Gaku Station (Kawashima)  
**January 9th**  
Yukagura no Shinji (Kawashima)  
[February] **Mid Feb. to Mid March.**  
Plum blossom festival (Misato)  
**Last Sunday of Feb.**  
Yoshinogawa City Riverside Half Marathon  
[March] **Late Mar.**  
Egawa Kamojima Park Sakura Festival (Kamojima)  
[April] **Early Apr.**  
Cherry Road Line Cherry Blossom Festival (Misato)



### 1 Admission Ticket to JR Gaku Station

Entrance tickets to Gaku Station have been popular since around 1974, selling approximately 100,000 annually. A set of five is considered a ticket into the school of choice for students, a play on words. Tickets are sold at Gaku Station from New Year's Day to early January.



### 2 Ume Blossom Viewing Walk



### 3 Egawa Kamojima Park (Sakura Festival)

Kamojima Park, which is located in the heart of Kamojima-cho, Yoshinogawa City, is very famous as a "Sakura spot". There are more than 200 trees of Yoshino Cherry, among them a giant tree over 120 years old.

- [May] **Third Sunday of May**  
Healing Walk Tracing the Path of Kukai  
(Kamojima + Kawashima)  
**Mid May to Late May**  
Funakubo Tsutsuji Park azalea viewing season (Yamakawa)  
**Late May to Mid Jun.**  
Misato Fireflies viewing season ((Misato)  
**Second Sunday of May**  
Kotsuji Temple Shakujou Festival (Yamakawa)  
[June] **June 1st**  
Yoshino River Ayu fishing season opening



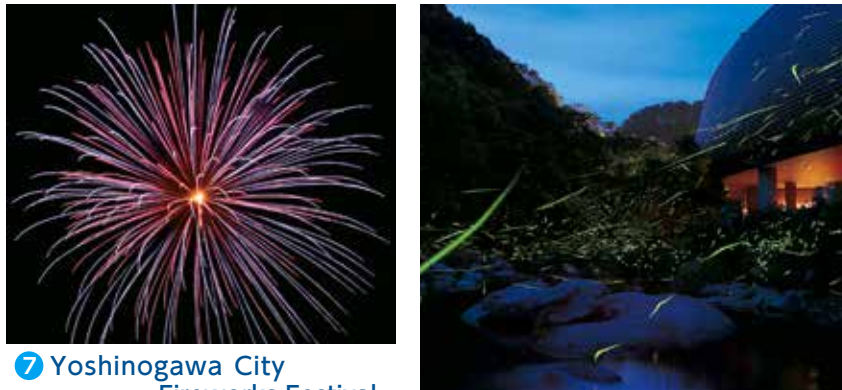
### 4 Funakubo Tsutsuji Park

Called Funakubo since ancient times (Fun is ship, kubo is depression) because it's located on a sunken plane (approximately 3ha) shaped like the bottom of a ship between Mt. Kotsu (Alt.1,133m) and Mt. Okunono (Alt.1,159m). In this park, more than 1,200 plants of mostly Rhododendron veyrichii are clustered including large azaleas more than 300 years old. Each Rhododendron is as large as almost 10m and reaches to 6m in height, very characteristic of the azaleas in Funakubo Park that can't be found elsewhere in western Japan. The large azaleas of Funakubo were officially designated as a National Treasure in 1985. They cover the park with pink and red flowers from mid-May every year, with many tourists visiting from all over Japan.

### 5 Shakujou Festival

At Kotsuji Temple near the summit of Mt. Kotsu, the Shakujou Festival is held every year on the second Sunday of May as a spring festival. The event includes grand rituals like the Daisatogomaku fire festival and firewalking, attracting many believers and spectators.

- Last Saturday of June  
Gokuro Festival (Kamojima)  
[August] **Early Aug.** Fireworks Festival (Kamojima)  
**Mid Aug.** Awa Dance Festival (Kamojima)  
**Mid Aug. to Late Sept.**  
Scenic Grape Vineyard (Yamakawa)  
[October] **Late Oct. to Late Nov.**  
Chrysanthemum Figure and Flower Exhibition (Kamojima)  
**October 22nd**  
Kawatohachiman Shrine Autumn Festival (Yamakawa)  
Kamiyo Otakara Odori (Yamakawa)



8 Misato Firefly Festival  
The entire Misato district was designated as a national treasure in 1970 for fireflies (hota ryu) and their habitat. From late May to mid-June, firefly viewing reaches its peak. Efforts include shading nets, cleanup activities for protection, and firefly sightseeing tours.

### 9 The Chrysanthemum Figure and Flower Exhibition

The Chrysanthemum Figure (Kiku ningyō) and Flower Exhibition, which is the only one in Shikoku, is held at the event venue in front of city hall from the end of October to the end of November every year. Figures themed on characters from NHK Tuga Drama show and incredibly beautiful flowers are put on display.



### 10 Awa dance

The Awa Odori, synonymous with Tokushima, is a major summer event held around mid-August at a special venue near JR Kamojima Station.

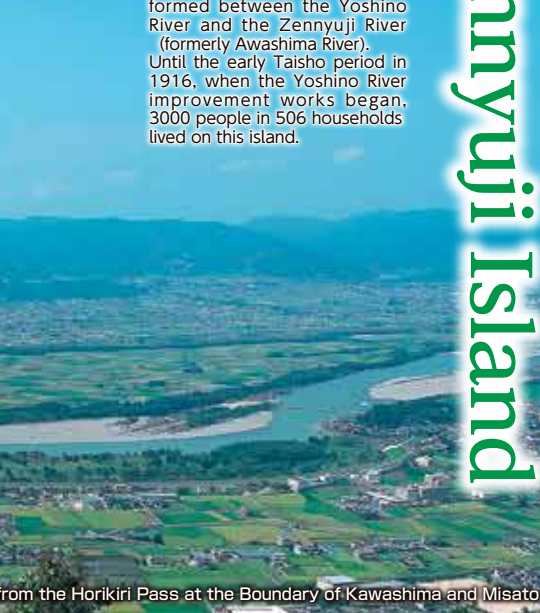
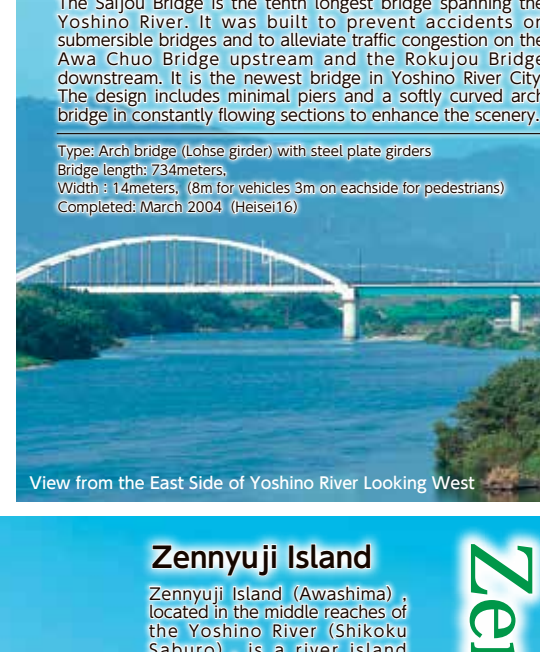
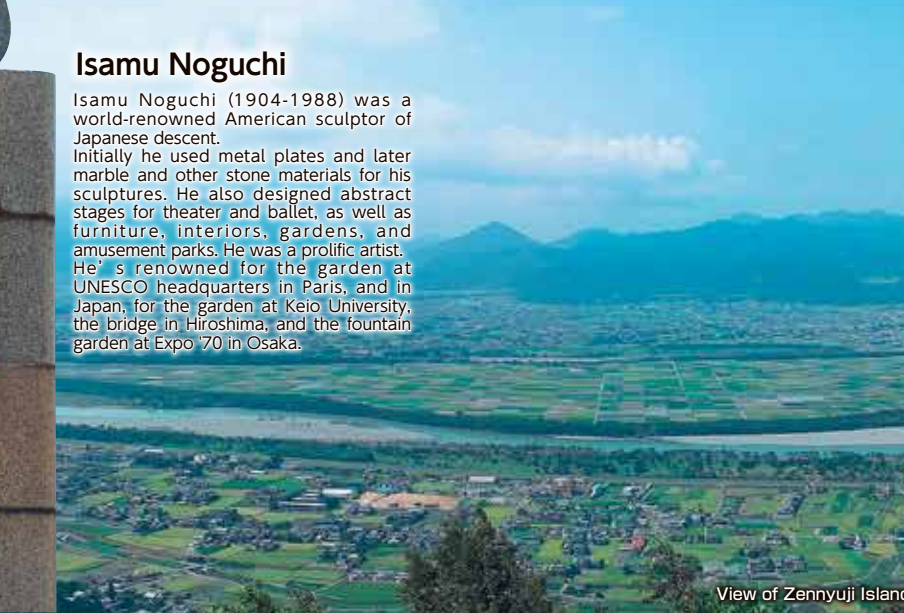
### 11 Gokuro Festival

This unique festival, held on the last Saturday of June every year, celebrates the comedic talents of Soganoya Gokuro from Kamojima. Participants parade through the streets dressed as Gokuro.

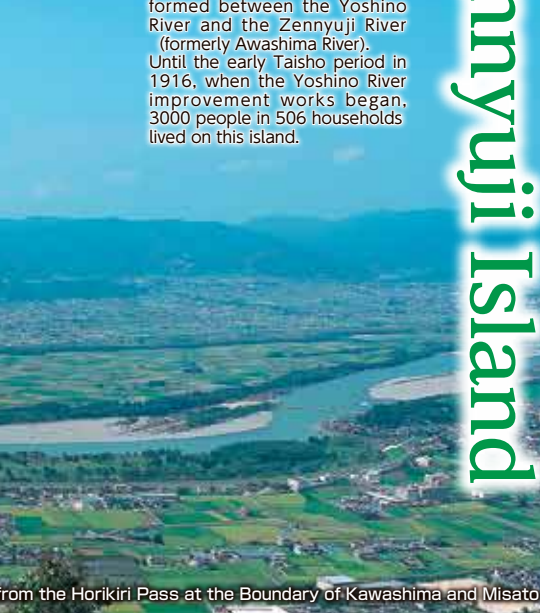
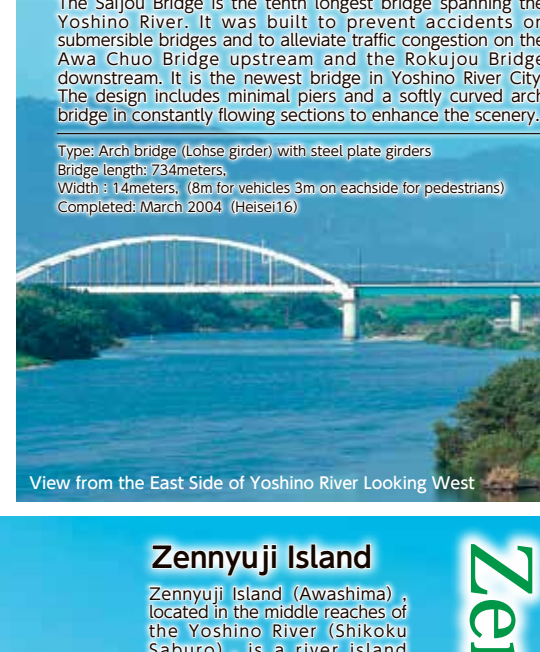
### Kakushima zeki Weir

The second largest weir after the Dajui Weir, it crawls with kandori boats in the summer, where people fish for ayu (sweetfish) in the clear stream. The water levels upstream and downstream of the Kakhara Weir differ by 5 meters, and the weir attracts many birds (herons, etc.) that prey on fish like ayu. This location is one of the best points to fully enjoy the great outdoors.

Type: Fixed weir  
Weir length: 439 ken (approximately 790 meters)  
Width: 52 shaku (approximately 16 meters)  
Completed: 1919 (Taisho 8)  
Construction begins: 1906 (Meiji 39)



## Saijou Ohashi Bridge



## Baths

Baths are the best way to relax and refresh your body and mind away from the daily rush of life and travel fatigue.

Hours

Bathing Fee

Address

Tel

The day closed

Parking

(Yamakawa)

## Fuigo Hot Spring

7:00 am ~ 10:00 pm Open Hours: 7:00 am ~ 8:30 am/10:00 am ~ 10:00 pm Cafeteria : closed

Adults 600 yen, children (3 years old to junior high school students) 300 yen, repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 6,000 yen (adults only)

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+81-(0)883-42-4700

Irregular

50 parking space

Lodging available

Sauna, soap, and shampoo included

(Misato)

## Misato no Yu

Seasonal fragrances

This bath uses mineral water from the Misato Higashiyama Mine. Reopened in 2022. The chef's focus on creative Japanese cuisine is very popular.

Lodging available

Capacity: 14 guest

soap, and shampoo included

(Kamojima)

## Kamo no Yu

Day-use hot springs

Sauna, soap, and shampoo included

1:00pm~8:00pm The third Thursday 4:00pm~8:00pm

Adults (junior high school students and over) repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 5,500yen

Adults (ages 70 and over) repeat visit coupon tickets (11 tickets) 4,500yen

Children under 3 years old entry free

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+81-(0)883-22-1926

Open every day

60 parking space



## YAMAKAWA



### 16 Funakubo Tsutsuji Park

In Funakubo Tsutsuji Park which is on a 3ha basin (Alt.1,060), more than 1,200 plants of mostly Rhododendron yewichii are clustered including large azaleas. The large azaleas of Funakubo were officially designated as a National Treasure in 1985. In mid-May, the season of Tsutsuji, Tateishi Pass which is located on roadway from the park to Kotsuji is great spot to view amazing crimson colour of the Rhododendron on top of the deep green of the forest.



### 18 The Hall of Awa Japanese Handmade washi Paper

History of Awa Washi began 1300 years ago. Here the skills and techniques of the production process cultivated over a long history are reproduced. A variety of exhibitions are held here regularly. You can watch demonstrations and try your hand at making your own Paper.

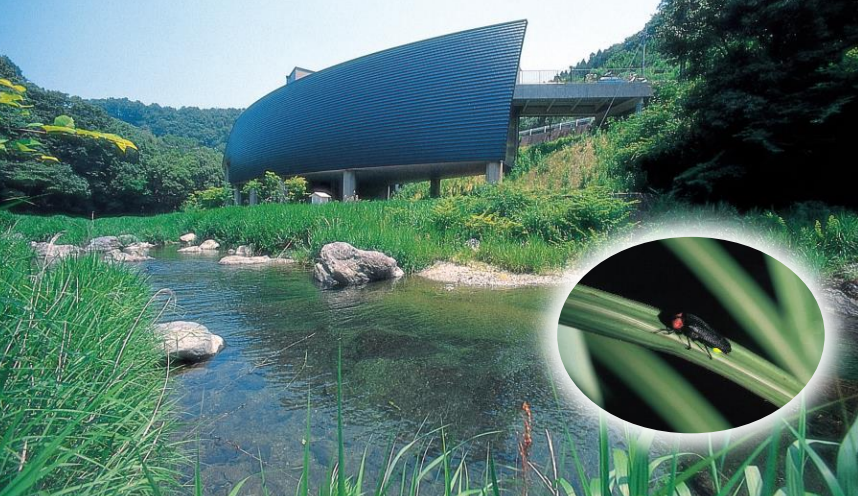
- Hours : 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Closed: Monday (When Monday is a national holiday, the hall remains open and closes the following Tuesday.)
- Year-end/New Year holiday (December 30 to January 2)
- Admission Adult 500yen
- Student (High School and over) 400yen
- Students (Junior High and Elementary school) 300yen
- Group discount/ Applied for 20 or more people
- Address: 141 Kawahigashi Yamakawa-cho Yoshinogawa-shi
- \*15 minutes walk from JR Awa Yamakawa station
- Inquiries: TEL 0883-42-6120
- Website: <http://www.awagami.or.jp>



### 20 Bamboo Park

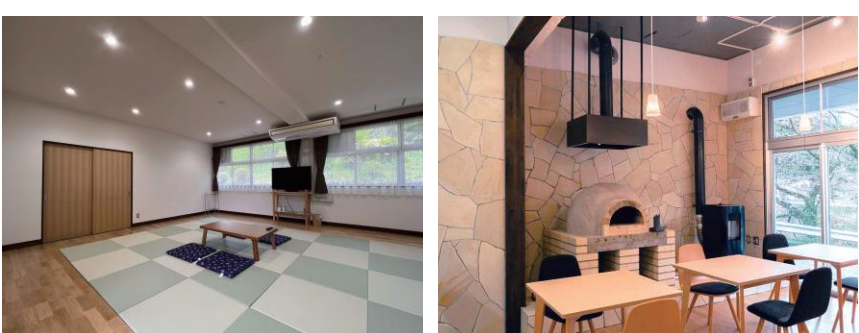
Bamboo Park, a vast 1 hectare bamboo grove on the Yoshino River's riverbed, features a multipurpose lawn area, event stage, dragonfly pond, and walking paths made of bamboo and stone. Adjacent embankments and riverside promenades allow visitors to explore aquatic life and the natural environment of the Yoshino River.

## MISATO



### 22 Misato Hotaru Museum

A perfect home for fireflies, Misato district was designated as a national monument in 1970. Misato Hotaru Kan has many exhibits which provide various information about creatures living around the river as well as people's lives and history in the area. It is a gateway to "Misato Outdoor Museum".



### 23 Tanenoya, a base for community exchange in the low uplands

Tanenoya, renovated from the former Taneno Elementary school, is a place for local exchange and fun experiences. It offers accommodations so visitors can spend relaxing time with family and friends. Also you can enjoy chattering in cafe and making pizza using a stone pizza oven.



### 25 Misato Bussankan

Misato Bussankan offers jam, wine and other processed products made from local specialties such as Ume, Yuzu, Suda chi and Japanese edible plants. Misato soba noodle made from local buckwheat flour is also available at the adjoining restaurant.

- Hours: 10:00am to 5:30pm
- Closed: Year-end/New Year holiday
- Address: 463-3 Touge Misato Yoshinogawa-shi
- Inquiries: TEL 0883-26-7888 FAX 0883-26-7890
- Website: <http://www.misatoya.or.jp>

# YOSHINO GAWA CITY GUIDE MAP



### 17 Kotsuji Temple

Kotsuji Temple was once famous as "Yoshino of the East" and "Kotsu of the West," thriving as a training hall for Shugendo (mountain asceticism). The principal image is Kongozaō King. The entrance gate features splendid carvings.



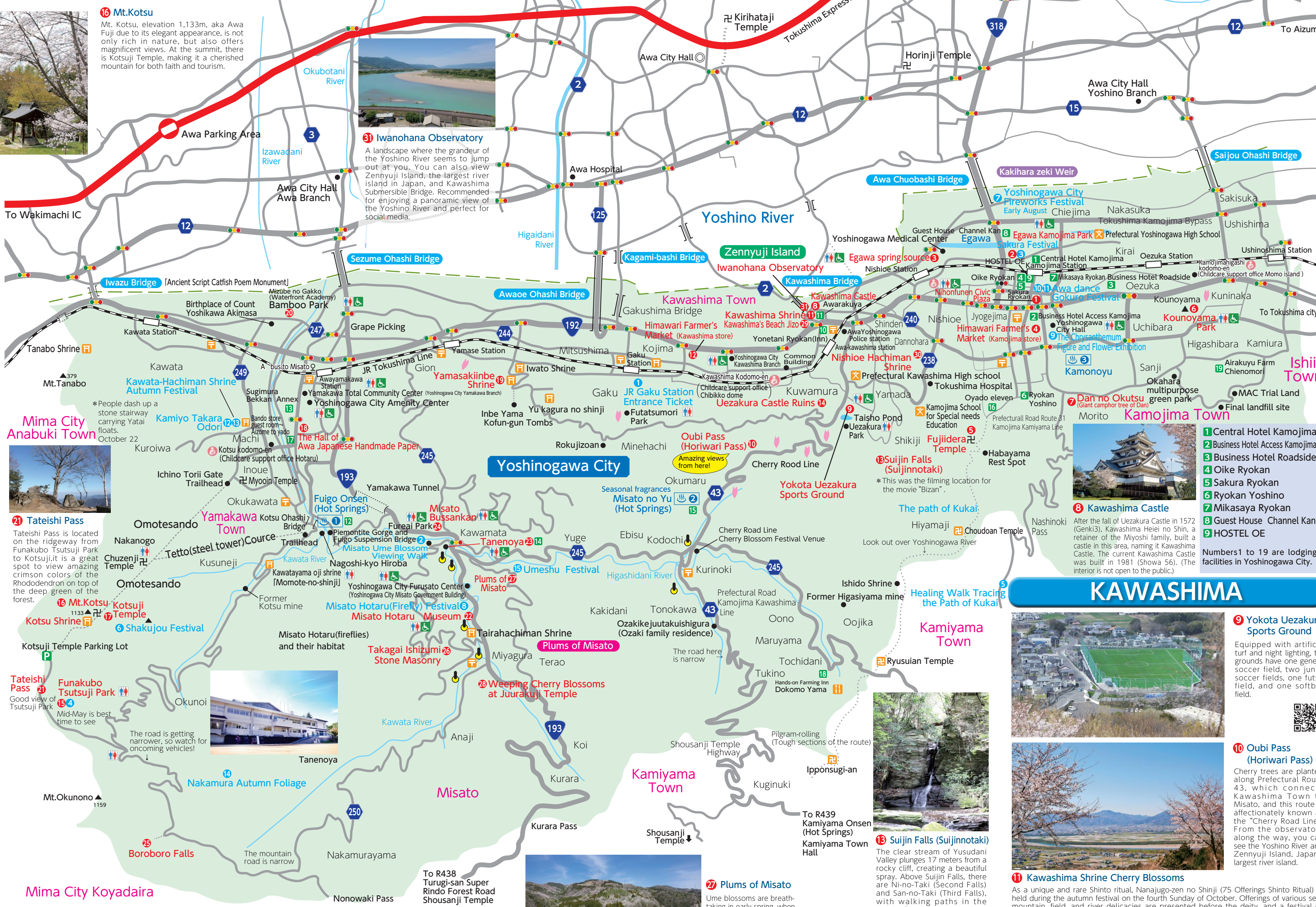
Japan Heritage in Yoshinogawa city  
Shikoku Henro registered on April 24, 2015  
The Birthplace of "Japan Blue" Awa registered on May 20, 2019

	Type	Name	Location	Manager and Owner	Announced
Nationally Designated Cultural Properties	Important Cultural Properties	Sculptures	Wooden Shakyamuni Buddha Image	1525 Inou Kamojima-cho	Fujidera Temple August 9 in 1911
	National treasure	Paintings	Color on silk painting of Ninana	Yuumayama Yamakawa-cho	Kotuji temple August 29 in 1910
		Plants	Funakubo Rhododendron Communities	Yoshinogawa City	October 26 in 1985
		Creatures	Misato fireflies and their habitat	Yoshinogawa City	August 29 in 1970
			Entire Misato district		

### 3 Egawa Spring Source

(One of Japan's Famous Springs by the Ministry of the Environment)  
This spring is selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Famous Waters and is a prefectural natural monument. The water has an unusual temperature, remaining cool at around 10 degrees in summer and warm at over 20 degrees in winter.

To Naruto



## KAWASHIMA



### 1 Kawashima Shrine Cherry Blossoms

As a unique and rare Shinto ritual, Nanajugozen no Shinji (75 Offerings Shinto Ritual) is held during the autumn festival on the fourth Sunday of October. Offerings of various sea, mountain, field, and river delicacies are presented before the deity, and a festival of gratitude for agricultural abundance is conducted.



### 2 Kawashima's Beach Jizo

Recognized as part of the Japan Heritage "Awa, the Home of Indigo," this Jizo statue stands on Kawashima's beach (river port). With a pedestal height of 2.67 meters, it ranks third among high-pedestal Jizo statues in the Yoshino River basin. The names of prominent indigo merchants from Kawashima are inscribed on the pedestal, and it is believed to have been erected to ensure the safety of boats transporting indigo bails.

## KAMOJIMA



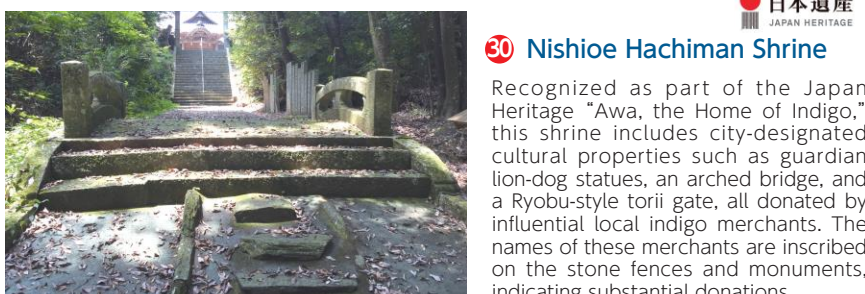
### 1 Nihon Futen Civic Plaza

The Civic Plaza is a complex facility consisting of the arena for sports facilities and the Civic Center for cultural, welfare, and industrial facilities. The Civic Center includes a co-working share office, Kamojima Library, Childcare Support Center, and Pocket Park. The Arena comprises a main arena and a sub-arena, suitable for hosting various sports competitions.



### 2 Egawa Kamojima Park (Sakura Festival)

In spring, the entire park is adorned with cherry blossoms, attracting many visitors for flower viewing. In summer, the icy cold water of the famous Egawa spring provides a refreshing escape from the heat.



### 20 Nishioe Hachiman Shrine

Recognized as part of the Japan Heritage "Awa, the Home of Indigo," this shrine includes city-designated cultural properties such as guardian lion-dog statues, an arched bridge, and a Ryobu-style torii gate, all donated by influential local indigo merchants. The names of these merchants are inscribed on the stone fences and monuments, indicating substantial donations.

### 4 Himawari Farmer's Market (Kamojima store 1) (Kawashima store 2)

This farmer's market features direct deliveries from local producers. Freshly harvested vegetables and fruits, along with handmade processed products, are available for purchase.



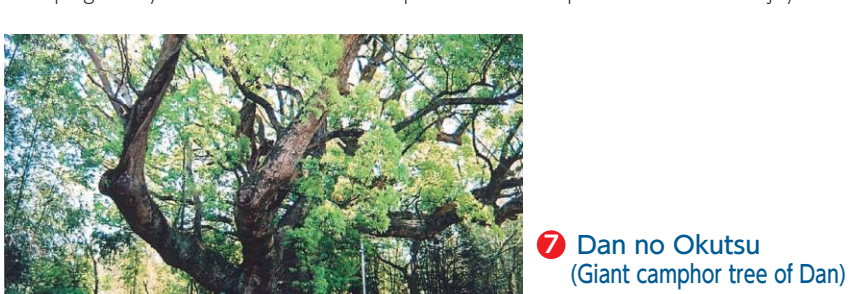
### 5 Fujidera Temple

Famous for wisteria blooming in five colors, said to be have planted by kobo-Daishi(Kukai) There is the wooden statue of the seated Medicine King(Mokuzo Yakushinyorai), which was designated as an important national cultural asset in 1991. There is a miniature version of the 88 temple pilgrimage at the foot of the mountain south of the main temple that is perfect for a stroll. From here the pilgrimage route to the 12th Buddhist temple Shousanji is carefully preserved as "the last remaining path of Kukai."



### 10 Oubi Pass (Horiwari Pass)

Cherry trees are planted along Prefectural Route 43, which connects Kawashima Town to Misato, and this route is affectionately known as the "Cherry Road Line." From the observatory along the way, you can see the Yoshino River and Zennyuji Island, Japan's largest river island.



### 7 Dan no Okutsu (Giant camphor tree of Dan)

The tree is about 900 years old and it has been designated as a natural monuments by Tokushima prefecture since 1965.