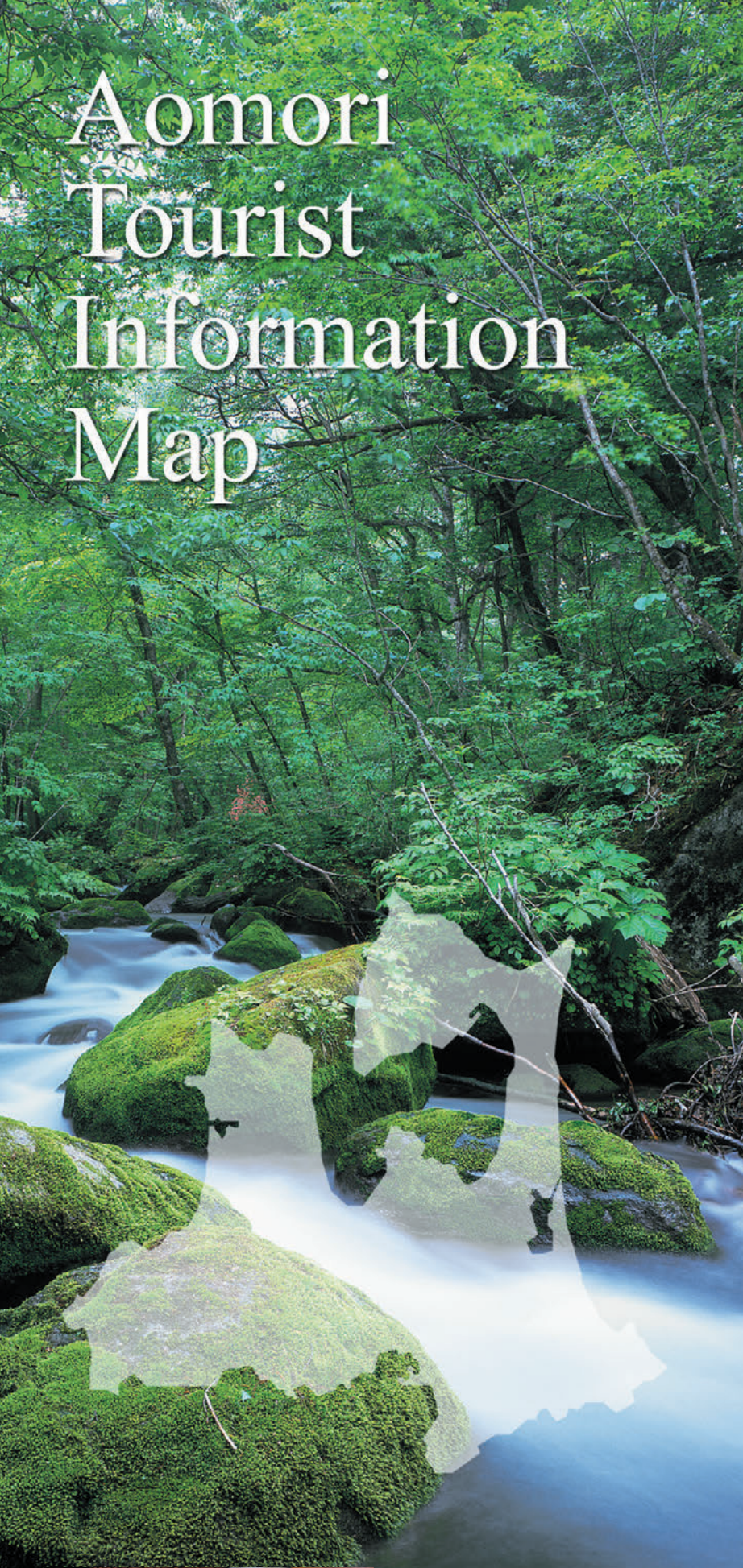


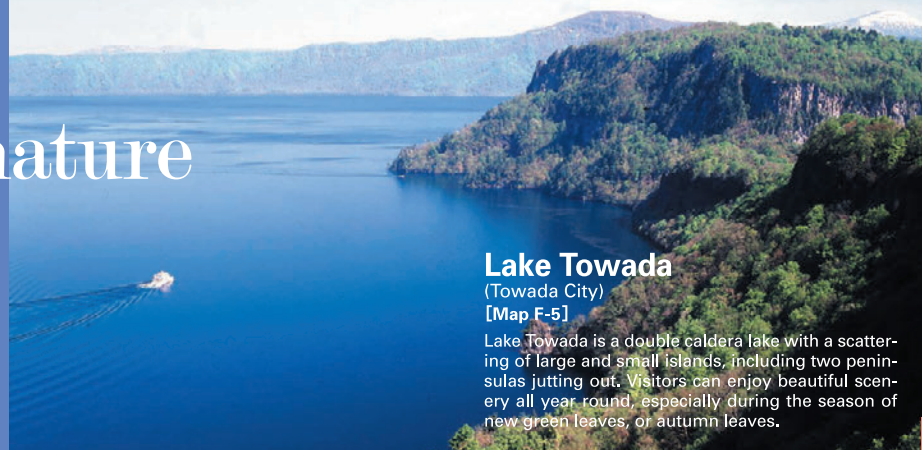
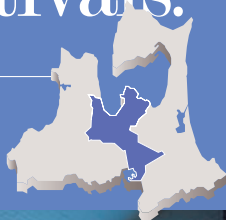
# Aomori Tourist Information Map





# You will be enchanted by the area's mysterious nature and passionate festivals.

## Aomori, Hakkoda, Oirase, Lake Towada Area



### Lake Towada

(Towada City)

[Map F-5]

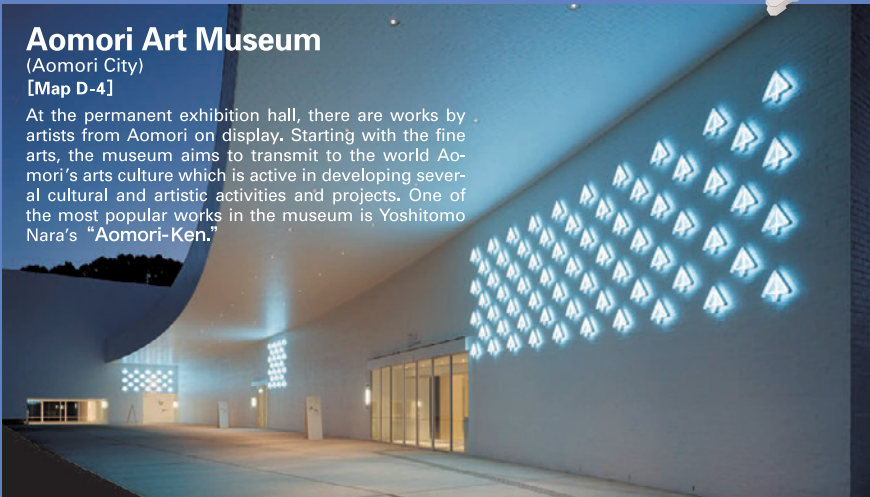
Lake Towada is a double caldera lake with a scattering of large and small islands, including two peninsulas jutting out. Visitors can enjoy beautiful scenery all year round, especially during the season of new green leaves, or autumn leaves.

### Aomori Art Museum

(Aomori City)

[Map D-4]

At the permanent exhibition hall, there are works by artists from Aomori on display. Starting with the fine arts, the museum aims to transmit to the world Aomori's arts culture which is active in developing several cultural and artistic activities and projects. One of the most popular works in the museum is Yoshitomo Nara's "Aomori-Ken."



### Sannai-Maruyama Site

(Aomori City)

[Map D-4]

The Sannai-Maruyama Site is one of Japan's largest archeological sites from the early-to mid-Jomon period (from approximately 5,500 to 4,000 years age). It is nationally designated as a special historic site and many excavated articles are on display.

### Nebuta Festival

(Aomori City)

[Map D-4]

The Aomori Nebuta Festival is one of the representative festivals of Japan. It is an energetic festival held in the summer in Aomori,

and is filled with an upbeat energy with Nebuta float figures, festival music, and dancers.



### Lake Towada Winter Stories Festival

(Towada City)

[Map F-5]

Fireworks launched into the clear winter sky create a fantastic world. Various events are held, including the live performance of the Tsugaru Shamisen.

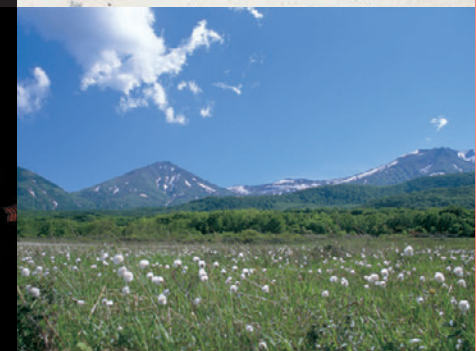


### Oirase Gorge

(Towada City)

[Map F-5]

The beauty of this 14-kilometer gorge is endless, scattered with its many scenic spots including characteristic mountain streams and waterfalls. It is especially pleasant to take a walk during the season of new green leaves, or autumn leaves.



### Mt. Hakkoda

(Aomori City)

[Map E-5]

The highest summit is 1584.4 meters above sea level. Mt. Hakkoda is a mine of swamps and alpine plants, and visitors can enjoy a majestic landscape from the ropeway throughout the four seasons, such as new green leaves, autumn leaves and rime on trees in winter.

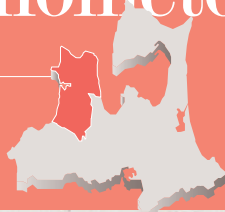


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# Experience for yourself how a novelist born in Tsugaru felt about his fond hometown.

## Tsugaru Peninsula Area



### Cape Tappi (Sotogahama Town) [Map B-3]

With winds up to 10m or more year-round and a favorable view of Hokkaido on a clear day, Cape Tappi is located at the northern end of the Tsugaru Peninsula. It is visited by many literary people and famous personalities.



### Seikan Tunnel Memorial Museum

(Sotogahama Town)  
[Map B-3]

The undersea length is 240 meters and the total length is 53.85 kilometers. This museum commemorates the completion of the world's largest undersea tunnel, the "Seikan Tunnel." The whole picture of the tunnel is presented and visitors can see a part of the tunnel by taking a cable car ride.



### Tsugaru Shamisen Tourist Hall

(Goshogawara City)  
[Map D-3]

History of the Tsugaru Shamisen, Tsugaru folk music and local performing arts are presented in an exhibition room. Visitors can enjoy the live performance of the Tsugaru Shamisen every day. A tourist information video is also screened.



### Tsuru-no-Mai Bridge

(Tsuruta Town)  
[Map E-3]

Made with top-grade Aomori Hiba lumber, 300-meter long Tsuru-no-Mai Bridge is the longest triple arch wooden bridge in Japan. Spanning Tsugaru Fujimi Lake and boasting a view of Mt. Iwaki in the background, this popular tourist attraction looks like a crane flying into the sky.

### Goshogawara Tachineputa

(Goshogawara City)  
[Map D-3]

In 1996, volunteers in Goshogawara City restored giant float figures called Tachineputa based on old photos of Neputa (giant lanterns). A town procession of heroic Tachineputa of 23 meters in height is nothing but overwhelming. Visitors can enjoy watching these figures at the "Tachineputa no Yakata (Tachineputa Museum)" all year round.



### Osamu Dazai Museum "Shayo-kan"

(Goshogawara City)  
[Map D-3]

This is the birthplace of Osamu Dazai, the most prominent writer born in Tsugaru. The adjacent warehouse is used as an exhibition room in which valuable materials, such as his manuscripts and favorite cloak, are displayed.



### Stove Train of Tsugaru Railway

(between Goshogawara Station and Nakesato Station)  
[Map D-3]

The Stove Train has been in service since 1940. With an atmospheric coal potbelly stove inside, it has a nostalgic atmosphere with wooden window frames and floors. It makes two round trips a day from December to March.

### Shijimijiru

(corbiculae soup)

Lake Jusan, a brackish lake that consists of seawater and fresh water is nationally famous as a mine of corbicula japonica. The seashells are rich in nutrients and the taste is unbelievably deep. They are flavored with fish and shellfish broth.

Taste  
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# Watching the sun set over the sea, your body and soul will be relaxed.

Hirosaki, South Tsugaru, West Coast  
Area



## World Natural Heritage Site “Shirakami-Sanchi”

[Map F-2]

The Shirakami-Sanchi includes one of the world’s largest virgin beech forests, which extends across Aomori Prefecture and Akita Prefecture. It has been registered as one of the World Natural Heritage Sites since 1993. It is home to a variety of fauna and flora and serves as a preservation site of a precious ecosystem.



## Kuroishi hot springs

(Kuroishi City)

[Map E-4]

With a history of more than 400 years, Kuroishi is popular among many customers as an area of hot springs. Nationally-known Tsugaru Kokeshi dolls originated in this area.

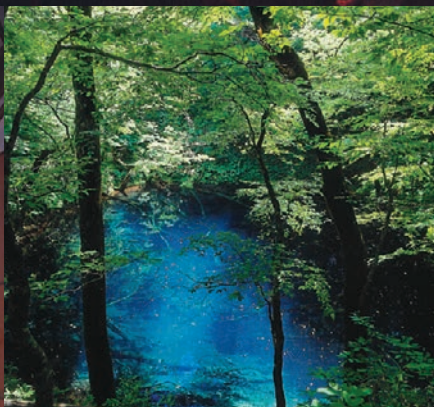


## Koganezaki-furo-fushi hot springs

(Fukaura Town)

[Map E-1]

This is a famous outdoor bath, representative of the Tohoku area, on the shoreline of the Sea of Japan. People can bathe either in a mixed bath or a female bath, and can enjoy watching the sun sinking in the dynamic ocean.



## Anmon Falls

(Nishimeya Village)

[Map F-2]

The Anmon Falls is a collective term for three falls with a head drop of 26 meters, 37 meters, and 42 meters, respectively. The Anmon Falls is one of the most famous scenic spots in the Shirakami-Sanchi. The clear water spilling out of the beech forest and flowing through the area should not be missed.

## Lake Juni (Fukaura Town)

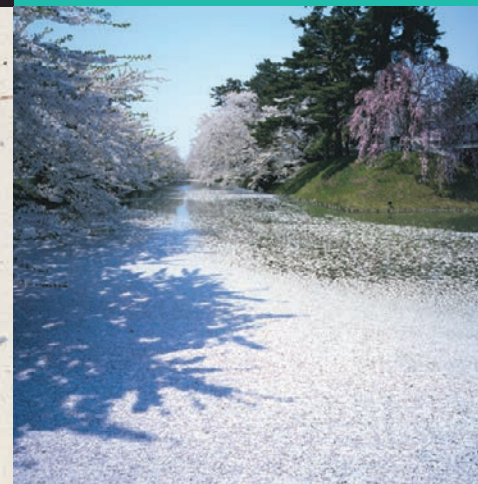
[Map F-1]

Lake Juni is actually a collection of 33 lakes and ponds that are scattered in the western part of the World Natural Heritage Site “Shirakami-Sanchi.” The shining surface of Aoike (Blue Pond) is especially beautiful, as if blue ink has been dissolved in the water. Visitors can also enjoy taking a walk in a virgin beech forest.

## Cherry Blossoms in Hirosaki Park [Hana-Ikada]

(Hirosaki City) [Map E-3]

Hirosaki Park is one of the major cherry blossom-viewing spots in Japan. In spring, about 2,600 cherry trees bloom, and create captivating and beautiful scenery with the castle tower, three turrets, five castle gates and triple moats. The photo shows cherry blossom petals creating what is known as Hana-Ikada (translating literally as “flower rafts”), carpeting the water surface of the moat.

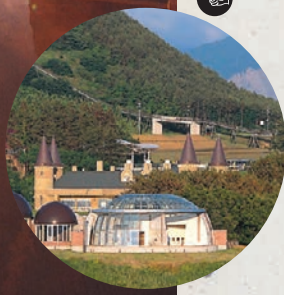


## WeSPa Tsubakiyama

(Fukaura Town)

[Map E-1]

The WeSPa Tsubakiyama is a resort facility surrounded with nature, such as the World Natural Heritage Site “Shirakami-Sanchi” and the Sea of Japan. In an outdoor natural hot spring bath with a dome-shaped movable roof, guests can enjoy bathing and watching a superb view of the Sea of Japan and the sun going below the horizon.



## Kenoshiru

Kenoshiru is a soup in which finely-diced daikons (Japanese white radishes), carrots, all kinds of edible wild plants, frozen and dried tofu and deep-fried tofu puffs are simmered, and it is seasoned with miso (soybean paste). It is a local dish in Tsugaru and people start to eat it little by little from the Lunar New Year.

Taste





# The history of the Jomon period is reviving. Enjoy the romantic old days.

**Hachinohe, Towada, Misawa  
Area**



## Towada Municipal Museum of Modern Art

(Towada City)  
[Map E-6]

The Towada Municipal Museum of Modern Art features works by 21 Japanese and international artists depicting scenes inspired by people's everyday lives in cities and within nature. Built under the concept of "a house for the purpose of art," it is worth seeing the atmosphere created by the architecture of these buildings and the works they house.



## Sanriku Reconstruction National Park, Tanesashi Coast

(Hachinohe City)  
[Map F-8]

Designated as the Sanriku Reconstruction National Park on May 24th, 2013, the park stretches 12km and is considered a rare coastal area in Japan due to a large expanse of green stretching all the way to the beaches. The park was chosen as one of Japan's 100 best scenic beaches, and in 2002 it was recognized as one of Japan's 100 best scenic walkways. Beautiful coastal flora are in bloom from Spring to Fall.

## Clay figure joining its hands in prayer

(Hachinohe City)  
[Map F-7]

963 relics that date back to the latter half of the late Jomon period (from approximately 3,500 years ago), excavated from the Kazahari Site in Hachinohe City, were designated as important cultural assets by the national government. Among them, only the "Gassyo Dogu" (clay figure joining its hands in prayer) was designated as a national treasure in 2009 as a precious material of the Jomon site, partly because in Japan there is no other seated clay figure joining its hands in near-perfect condition.



Collection of Hachinohe City

## Misawa Aviation & Science Museum

(Misawa City)  
[Map E-7]

The Misawa Aviation & Science Museum displays a replica aircraft of the Miss Veedle, which completed the world's first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, and YS-11, the first domestically produced transportation aircraft after the war. Visitors of all ages can enjoy this museum.



## Miroku Yokochi

(Hachinohe City)  
[Map F-7]

This is a new sightseeing spot in Hachinohe, in which a row of food stalls that provide a variety of menus remind us of the atmosphere of the 50s and 60s with retro-flavored name boards and appearances.



## Hokoji Temple

(Nambu Town)  
[Map G-7]

Hokoji Temple, which is said to have been established since the Kamakura Period (from approximately 800 years ago), is one of the most famous temples of the Soto Zen School in the Tohoku area. There is also the tallest three-story pagoda in Japan and the Senbonmatsu over 600 years old, which was chosen as one of the 100 best pine trees in Japan.

## Tapukopu Soyu Village

(Takko Town)  
[Map G-6]

This village is a hands-on experience-based facility in which the landscape of old farming villages with a row of "Nambu Magari-ya (Nambu L-shaped farmers' houses)," thatch-roofed traditional buildings, are recreated. Visitors can also enjoy making ceramics.



## Senbeijiru

Senbeijiru is a local dish that represents the southeast area of Aomori. Especially-toasted rice crackers for soup and vegetables are put into stock made of mackerels and seaweed.

Taste

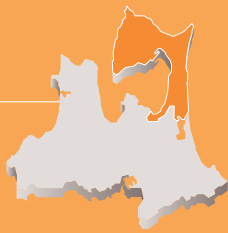
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# You will be surrounded with the magnificent ocean and beautiful flowers in full bloom.

## Shimokita Peninsula Area



### Kawauchigawa Valley

(Mutsu City)

[Map B-5]

Kawauchigawa is the most affluent river in the Shimokita Peninsula. A 4.4-kilometer walking trail is maintained, and visitors can enjoy a variety of beautiful valley sites, such as shoals, pools and falls.

### Yagen Gorge

(Mutsu City)

[Map A-6]

A walking trail along the green valley is this area's attraction. The Yagen hot spring and a virgin hiba forest are located in the vicinity, and visitors can enjoy an outdoor hot spring bath in the Oku-Yagen hot spring.

### Kandachime

(horses which stand through the cold)

(Higashidori Village)

[Map A-7]

The breeding of Kandachime for military purposes dates back to the clan period. They are put out to graze around Cape Shiriya. Their courageous survival through the severe winters really moves visitors.



### Cape Shiriya

(Higashidori Village)

[Map A-7]

This region has been designated as the Shimokita Peninsula Quasi-National Park since 1968, and the Cape Shiriya Lighthouse, which started to operate in 1901 as the first electric lighthouse in Japan and is the symbol of the park, was chosen as one of the "50 best lighthouses in Japan."



### Cape Oma

(Oma Town)

[Map A-5]

Cape Oma is the northernmost cape on the mainland of Honshu, jutting out into the Tsugaru Straits. Also known for being an excellent spot for single-hook tuna fishing, the port is full of life as a gateway to northern Japan and also serves as a stage for movies and TV programs.



### Rape Blossom Festival

(Yokohama Town)

[Map C-6]

Yokohama Town has the largest rape blossom field in Japan. Every year, the Rape Blossom Festival is held on the third Sunday of May.

### Osorezan

(Mt. Osore)

(Mutsu City)

[Map B-6]

Osorezan is one of the three major holy sites in Japan and Lake Usori is surrounded with eight sommas. The Osorezan Grand Festival is held in July and an autumn pilgrimage to Osorezan is made at the beginning of October.

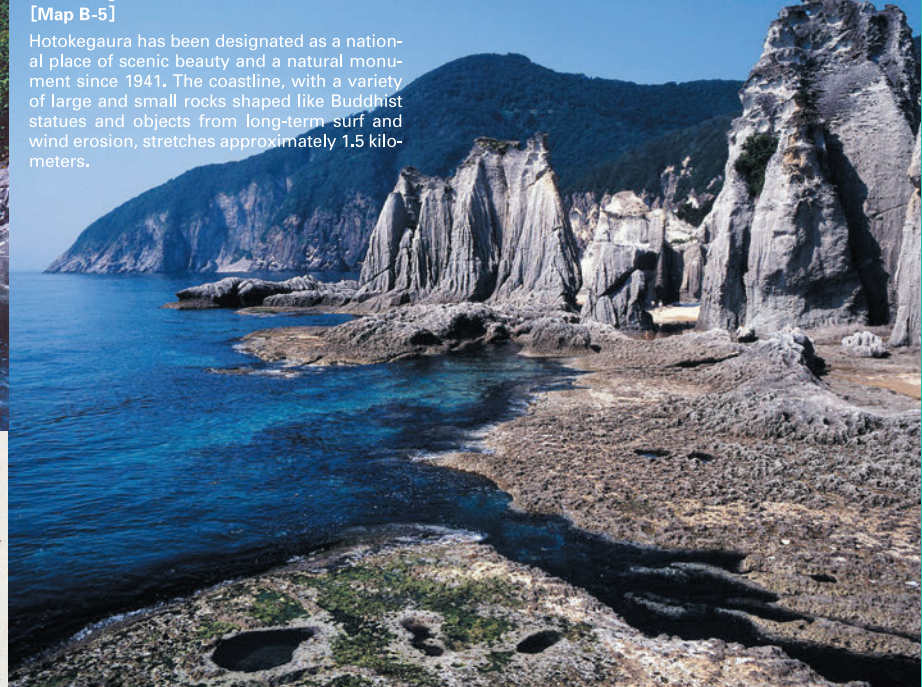


### Hotokegaura

(Sai Village)

[Map B-5]

Hotokegaura has been designated as a national place of scenic beauty and a natural monument since 1941. The coastline, with a variety of large and small rocks shaped like Buddhist statues and objects from long-term surf and wind erosion, stretches approximately 1.5 kilometers.



Taste

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### Bowl of rice topped with raw seafood

Fresh seafood including tuna in Oma is a specialty of the Shimokita Peninsula, which is surrounded on three sides by water.

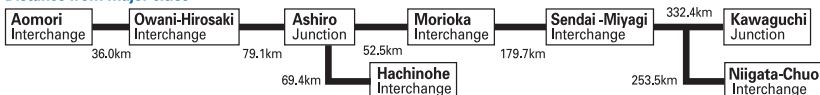




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## Expressways

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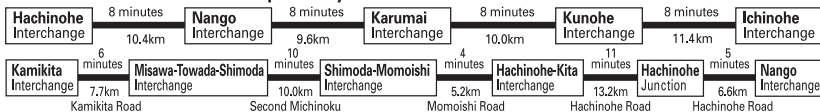


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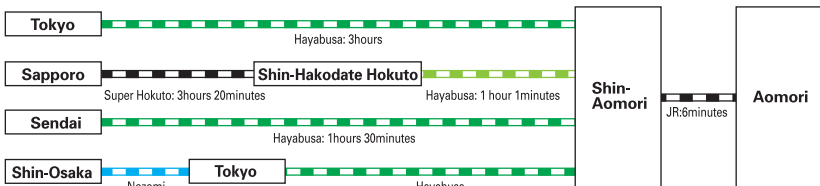
#### Tohoku Expressway



#### Hachinohe Line of the Tohoku Expressway



## Railways

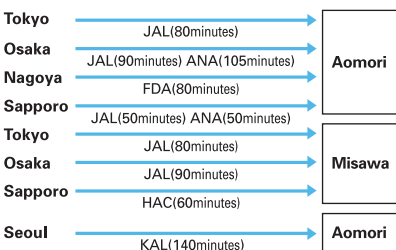


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## Expressway buses

<b>Tsugaru</b>	Between Aomori and Tokyo (9 hours 30 minutes)		
<b>Nocturne</b>	Between Goshogawara / Hirosaki and Tokyo Shinagawa (Between 9 hours 15 minutes and 10 hours 15 minutes)		
<b>Nocturne Castle Sky Panda Enburi</b>	Between Goshogawara / Hirosaki and Yokohama (10 hours 45 minutes) Between Hirosaki and Sendai (4 hours 20 minutes) Between Aomori / Hirosaki and Ueno (10 hours 50 minutes) Between Aomori / Hirosaki and Ueno (10 hours 20 minutes) Between Aomori / Noheji / Hachinohe and Tokyo (12 hours 50 minutes)	Konan Bus * Sky is a daytime service.	0172-37-0022
<b>La Foret</b>	Between Aomori and Tokyo (9 hours 35 minutes)	JR Bus Tohoku Co., Ltd.	017-773-5722
<b>Asunaro Yodel</b>	Between Aomori and Morioka (2 hours 44 minutes) Between Hirosaki and Morioka (2 hours 15 minutes)	Konan Bus	0172-37-0022
<b>Tokkyu (Limited Express) Hachimori</b>	Between Hachinohe and Morioka (2 hours 17 minutes)	Northern Iwate Transportation Inc.	0178-24-1121
<b>Sirius</b>	Between Hachinohe and Tokyo (9 hours 5 minutes) Between Towada and Tokyo (10 hours 10 minutes)	Towada Kanko Dentetsu	0178-43-4521
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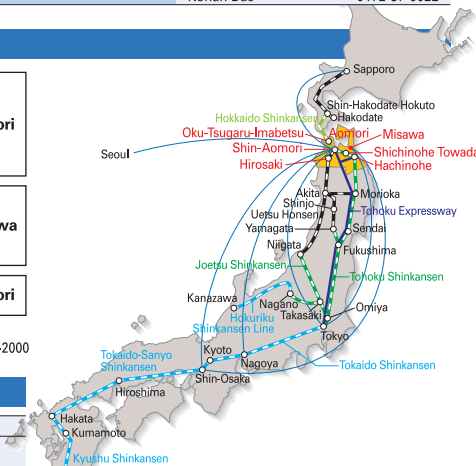


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Between Aomori and Hakodate Between Oma and Hakodate	Tsugarukaikyō Ferry 017-766-4733
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Between Hachinohe and Tomakomai	Kawasaki Kinkai Kisen Kaisha, Ltd. 0178-28-2018
Between Kanita and Wakinosawa	Mutsuwan Ferry 0174-22-3020
Between Aomori and Sai via Wakinosawa	Sii Line Co., Ltd. 017-722-4545



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