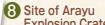


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塩原温泉郷 Shiobara Onsen Village



Explosion Crater Arayu (freshly poured water) at 950 meters above sea level along Nichien Momiji Line route. Water vapor and sulfurous odor still belch at this crater site, and dynamic views are seen. There is the source of Aravu Hot Spring here.

Shiobara Onsen Village is the generic term of the 11 hot spring areas lined along extensive Nasunogahara in the north of Tochigi prefecture to the valley of the Houkigawa River which goes into the mountain range that extends toward northwest. The hot springs is said to have been found in 806, and have healed visitors' body and soul for more than 1200 years. After Shiobara-kaido (Route 400) was open to traffic in 1884, literary figures such as Soseki Natsume, Jun'ichiro Tanizaki and Mokichi Saito visited the village and Konjikiyasha was written by Koyo Ozaki here. Thus, they introduced the beauty of Shiobara Onsen. The village has more than 150 hot springs and is called a hot spring area with the largest amount of water in the northern Kanto.

Guides for a walk in the towns and natural surroundings are available. (The word, Onsen Village was used for the 11 hot springs in Shiobara by a novelist, Katai Tayama in "Onsen meguri" (Visiting hot springs) for the first time in Japan in 1918.)

Shiobara Hot Spring Peony Festival

There is a peony (botan) garden taken care of by the members of "Peony Grower Association" with the greatest care on the premise of Myounji, an ancient temple of the Rinzai school of Buddhism with a history of over 800 years. There are more than 3,000 multicolor peony trees 2 Karasugamori Park

The street toward the park from Route 4 is spectacularly lined by cherry trees. There are approx. 1, 300 cherry trees in the park, and many people visit here to see gorgeous cherry blossoms every year. You can enjoy cherry blossoms lit up by paper lanterns at night.



such as red, pink, purple, white and yellow.

Ryukanotaki Falls(Dragon Falls)

Ryukanotaki Falls are major falls in Shiobara. It was named after the stream in three stages between sheer rocks which looks as if a dragon is climbing toward the sky. Its length is 130 meters which is the longest among the 10 most famous falls in Shiobara, the height is approx. 60 meters and the width is approx. five meters. They flow down in three stages.





Nasu Garden Outlet

A resort-type outlet mall with additional 39 stores has reopened in July 2012, under the theme of "loco" (local). Approx. 150 stores for fashion, fashion-related items and sports & outdoor activities and restaurants gather here



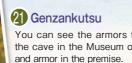
center of national park. It coordinates a walk in the path for visitors to the national park and it dispatches walk conductors (guides for a walk) as needed. Events are held throughout the year.

5 Senbonmatsu Ranch

You can enjoy horse riding as you are surrounded by animals. You can have fun riding hot-air balloons, cycling, and playing putter golf, as well as indulging in all-you-can-eat Genghis Khan (dish with mutton and vegetables) buffet and Senbonmatsu's special soft ice cream. As for souvenirs, we recommend milk, ice cream, yogurt, butter, and cheese produced on Senbonmatsu.

20) Hunter Mountain Shiobara

Hunter Mountain Shiobara is on the slope in the northwest of Mt. Takaharayama with easy access of 150 minutes from Tokyo. You can enjoy "Hunter Mountain Lily Park, the biggest lily park in Japan using the ski slope in summer, and "Gondola in Autumn Colors" which lets you see the autumn foliage of Mt. Takaharayama from the sky. It is popular with young people as the biggest ski slope in the Tokyo metropolitan area in winter. You can e fun here in all seasons.



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Hot Spring Festiva

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Fall Shiobara Onsen Yuppo no Sato You can view the rich natural

surroundings of Shiobara and enjoy the hot springs You can experience a fantastic world through the healing hot

springs such as "Insendo," a place where you can drink the hot spring water, "Kanketsusen" (hot spring geyser) and "Yudaki" (waterfall of hot spring water). You can enjoy the footbath without anxiety as you seldom feel dizzy even after a long soak unlike in ordinary baths.

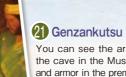
16 Oyama Approach

A row of maple trees on the approach to the tomb of Prince Iwao Oyama, Field Marshal of Imperial Japanese Army makes beautiful views in the seasons of fresh greenery and autumn oliage

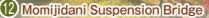
> Shiobara Hot Spring Festival







You can see the armors found in the cave in the Museum of history



Majestic Shiobara Valley surrounding a suspension bridge welcomes visitors with seasonal beautiful sceneries. Momijidani Otsuribashi (Suspension Bridge) is 320m, the longest pedestrian suspension bridge without stiffening girder in mainland Japan.





(suspension bridge)

B Shiobara Monogatari-kan (Imagination Archives)

Many men of letters visited Shiobara mainly in Meiji and Taisho eras. They saw the beautiful but deep and rugged nature and valley in Shiobara, were touched by them, and loved Shiobara. The rich natural surroundings with water and forests still heals the souls of visitors today, and has been creating various tales. Please visit and feel the interactions between these men of letters and Shiobara behind their literature. This museum is for those who want to learn about "Shiobara."

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Quiet bot springs in the mountain Itamuro Onsen is a quiet bot spring area in the mountains along the upstream of the fresh stream, Nakagawa River, and is at the west end of Nasu mountain range. It at about 550 meters above sea level and in Nikko National Park, where rich natural landscape and environment are protected. The views of fresh greenery and autumn foliage along the valley are spectacular, and the area is popular as a driving course.

The spring quality is 37°C to 45°C mild simple alkaline. Itamuro Onsen has been known as therapeutic bath for cure and recreation



22 Otome no Taki Waterfall (Waterfall of Young Girl)

A beautiful fall in the Sawanagawa River of approx, five meters in width and dozen meters in height, flowing from Shirasasayama Mountain. It shows various views according to seasons and water volume.





23 Numappara Marshland

Numappara Marshland is a subalpine marshland at 1.230m above sea level, 250m from east to west, 500m from north to south, and is between Hinode Daira Mountain (1,786m) of Nasu mountain range, Mt. Shirasasayama (1,719m) at the south end and Nishibotchi Deck (1,410m)on the west side of Mt Shirasasavama

29 Nasu Fish Land

It is one of the best fishing grounds in Kanto area, rich in natural surrounding where a river runs in the forest and children also enjoy in a quiet atmosphere. You can fish rainbow trout, yamame (masu salmon), iwana (char fish), etc.

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