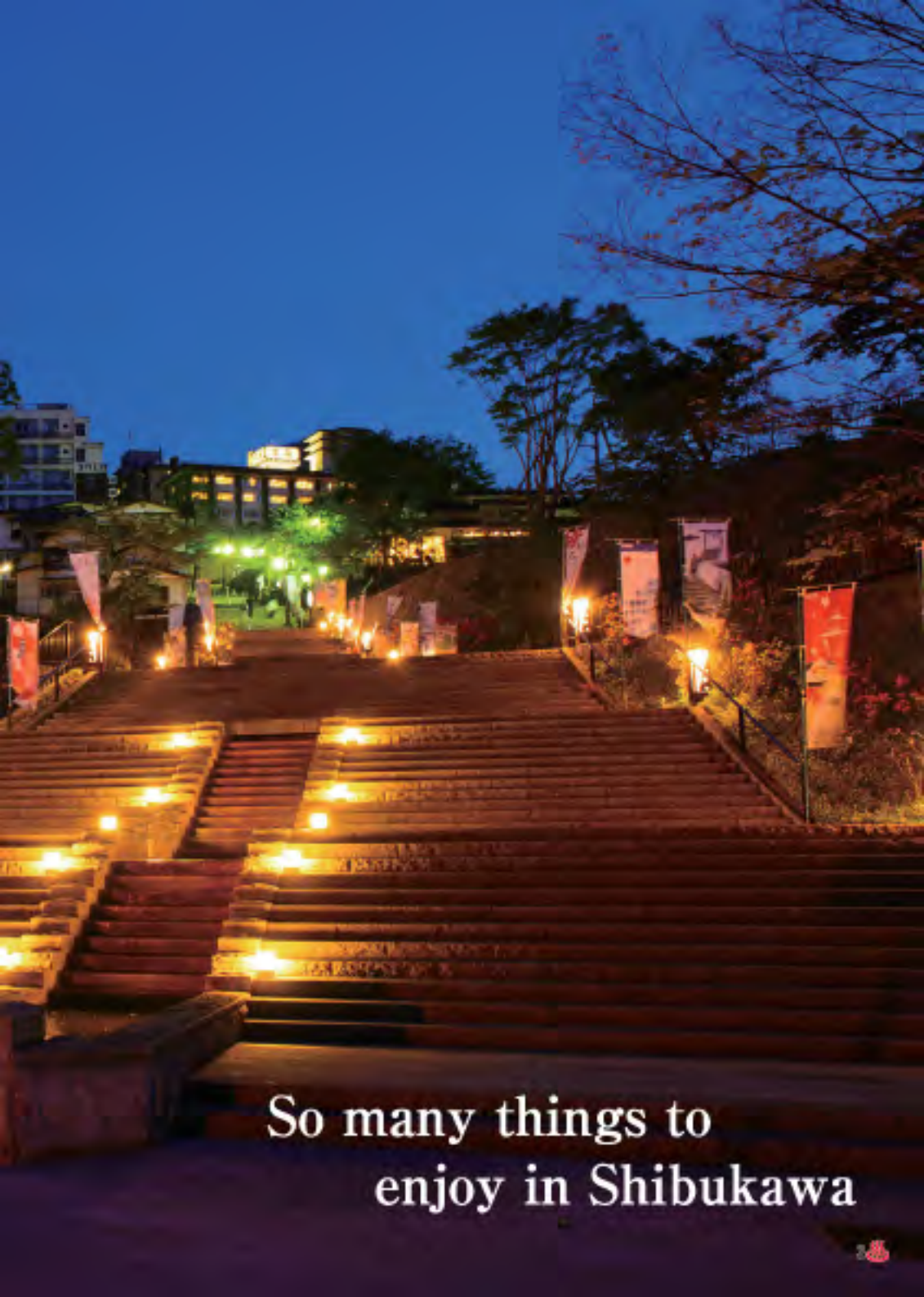


80 minutes from
the heart of the capital
A place of natural
beauty and healing





So many things to
enjoy in Shibukawa

For adults
and children **Alike**

Outdoor activities



Leader of Ikaho Onsen Tourism Promotion
Ishidan-kun

We have prepared some suggested courses that allow visitors to enjoy everything that Shibukawa has to offer. We hope that you will enjoy our natural environment and the various hot spring options available in our stone-paved town.

**Enjoy
Shibukawa**

Suggested by the Shibukawa Ikaho Onsen
Tourism Association.

Course 1

**9:00
AM**



Rafting is a leisure sport that involves descending the river on a raft, a type of rubber boat. It allows you to enjoy the natural environment of Shibukawa to the full.

[Don't forget the following]

- Swimming costume or change of underwear
- Bath towel
- Swimming goggles (for people who use contact lenses)
- Insurance documents etc.

[Enquiries]

Green Discovery

TEL 0279-56-3999

Recommended : July - August
for families

MAP 0 C-6

Splash Akagi

TEL 0278-21-1337

Recommended : mid-April - early June

MAP 0 D-6

1:00 PM

Mizusawa Udon

Across a range of roughly 1 km from the gate to Gotokusan Mizusawa Kannon temple, you will find stores selling one of the three top varieties of udon noodles in Japan, known as "Mizusawa Udon". We hope you will enjoy them! Please contact Shibukawa Ikaho Onsen Tourism Association for more details.
(TEL 0279-72-3151 MAP ● E-2)



So delicious you cannot help but eat!

Walking up and down the stone staircases of Ikaho

The main street of the Ikaho Onsen (Hot Springs) town. On both sides of the stairs are hot springs hotels and souvenir shops, as well as stores selling bow and arrows and other games, giving a strong sense of the place as a hot spring resort.



Walking up and down the stone staircases in Ikaho



2:30 PM

MAP ● E-2

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To the Day-use onsen (hot springs)

Fun for all
the family

*The flavours of
Shibukawa*



Mascot character representing "konnyaku"
Kon-chan

This suggested route is
enjoyed by children and
adults alike. Experience
all Shibukawa has to offer
in terms of fun and food!

Enjoy
Shibukawa

Suggested by the Shibukawa Ikaho Onsen
Tourism Association.

Course 2

10:00
AM

Delicious produce

Shibukawa offers delicious fruit
year round. Why don't you come
and try our freshly picked fruit?



We got loads of blueberries!

[Enquiries]

Strawberries (early January - late May)

- Ikaho Green Bokujō TEL 0120-81-5335
Komochi Tourism Strawberry Garden TEL 0279-53-5519
Taru Kanko Strawberry Cooperative TEL 0279-56-8941

Cherries (mid-June - mid-July)

- Akagi-machi Cherry Study Group TEL 0279-56-8941
Hokitsuru Fruit Cooperative (also for blueberries and apples) TEL 0279-52-2116

- Komochi Fruit Park Cooperative TEL 0279-53-3622

Blueberries (late June - late August)

- Akagi Blueberry Cooperative TEL 0279-56-8941
Onogami Fruit Study Group TEL 080-8914-5727
Komochi Fruits Park Cooperative TEL 0279-53-3623

Apples (early September - late November)

- Akagi Apple Cooperative TEL 0279-56-8941
Shibukawa Fruit Gardening Cooperative / Komochi Apple Cooperative TEL 0279-53-3511

Ikaho Green Bokujo (Farm)

Our farm offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy interacting with animals in their natural environment, and help with feeding and milking them. You can also enjoy pony riding and other experiences. It's a fun day for all the family!

11:30
AM



[Enquiries]

TEL 0120-81-5335 (Free phone number)

TEL 0279-24-5335

MAP ● E-3

Toyoaki Soba

Toyoaki Soba uses local flour. You can try Toyoaki Soba at the Miyukida Soba Kobo, located next to the Miyukida Agricultural Produce Store. You can also try making soba.

2:00
PM

[Enquiries]

Miyukida Soba Kobo TEL 0279-25-3981

MAP ● F-5

Shibukawa "Yana"

(late June - late September)

"Yana" fishing is done in two locations in Shibukawa. Here, you can enjoy fresh ayu (sweetfish) dishes whilst enjoying the clear river and the beautiful scenery.

[Enquiries]

Ayado-yana TEL 0279-56-3393

when closed TEL 0279-56-7763

MAP ● A-7

Ochiai-yana TEL 0279-22-1878

when closed TEL 0279-25-1537

MAP ● F-5



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To the Park!



Local sake (rice wine)

Our local sake, which is produced from the clear water that runs down to the south-western foothills of Mt. Akagi, is loved by many. Our sake brewery is open year round and offers tours to visitors.

Enquiries

Hijiri Shuzo Brewery

TEL 0279-52-3911 (MAP) G-6



Yunohana Beauty Lotion & Gel



This lotion and moisturizing gel use spring water from the Onogami Onsen hot spring, known for its beautifying effects. It is non-sticky and prevents dryness, leaving your skin smooth and supple.

Enquiries

Onogami Onsen Center

TEL 0279-59-2611 (MAP) G-1

Promotion of local prod Shibukawa



Creative Kokeshi (wooden dolls)

Around 70% of creative "kokeshi" dolls are manufactured in Gunma Prefecture. There are many dollmakers active in the Shibukawa area.



Shibukawa Regional Produce Promotion Association
Mr. Goto, Office Director

We have a promotional shop open in front of Shibukawa Station.
Shibukawa Produce Center "Shibu-san"



Image of Local Produce Shop

Enquiries TEL 0279-26-2423 (MAP) F-6

Potato shochu (alcoholic spirit) Strawberry liqueur



Both these drinks are made from the natural water occurring in the Akagi mountains, and potatoes and strawberries grown in the Kamochi area.

Enquiries

Michi no Eki (rest area) Kamochi

TEL 0279-60-6600 (MAP) D-5

Yunohana Manju (cakes)



Ikaho Onsen was the first hot springs town to produce the famous onsen manju (cakes), with their traditional brown skins. Shops selling these cakes are found on both sides of the stone staircases and on the main road.



Yaki-manju (baked manju)

Yaki-manju (baked manju) are a local Joshi speciality, which are covered in a sweet/salty sauce and cooked on wooden sticks. They have a simple flavor and are the number one soul food of people in Gunma.

Enquiries

Kotake Yaki-manju (cake) Store Ltd.
TEL 0279-22-1071 MAP F-5

Use: Our recommendations! Souvenirs List

Konnyaku products



Shibukawa City is one of the leaders in konnyaku production throughout Japan. Local citizens eat konnyaku in a variety of dishes.

Enquiries

Ubukata Farm
TEL 0279-53-2033 MAP C-6

Enquiries

Komochi Foods Co.
TEL 0279-23-3659 MAP E-6

Fruit products



Shibukawa also has delicious processed fruit products, thanks to its year-round production of fresh fruit. We have strawberries in winter & spring, blueberries in summer and apples in autumn.

Enquiries

Kimi-chan Apple Orchards
TEL 0279-56-7524 MAP C-7

Enquiries

Suda Strawberry Farm
TEL 0279-56-8473 MAP E-6

Shibukawa City products are sent to those paying "Furusato" tax to the area.



Leader of Ikaho Onsen Tourism Promotion
Ishidan-kun

Let's climb Shibukawa's Mountains!

1296m
For
strong walkers

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After climbing the mountains, there is a day-use hot spring around 20 minutes by car from any of the mountains, where you can take a break and refresh your heart and body!

After climbing the mountain
See p.19

To "Komochi no Yu"

Mt. Komochi has many famous sights including Byobu-iwa ("fan-shaped rock") and Shishi-iwa ("lion-rock"). There are a large number of chains and ropes to be climbed, so you need to be well-prepared.



Tourism Section representative
Mr. Ninomiya

Hat

Better to bring one, as the UV rays can be strong at altitude.

Non-restrictive clothing

The weather in the mountains can change suddenly. Bring clothes that you can put on or take off depending on the temperature.

Gloves

Needed when you are navigating the rocky areas.

Sticks

Useful if you have them. They reduce the burden on your knees.

Bear bell

Useful if you have one. It helps reduce unexpected meetings with wild animals!

Shoes

Walking/trekking shoes are preferred, but it's important that they fit, and are appropriate for the activity.

Other things to keep in your rucksack

◆Waterproofs

Foldable umbrella and raincoat.

◆Water and food

Fill your water bottle whenever possible. It's good to carry sweets and snacks you can eat a small amount of when hungry.

◆Maps

Bring a map that shows the course you are planning to walk. It's even better if you have a magnetic compass.

◆Towel

To dry yourself if you sweat.

The area is full of ascents and descents, which makes it attractive to walkers

Mt. Komochi

Best time for mountain climbing: July **MAP** ⑥ A-5

Equipment required: Entrance to mountain - Otarumi - Summit

- Lion rock - Fan rock entrance to mountain: approx. 4 hours

Work: 15 cars can park at the entrance

Bus: 35 min by car from JR Shibukawa Station

40 min by car from Shibukawa Icho Interchange

on the expressway

Start



① Facing the entrance point, you enter via the maintained path, and climb up the river bed.

Please consult a mountain guidebook for further details.

※The month above is the month the mountain was actually climbed. The time required is an estimate.

▶Prepare well and have a go!



② The path divides at Otarumi, after climbing for a while. From here, it is a stiff climb.



③ Climb one rock at a time using the ropes.



④ You've made it to the top! Sadly you can't see Shibukawa for the trees, but you can see Numata.



Goal



⑤ As you come down through the forest, you will see the enormous Byobu-iwa (fan rock). Ahead of you, the entranceway (your goal).



⑥ Descend towards Shishi-iwa (lion rock).



⑦ The forest spreads out above Shishi-iwa. The view is almost a little scary.



⑧ You need to climb ladders and use the chains to go round the rocks. Take care not to slip!

Start



① Entrance to the mountain path. You initially walk through the trees.

1201m
For families

You can enjoy everything from a short hike to a full mountain climbing experience

Mt. Junigatake

Best season for mountain climbing: August
Time required: From the Nyudo Boku entrance to the mountain, to the summit and back: approx. 3 and a half hours
Car park: 18 cars at entrance to mountain
Access: 10 min by car from JR Onogami Station

MAP 6A-2

In addition to the course shown here, there is also an eight-hour course for serious walkers, which starts at Onogami Onsen Station, and takes in Junigatake, Nakanodake, Onokoyama, Amagoiyama, before returning to Onogami Station.



② Once you have walked for a while you enter a cypress wood. The signs attached to the trees show the way.



③ Take the path signposted for Junigatake at the divide.



④ Just before the summit there is a split in the paths between the "Otokoazaka" (male slope) and "Onnazaka" (female slope). The Otokoazaka has more rocks to climb, and the Onnazaka is relatively smooth. The time required to climb them is roughly the same, however.



⑤ The Onnazaka features a ropeway towards the end.

Goal



⑥ Sadly it was cloudy that day, but on clear days you can see all the mountains of the Jo-shin-etsu region.

After climbing the mountain

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To "Onogami Onsen Sachi no Yu hot spring"

Start



① After entering the path, for a while you follow a route made from wooden steps.



1194m
For families

Mountains with amazing views, supported by their fans

Mt. Mizusawa

Best season for mountain climbing: November
Time required: Approximately 4 hours from the entrance to the summit and back
Car park: 400 cars in Mizusawa Kannon Car Park
Access: Take the Gunma Bus to "Itoho Onsen" from JR Tokassaki Station, and get off at Mizusawa Kannon Interchange
30 min by car from Shibukawa Ikaho

MAP 05-F-2

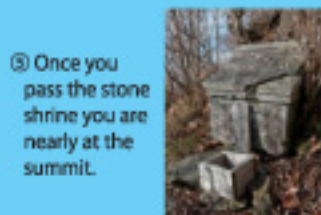
Mt. Mizusawa is popular with mountain climbers on weekdays as well as holidays. The route is easy to understand, and can be walked even by beginners.



② The "Rest Stone" that is in the middle of the route is a good place to take a break. Fill your water bottle here.



③ Hold the rope, and go up and over the rocks.



④ Once you pass the stone shrine you are nearly at the summit.



④ Once you have climbed the slope, a row of stone sculptures waits for you. From the sculptures, the path to the left takes you to the viewpoint, and the path to the right to the summit.

⑤ The 360 degree panorama from the top. The mountains seem to go on for ever.

After climbing the mountain

See p.19

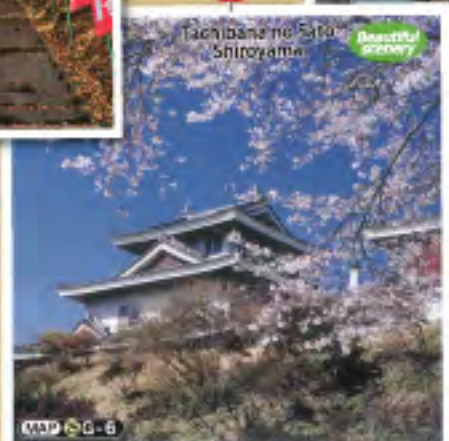
To "the famous hot springs of Ikaho"



Goal



Let's go!
Beautiful
Mystical



Onogami district terraced rice fields

Beautiful scenery

MAP 1B-2

Ikahe Shrine

Mystical destination

MAP 2F-2

Bring your camera to the mystical destination. Off we go!

Beautiful scenery Mystical destination



Secretariat/PR Department
Representative:
Mr. Sakata

Miyukida soba fields

Beautiful scenery

MAP 2F-4

Kajika Bridge

Beautiful scenery

Mystical destination

MAP 1F-2

Tanashita Ayato

Beautiful scenery

MAP 2A-7

Anma area rice fields and trains

Beautiful scenery

Hokkaido Shimshakoda cherry blossom and Mt. Horai

Beautiful scenery

Takimeki dock (the wooden dock area)

Beautiful scenery

MAP 2F-2

Enquiries p.9



Day Use Onsen

(hot springs)

After enjoying the river or the mountains, when you are on your way home, why not spend some time relaxing in one of the day-use onsen (hot spring) facilities in Shibukawa city, getting over the exhaustion of the day?

Outdoor baths in Ikaho

CTD 2F-2



※The models are wearing towels for the purpose of the photograph.

Choose the onsen that suits you!



Choosing an onsen based on its effects

Onsen (hot springs) have a variety of different qualities. The different effects work differently on your body, and so you should first check your condition, and then select an onsen based on that.

Look at the list of onsens on the page below

If you turn the page you will be able to learn about the qualities of the day-use onsens available in Shibukawa



Choose who you come with

There is a range of onsen facilities geared to different visitors. Choose your destination based on the people who are going with you.

- Individual rooms with bathroom
→ Onogami Onsen Sachi no Yu
- A private bath with universal access, that can be rented for use by people with disabilities
→ Hōkōtsu Onsen Bando no Yu



Select alongside the place you want to visit

Shibukawa City features a range of destinations, from the "artenade" to fruit farms and walking routes. If you are tired from all the activity you can relax in one of our day-use baths.

Check out the next page!



Select your hot spring based on the water's properties.



Although there are many hot springs, they are not all the same. The properties of the water differ depending on its composition, and can be broadly divided into nine categories.

In Shibukawa, we have many plain onsen,

chloride-based onsen, sulfate-based onsen, and bicarbonate onsen baths.

They have different effects, so you should select your onsen in line with the condition of your body.

Types of onsen found commonly in Shibukawa City

| Spring type | Properties of hot water | Effects |
|--|---|---|
| Plain onsen | Colorless, odorless springs that are low-impact. | Good for those recovering from illness and surgeries etc. |
| Chloride onsen ("salty" springs) | Hot water that warms the body. Good for elderly people. | For muscle and joint pain, bumps, sprains, chills, and long-term gynecological conditions, etc. |
| Sulfate onsen (gypsum springs, mirabilite springs, bitter springs) | Good for preventing arteriosclerosis. | For high blood pressure, arterial hardening, diabetes, long-term skin conditions etc. |
| Bicarbonate onsen (sodium bicarbonate springs, bicarbonate earth springs) | Gentle water that leaves you feeling clean even after exiting the bath. | For gout, diabetes, liver disease, gallstones, long-term gallbladder inflammation etc. |

Other types of onsen

| Spring type | Properties of hot water | Effects |
|--|--|---|
| Carbon dioxide springs | The hot water contains tiny bubbles of CO2 gas that caress your skin. | For high blood pressure, arterial hardening, paralysis, muscle and joint pain, etc. |
| Iron springs (including iron, copper springs) | The hot water is clear and colourless when it comes up from the ground but turns orange when it comes into contact with the air. | Anemia, long-term digestive conditions, piles, joint and muscle pain etc. |
| Sulfur springs (hydrogen sulfide springs) | Characterized by their sulfurous smell. The water is quite stimulating. | For high blood pressure, arterial hardening, long-term skin conditions and long-term gynecological conditions, etc. |
| Acidic springs (Alum spring) | The water is quite stimulating on the skin. | For long-term skin conditions, long-term gynecological conditions, etc. |
| Radioactive springs | Known as "gout" water, because it removes uric acid from urine. | For high blood pressure, arterial hardening, long-term skin conditions and long-term gynecological conditions, etc. |

You can enjoy outdoor baths with an awesome view of the scenery around the grand foothills of Mt. Akagi, and a large indoor bathroom.



Ms. Ohata, of Yutopia Akagi



Utopia Akagi

Type Plain onsen, mildly alkaline hypotonic high-temperature spring
Facility For nerve pain, muscle pain, bloodless and promoting health.

Address 880-3, Miyata, Akagi-machi, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-56-4126
Opening 10AM-9PM (last entry 8PM)
Days closed 2nd Wednesday each month
(open every day in August)
Charges 600 yen (Adults), 300 yen (Children)

MAP 8D-6

15m above earth, you get a 360-degree panorama of Mt. Akagi and Mt. Haruna, which changes through the seasons, as well as a view of the massive Kanto Plain. This is truly the onsen of the gods!



Ms. Obuchi, of Sky Terume Shibukawa

Sky Terume Shibukawa

A hot spring facility by the Tone River, and next to the remains of Hakeda Castle. You can enjoy the view of Mt. Haruna and the Chichibu mountain range.



Ms. Sawada, of Bando no Yu



Hokkitsu Onsen Bando no Yu

Type Sodium/calcium chloride hot spring
Facility For nerve pain, muscle pain, joint pain and stiff shoulders etc.

Address 605-5 Shinokada, Hokkitsu-machi, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-62-1126
Opening 10AM - 5PM
Days closed 4th Tuesday each month
(if that is a national holiday, the facility will close on the following day instead)
Charges 800 yen (Adults), 300 yen (Children) (for 2 hours)

MAP 8C-6

Let's go! Sh
Dayuse Day

This hot spring is known for its beauty-enhancing properties, and after bathing in it, your skin will be as smooth as silk. The water is gentle on the skin.



Ms. Maehara, of Onogami Onsen



Onogami Onsen Sachi no Yu

Type Sodium/chlorides hot spring
Facility For nerve pain, muscle pain, joint pain and stiff shoulders etc.

Address 305-2 Murakami, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-69-2611
Opening 9AM - 9PM (last entry 8:30PM)
Days closed 20th of each month
(if that is a Saturday, Sunday or national holiday, then the facility will close on the previous day instead)
Charges 410 yen (Adults), 250 yen (Children) (for 2 hours)

MAP 8C-1

Shiroi Onsen Komochi no Yu

Terumebukawa

Type Sodium/calcium chloride hot spring
Reason For nerve pain, muscle pain, joint pain and stiff shoulders etc.

Address 3129-1 Handa, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-20-1125
Bathing 10AM - 10PM (last entry 9:30PM)
Days closed 21st Tuesday each month
(if that is a national holiday, bathing will close on the following day instead)
Charges 510 yen (Adults), 300 yen (Children)

MAP 006-6

Shibukawa City is proud of use onsen (hot springs)

A hot springs facility located behind Michi no Eki Komochi. The constantly flowing water is supplied to an indoor bathroom, which you can use for a small cost. The onsen is popular with local people.

Komochi no Yu,
Mr. Ubukata

Address 658-17 Fukuya, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-24-9526
Bathing 9AM - 9PM (last entry 8:30PM)
Days closed 2nd Thursday each month
(if that is a national holiday, then the facility will close on the following day instead)
Charges 250 yen (Adults), 150 yen (children) (1 hour)

Ikaho outdoor bath

MAP 001-2

Type Sulfate onsen (neutral, hypotonic hot spring)
Reason For nerve pain, muscle pain, long-term digestive conditions, chills etc.

Address 581 Ikaho, Ikaho-machi, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-72-2488
Bathing April - September: 9AM - 7PM
October - March: 10AM - 8PM
Days closed 1st and 3rd Thursday each month
(open if that day is a national holiday)
Charges 450 yen (Adults), 200 yen (Children)

Mr. Hasegawa,
of Ikaho Outdoor Baths

The neighboring onsen (hot spring) facility at Utopia Akagi. The rock bath, which is designed as a garden, uses sanbiseki stone, and uses 100% spring water, with no water added.

Akagi no Yu Fureai no Ie

MAP 004-6

Type Plain onsen (mild alkaline hypotonic high-temperature hot spring)
Reason For nerve pain, muscle pain, tiredness and promoting health

Address 165-3 Shishima, Akagi-machi, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-56-2125
Bathing 10AM - 9PM (last entry 8:30PM)
Days closed 2nd Wednesday of the month
(open every day in August)
Charges 300 yen (Adults), 150 yen (Children)

Ms. Takahashi, of Fureai no Ie

The bathing area is in the style of an old storeroom, with stone steps. The water is directly piped in from the source, and has the brown color typical of Ikaho. It is effective in treating nerve pain and bad backs.

Ishidan no Yu

MAP 001-2

Type Sulfate onsen (neutral hypotonic hot spring)
Reason For nerve pain, muscle pain, long-term digestive conditions, chills etc.

Address 36 Ikaho, Ikaho-machi, Shibukawa City
Phone 0279-72-4526
Bathing April - October: 9AM - 9PM
November - March: 9AM 8:30PM
Days closed 2nd and 4th Tuesdays each month
(open if those days are national holidays)
Charges 410 yen (Adults), 200 yen (Children)

Mr. Hayashi,
of Ishidan no Yu

Artistic walking course

Artenade



The Japan Chanson Hall

The world's first museum dedicated to chanson. There are live performances on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-24-8686

MAP ● E-5

The work of the sculptor Hiromori Kuwahara, who had associations with Shibukawa City, is on permanent display here, as well as seasonal exhibitions of work by other artists.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-25-3215

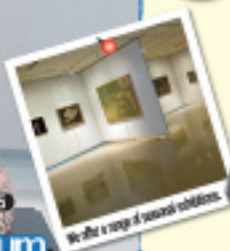


Shibukawa Art Museum / Hiromori Kuwahara Sculpture Museum

MAP ● E-5

Artenade means "artistic walking course". Visitors can walk along the 9km trail beside the road from Shibukawa Station to Ikaho Onsen hot spring, and visit the eight tourist facilities on the way (the other two facilities are Ikaho Green Farm and Shibukawa Skyland Park).

7 minutes walk



We offer a range of seasonal exhibitions.



Artenade mascot character
Arty

12 minutes
by bus

Displays work by contemporary Japanese artists Takehisa Yumeji and Kaichi Kobayashi. The venue also includes a large foot bath.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-72-3226

Ikaho Hoshina Art Museum

MAP ③ E-2

5 minutes walk
5 minutes by bus

Roka Tokutomi Commemorative Hall

Displays items owned by the author Roka Tokutomi, best-known for his novel "Hototogisu" (The Cuckoo), as well as his papers etc.

● Enquiries

TEL 0279-72-2237

MAP ③ E-2

Hara Museum Ark

MAP ③ E-3

An art gallery with modern architecture, located in an area of natural beauty (designed Arata Isozaki). The displays include excellent works of contemporary art, as well as antiques including national treasures and important cultural artefacts, and is an outpost of the Hara Art Museum (Shinagawa, Tokyo).

● Enquiries TEL 0279-24-6585

The permanent collection features glassware by the artists Emile Galle, Walter and the Daum brothers, who represent the Art Nouveau movement between the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-20-1101

MAP ③ E-3

Gunma Glass Crafts Museum

Buy a joint ticket and save on visits to all the museums in the Artenade!

Adults ¥5,850 → **¥2,500**

Children ¥3,600 → **¥1,500**

Valid for a year after purchase

This ticket allows you to enter all eight facilities in the Artenade, for a total price of **2,500 yen** for adults (reduced from 5,850 yen), and **1,500 yen** for children (reduced from 3,600 yen).

● Sold at all eight facilities on the Artenade.







Arty Ishidan-kun Kon-chan

There are many events taking place all year round in Shibukawa City. Each season has its own enjoyment. Please join us to celebrate the different seasons in Shibukawa with different events.

Event Calendar
Event Calendar
 Many events take place in Shibukawa City all year round.

Shibukawa City Event Calendar

| Season | | Event details | Seasonal fruits | | | |
|-----------|-----------------------------|---|---|--|--|---|
| | | | Strawberries | Cherries | Blueberries | Apples |
| January | Mid | First market | | | | |
| February | Early | Mizusawa Kannon Setsubun ceremony to drive out evil spirits | | | | |
| March | Early | Ishidan Hina-matsuri (doll festival) | | | | |
| April | Early | Shibukawa Park Cherry Festival |  | | | |
| | Mid | Maebashi-Shibukawa City Marathon | | | | |
| | Late | Shirol Juku Yae-zakura Festival | | | | |
| | Late | Onogami Onsen Festival | | | | |
| May | Mid | Seiryu (Clear Water) Festival | | | | |
| June | Mid | Miyada Firefly Festival | | | | |
| July | Mid - mid July | Ono-ike Hydrangea Festival | | | | |
| | Early | Tabi no Hi Ikaho Thanks Day | | | | |
| August | Late | Shibukawa (Tummy Button) Festival | |  |  | |
| | Early | Ikaho Hawaiian Festival | | | | |
| | Early | Tachibana Furusato Festival | | | | |
| | Mid (held every other year) | Shibukawa Float Festival | | | | |
| September | 18th-20th | Ikaho Festival | | | | |
| October | Late | Miyukida Soba Festival | | | | |
| | Late | Jomon Festival | | | | |
| | Late - early November | Kajika Bridge light-up | | | |  |
| | Late | Akagi Fureai Festival | | | | |
| November | Late | Tachibana Take no Sato Festival | | | | |
| | Early | National Creative Folkcraft Doll Exhibition in Shibukawa | | | | |
| | Late | Central Japan Shibukawa Bidden Marathon | | | | |
| December | Late - early January | Shibukawa Machinaka Illuminations | | | | |
| | Late | Kuroi Mineiseki Marathon | | | | |



Maebashi Shibukawa City Marathon



Seiryu (Clear Water) Festival



Ono-ike Hydrangea Festival



Kajika Bridge light-up



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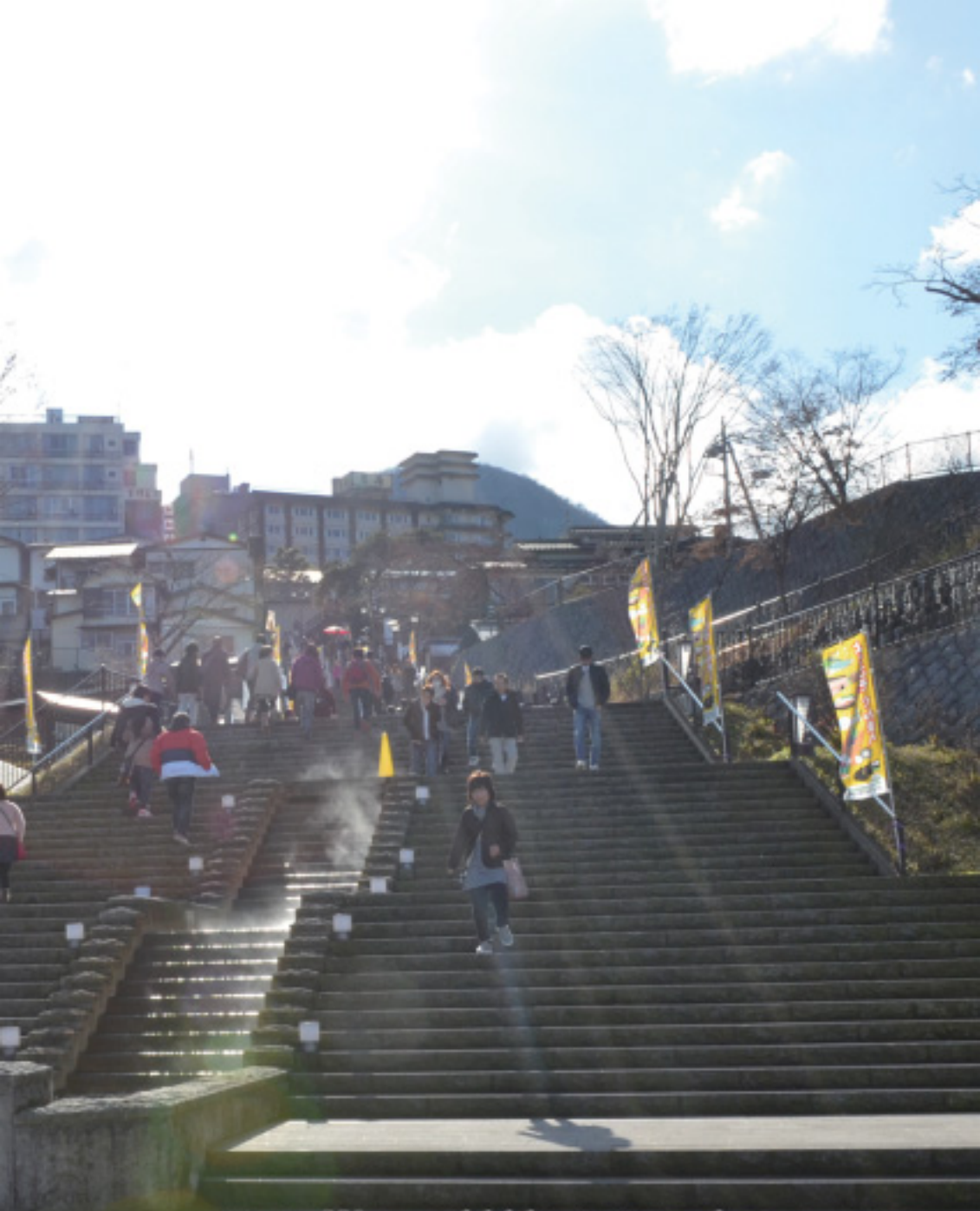
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Onsen hot springs,
history, townscapes, and people...
Everything here
warms your heart.





We would like to introduce you to
Shibukawa.

Festivals/ Events 7

Exciting festivals



(Tummy Button)

Shibukawa Heso Festival

This festival, at which participants encourage one another to "get your tummy out!" as they dance around, is representative of Shibukawa, the "tummy button of Japan". The festival is a summer tradition and attracts many people, filling the town with passion.



Not only "tummy button" dancing, but also dancing in yukata. Encouraging the crowd.



Gunma Prefectural mascot
"Gunma-chan"

In addition to the Shibukawa Heso (Tummy Button) Festival, the Shibukawa region also welcomes you to the Shibukawa Dashi (Float) Festival, in which "dashi" floats parade around the town, the Ikaho Festival, in which the Taru shrine is carried up the stone steps, the "Ikaho Hawaiian Festival", where the whole of Ikaho is decorated in Hawaiian colors, and other fascinating local events.

Event Schedule

| | | |
|-------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| March | Early | Ishidan Hina-matsuri (doll festival) |
| April | Late | Shiro-Juku Yae-zakura Cherry Festival |
| | | Onogami Onsen Festival |
| July | Late | Shibukawa Heso Festival |
| August | Early | Ikaho Hawaiian Festival |
| | Mid | Shibukawa Dashi (Float) Festival |
| 18 - 20 th September | | Ikaho Festival |
| October | Late | Tachibana Take no Sato Festival |

Our festival features large drums, flutes and rocking floats. In the heat of the summer in Shibukawa, come and celebrate along with us, as the town expresses its passion!



Participant Mr. Mashimo



Shibukawa Dashi Festival



The Hachiman road, where the floats are displayed to great effect



The floats, or "dashi", from each area of the town come together

This festival dates back to the Edo period. It is held every other year, and during the festival dozens of beautiful "dashi" floats are paraded around the town, swaying and rocking, passing down even narrow alleyways. Watching them climb the 30m Hachiman Slope, and then descend the Hachiman downward route, along with musical accompaniment, is one of the highlights.

Shiroy-machi is an old post town, and a festival is held every year in late April under the yae-zakura cherry blossoms. Local volunteers dress in costumes that recall the civil war era, and line the streets. Many of their costumes are home-made.

MAP 2E-5



Shiroy-juku Yae-zakura Cherry Festival



Onogami Onsen Festival

Onogami Onsen Hot Spring is known for its beautifying properties. This festival is a local event, in which hot water is taken from the springs and floats travel around, while volunteers perform on the "Joshu Onogami Onsen Taiko" drums. Furthermore, produce from Kozushima-mura, a village that has had friendly relations with the area since Onogami was also a village, is sold.

MAP 2C-1

Festivals/ Events 2

Enjoyable festivals and events



Ikaho Hawaiian Festival



The power of "true Hula"



Kohiki Hula Session

Hawaii comes to Ikaho. It appears that Hula dance lovers come from far and wide during the period of the festival. The highlight is watching the "Merrie Monarch" team, who also attend from Hawaii.



Leader of Ikaho Onsen
Tourism Promotion Group
Ishidan-kun

Shikoku City is home to the remains of the Hawaiian Ambassador's Residence, dating back to when Hawaii was an independent country, and it has a sister city relationship with Hawaii. The City hosts the Ikaho Hawaiian Festival in order to introduce traditional Hawaiian culture, and encourage those practicing Hula dancing to gather here. We hope you will come and experience the transformation of Ikaho Onsen into Hawaiian colors.

Stay in Ikaho - visit Hawaii!

During the Ikaho Hawaiian Festival, people staying in Ikaho are entered into a lottery with prizes that include a trip to Hawaii, accommodation in Ikaho and other luxury items. The lottery takes place daily, so make sure you enter!

Chair of the Steering Committee
Mr. Tamegai



Displays of bamboo art, based on the theme of "Bamboo", which is a feature of the Hokkitsu region, as well as performances of "tagibushi" dancing and take-tako (bamboo drums), are accompanied by the distribution of bamboo charcoal, and tastings of country-style foods made from bamboo shoots.



Tachibana Take no Sato Festival ~ Bamboo Light Pageant ~

MAP 03F-6



Some of the Bamboo crafts on display.



Bamboo musical instruments are used in the Tagibushi performance.

A ceremony held as part of the Tachibana Take no Sato Festival, using locally produced bamboo. The light shines in a fantastic way. The Take no Sato Festival includes performances on bamboo drums, and the distribution of charcoal made from bamboo produced in the Hokkitsu area, as well as other "bamboo" themed events.

The Ikaho Festival takes place as part of the Ikaho Jinja Shrine calendar from 18th to 20th September every year. It begins with the "Roka Festival", celebrating the life of Roka Toyotomi, the Meiji period novelist. On 18th and 19th there are ceremonies involving the "mikoshi" - the portable shrine. Bearers and young people carry the heavy shrine up the stone staircases, in a spectacular show.

MAP 01E-2

Ikaho Festival



Ishidan Hina-matsuri (Doll Festival)

The Ishidan (stone steps) are a symbol of Ikaho Onsen, and at this festival "Hina children" - children dressed as Hina-dolls - appear in the town. The "Hina children" are selected from among postal applicants, so if any children reading this publication are interested, they would be welcome to apply to play the role!

MAP 01E-2

Parks 1

Shibukawa has many great places to play



Shibukawa Skyland Park

The Park features a ferris wheel, a merry-go-round and other large rides. In addition, there is an open space for sports, making the area enjoyable for both children and adults.

● Enquiries

TEL 0279-20-1589 (MAP) E-3



The 500m long large circuit makes you feel as though you are running in a relay race



This is a thrilling, 270m undulating course



Shibukawa Skyland Park
Mascot character
Sky-kun

Amazing views! There is a ferris wheel, with its 360 degree panorama, a merry go round and just some of our 16 attractions. Alongside these there is a huge maze and an open space for sports, making this park one that children and adults alike can enjoy. We hope you'll visit with your family!

Opening hours

9:00~17:00

10:00~16:00 (November - February)

Entry charges (Includes one ride on ferris wheel)

● Adults ¥500

● Children ¥300 (Free up to 2 years old)

※The ferris wheel may close due to weather or for inspections.

**Free entry between
December and February!**

Parking 400 cars

Days closed

Tuesdays between November and February

31st December, 1st January

※The park may close at other times due to bad weather.

The wonderful view from Miharashi Station is not only visible when the weather is good, but also after rain, when the mist covers the mountains creating fantastic scenery. In the evening, the mountains sometimes glow red. There is a different view to enjoy each day.



Tourism Promotion Section Mr. Otsuji



Uenoyama Park and the ropeway

The park seen from the ropeway summit "Miharashi Station", after taking the ride up from Ikaho Onsen Town. The view from the Miharashi Viewpoint with its wooden deck takes in Tanigawa, Hotaka, the Akagi Mountains, and the Onsen town, below you, across to the city.

●Enquiries

- ▷ Uenoyama Park = Urban Planning Section **MAP 05F-2**
- ▷ Ikaho Ropeway = Tourism Section **MAP 05E-2**



Lots of nature at Uenoyama Park



Wonderful views from the wooden deck

The park features walking courses and sculptures designed to blend with nature, and can be enjoyed by children right through to elderly people. There are also a lot of sports facilities.

●Enquiries TEL 0279-24-0535 **MAP 05F-3**

Shibukawa City Sogo Koen (Park)



*Dogs can be walked in some parts of the park.



Atagoyama Furusato Park

The park features a tennis court, archery area, rolling slide and a dynamic rope climbing frame, as well as other equipment that children love to play on.

●Enquiries TEL 0279-52-4393

MAP 05F-6

Parks 2

Shibukawa's Campsites - full of nature

Maple Village Komochi

Quiet bungalows located in the heart of the forest, with showers and kitchens, offer you a home away from home. Come and enjoy this highland resort with your friends and family.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-53-2344

(Between April and October. Otherwise please direct enquiries to Tourism Section)

(MAP 84C-5)



The management block



Clean and dry even if it's raining outside!



Manager Mr. Izuka

The bungalows can house up to 50 people, while up to 60 can be catered for in the roofed barbecue area. We also offer experiences in making konnyaku, manju cakes, and oyaki buns, and a soba preparation experience, as well as magic shows. show de mágica.

● Open 1st April - 31st October

Closed every Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday)

● Charges

| Name of facility | Time of use | Type of use | Cost (in yen) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| Bungalow (per unit) | 1:00PM - 10:00AM next day | 6 person | 12,000 |
| | | 10 person | 20,000 |
| | | 12 person | 24,000 |
| Barbecue area | 9:00AM - 4:00PM | 1 table (10 people) | 1,800 |
| | 5:00PM - 8:00PM | Bungalow users | Free |



Numao River Shinsui Koen Campsite

You can enjoy being by the river here. The multi-purpose spaces are good for children, and there are bungalows and fishing areas.

● Enquiries TEL 0279-56-3531

(Summer opening hours. For other times, please contact Urban Planning Section)

MAP 01C-6



Urban Planning Section
Mr. Tsuji

A camp site in the middle of a park, surrounded by natural water and greenery. Particularly recommended for families with children, who can enjoy the roller slide and other play equipment.



They love using the roller slide!



The water zone, offering safe water play



Manager Mr. Ohata

The site provides tents and bungalows, as well as excellent facilities such as hot showers, flushing toilets and shared cooking areas. The site is well-managed and visitors can use it with peace of mind, whether they come with children or as groups of young people.



Akagi Campsite

The Akagi Campsite is surrounded by nature and is in the foothills of the mountains. It is a perfect spot for those who want to spend some quiet time. The campsite is at 900m above sea level. The highland woods include beautiful cypress, larch, beech and white birch trees.

● Enquiries TEL 090-4066-6561

(Between July and September. At other times please contact the Tourism Section)

MAP 01B-9



The cooking area



You can stay here in comfort.



Rural Kabuki

Kabuki stage in Kami Miharada (a nationally designated important folk cultural asset)

So-called "rural kabuki" became popular in the second half of the Edo period. There are four kabuki companies in and around the city - Shibukawa, Handa Bando-za, Akagi and Shibukawa Children's Kabuki, all of which do regular performances. Akagi-machi has the Tsukuda puppet kabuki stage, which was constructed in the late Edo period, and which, along with 38 puppet dolls, has been designated an important cultural asset by Gunma Prefecture.

The Kami Miharada kabuki stage is rare throughout Japan, and an important cultural asset. The Conservation Committee work to ensure that for as long as there is a kabuki stage in Kami Miharada, not only the building but also the method will continue to be passed down through the generations.



Kami Miharada Kabuki Stage
Operating Conservation Committee Chair
Mr. Suto



A performance
at the Citizens' Hall



Tsukuda puppet plays



Leader of Miharada Elementary School
Kabuki Club
Ms. Hagiwara

We played Shiranami Gonin-otoko on the kabuki stage. When on stage, we were very nervous as there were a lot of guests. But as we said our lines we became more used to the nerves. I hope that we can continue to share the tradition of Kami Miharada Kabuki to younger generations.

Shishimai (Lion dance)



Shishimai at Miyukida

The Shishimai lion dance is done to pray for a good rice harvest and to ward off evil spirits, and is performed at various shrines throughout the city. At present, Shishimai in seven different regions - Kawashima, Miyukida, Hakoda, Tsukuda, Miharada, Nakao and Kamionoko - has been designated as an important intangible cultural folk asset of the city.



Shishimai at Miharada in Akagi-machi

Kagura is a type of pantomime performed at shrines. It tells myths and includes dances that pray for success in business, as well as other types. Seven kagura groups in the city have been given important intangible cultural folk asset status, of which one (the Shimonamuro-daidai mikagura "Dance of the silkworm breeder") is also designated by Gunma Prefecture, where silk production was a major industry.



Shinmeigu-daidaikagura being performed at Komochi shrine.

Kagura



Shimonamuro-daidai mikagura "Dance of the silkworm breeder"

Matsuri Bayashi



Ikaho Matsuri Bayashi

Matsuri Bayashi (festival music) takes the rhythms and sounds of the procession of the "dashi" floats, and is extremely cheerful to listen to. In Shibukawa, two types of festival music: Ikaho Matsuri Bayashi and Shibukawa Gion Bayashi have been designated by the city as important intangible cultural folk assets, and these have developed along with the festivals themselves.



Shibukawa Gion Bayashi being performed at the Shibukawa Float Festival

甲を着装した人

Cultural assets that teach us history today

Remains of Kanai Higashiura

WAB 10D-4

The remains of Kanai Higashiura have revealed human bones, wearing armor, which were buried in the early 6th century eruption of Mt. Haruna, and as a result are extremely famous.

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| 2nd Century | Yayoi Period | ▲Bunpo Hassaki Remains ▲Aizima Remains |
| 3rd Century | | ○Yamatokoku Period |
| 4th Century | | ▲Miyakidama Area A, Tumulus 1 |
| 5th Century | Tumulus Period | ○Five Kings of Wa Period ▲Kanai Higashiura Remains ▲Nakasuji Remains |
| 6th Century | | ▲Kusamine Remains ○Disappearance of "tephra-staple" burial mounds ○Shotoku Taishi Period |
| 7th Century | | ○Taika no Kaishin ○Jinshin revolt ○Disappearance of burial mounds ○Taiho Code |
| 8th Century | | Provincial temples and provincial highways spread nationwide |
| | Nara Period | |



The first kusane (pieces of armor) made from horn ever discovered in Japan



The remains as a whole

A replica of the person buried in armor from Kanai Higashiura has been made. No remains from the Tumulus period have so far exposed human bones buried in a volcanic eruption, until now, and this was the first time bones had been unearthed wearing armor. In addition to this, Shibukawa City's historic resources are also on display at the Akagi History Museum, the Hokkitsu History Museum, and the Shibukawa City Bural Cultural Assets Centre.



Cultural Asset Conservation Section
Mr. Nakajima



MAP 02E-2

The Hawaiian Ambassador's Residence dates back to the period when Hawaii was a country independent of the USA, and is part of the buildings used when Hawaii had an official ambassador. It is one of the few buildings remaining from the Hawaiian Kingdom in Japan. It has been returned to its original position in line with the extension of the stone stairs.



The Guidance Facility, with a wide range of historical materials on display

Hawaiian Ambassador's Residence (City-Designated Historical Remains)

The eruption of Mt. Haruna in the mid-6th century meant that the geography and culture of the time was buried and preserved as it was, leaving remains of a village from the late Tumulus period. From this historic background, it has become known as the "Japanese Pompeii". A marathon is run in Kuroi Mine every year in December.



The Kuroi Mine Remains Marathon, where runners take a course around the remains.

Kuroi Mine remains (National Designated Historical Remains)



MAP 04-5



Items excavated from the DokunMae remains (National Important Cultural Assets)

Artefacts unearthed from the remains of a village in the Jomon period. The formation of the artefacts has been widely praised, and some of the pottery was part of an exhibition at the British Museum.



Stone statue of Fudo-myō (National Important Cultural Assets)

The stone statue of Fudo dates back to the Kamakura Period and is located within the natural cave in the Miyata-yama Fudo Temple. It is open to the public only once a year - on 28th January.

MAP 04D-6

Sister/ Friendship Cities

Republic of Italy
City of Foligno



Our circle of friendship and sister cities is extending throughout the world



Tourism Section
Ms. Iizuka

We sell an exclusive high-quality olive-oil, in limited quantities, imported as part of our exchange activities with our sister city in the Republic of Italy, Foligno. We entered into a sister city agreement with Foligno in 2000, and many people both in Shibukawa and outside love this olive oil.

Foligno is situated roughly in the center of the Italian Peninsula, and is surrounded by vineyards and olive farms. The center of the city features a medieval building that was once a castle, and the city is extremely beautiful. We became sister cities in 2000.

Cities with whom we have international exchange activities



Hawaii State is made up of five counties, and Hawaii County is Hawaii Island. The region's produce includes the world-famous Kona Coffee, as well as macadamia nuts, papaya, bananas, etc. Furthermore, it is one of the world's leading producers of orchids. We became sister cities in 1997.



Hawaii County United States of America



Commonwealth of Australia Logan City



A city full of nature, located between Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, and the Gold Coast. Logan City is home to wild koalas and kangaroos. We became sister cities in 2006.

Republic of Italy Abano Terme



Located in Vignette Province, northern Italy. It is home to one of the greatest hot springs regions in Italy, with the mud baths of fango being particularly famous. We entered into a friendship sister city agreement in 1993.



Taiwan Shetou Township and Yuanlin City



歡迎日本群馬縣澁川市長率團城市交流



Shibukawa entered into friendship agreements with Shetou Township in Changhua County in 2014, and with Yuanlin City in 2015, with the intention of contributing to one another's development.



Shibukawa's original, first agricultural produce brand **Shibusen** (a unique selection of agricultural chemicals suited to Shibukawa)



Agricultural Section Mr. Goto

This agricultural method (method of growing produce) began with the Mayor of Shibukawa City, who stated that he wanted to "Provide food for our children that they can eat with peace of mind and in safety". We have linked producers (farmers) and consumers (those who eat the food) to produce a new brand of agricultural produce for Shibukawa.

In Shibukawa, we are promoting a new method of growing agricultural produce, ahead of the rest of Japan, that does not use any of the chemicals that are a cause of concern both for the environment and people's health. By promoting their use in school meals and their sale via direct sales outlets throughout the city, we aim to turn Shibukawa's produce into a brand.



Shibusen vegetable production



Tasting Shibusen vegetable processed foods



Shibusen vegetables used in school meals

Main direct sales outlet within the city

You can buy various agricultural products, including Shibusen vegetables.



Michi no Eki "Komochi" Shiroijuku Furusato produce hall

Address:
2318-1 Shiroi,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-60-6600

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JA Kita-gun Shibukawa Miyukida agricultural produce direct sales point

Address:
51-1 Miyukida,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-24-5033

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Akagi No. 1 Direct sales of agricultural produce

Address:
287-3 Kita-Ueno,
Akagi-machi,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-56-3502

MAP 005-7



JA Kita-gun Shibukawa Furumaki agricultural produce direct sales point

Address:
3121-1 Handa,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-20-1050

MAP 005-6



Akagi No. 2 Direct sales of agricultural produce

Address:
40 Shikishima,
Akagi-machi,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-56-4183

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Michi no Eki "Onoko" Direct sales of agricultural produce

Address:
1980 Onoko,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-59-2839

MAP 005-3



JA Akagi Tachibana Hokkitsu special produce direct sales

Address:
246-2 Makabe,
Hokkitsu-machi,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-52-4015

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Onogami Direct sales of special products

Address:
305-2 Murakami,
Shibukawa City

TEL 0279-59-2465

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Hokkitsu Fureai Center direct sales

Address:
605-5 Shimo Hakoda,
Hokkitsu-machi,
Shibukawa City

※No phone

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Communicating the attractions of Shibukawa!

Shibukawa's "Tourism Ambassadors"



Mr. Hiroshi Ichikura
(copywriter)

Appointed January 2013

Originally from Shibukawa, his most famous creations include the advertisements for Suntory Malts ("This is delicious"), National Esthetic Products ("Do you like beautiful women?"), Family Mart ("Going to the convenience store with you"), etc. He is also a lyric writer, who has engaged in various collaborations with music artists.

All of our Tourism Ambassadors have a close connection with Shibukawa, and are active in a range of fields, so they are fully able to communicate the attraction of Shibukawa.



Tourism Section Ms. Iwata



Ms. Nanae Ubukata
(Fashion model)

Appointed July 2011

Originally from Shibukawa. Worked as a fashion model for women's fashion magazines, and now works as a top model for fashion magazines and in collections for famous brands, both in Japan and overseas. Recently, she has also appeared on TV commercials and has been gaining attention in various other ways.



Mr. Toshinori Oshima
(Chair, Tourism Promotion
Working Group)

Appointed July 2011

Working to promote inbound tourism from China, including promotion of friendship between China and Japan.



Mr. Yuri Osawa
(Freelance Announcer)

Appointed July 2010

Yuuri Osawa is originally from Ikaho, and worked for many years as an announcer on TBS Radio's "Yu Yu Wide". In 2009, he also served as a tutor in classes entitled "Introducing the Attractions of Shibukawa".



Ms. Sachiko Kagami
(Announcer (former NHK
Executive Announcer))

Appointed July 2011

Began working for NHK in 1963. Has worked in a wide variety of areas, including reporting, education, arts programs etc., and became the first female director. She still works as a director, and now works mainly in classical and contemporary literature, mainly giving lectures and writing books.



Mr. Akira Kanai
(Director, Nihon Kotsu Kyokai)
Appointed July 2011

After graduating Tokyo University, entered Japan Rail. Worked on increasing demand within the travel sector, and is now engaged in promoting inbound travel. Is originally from Shibukawa, and as such, succeeded in having the Shibukawa Heso (Tummy Button) Festival mentioned in the New Year Parade held in Hong Kong in January 2009.



Mr. Nobuaki Tomita
(Kimono Stylist)
Appointed July 2010

Has been cooperating in PR for Shibukawa as an "Ambassador for Ikahe Onsen Tourism" and "Ambassador for Gunma Tourism", and worked as producer, along with Ikahe Onsen hotel directors, for Ikahe Onsen in August 2010 ("IKAHO Cultural Meeting Ishidan 1000" and "Ikahe Art Collection").



Mr. Kiyohiko Shibukawa
(Actor)
Appointed July 2011

Originally from Shibukawa. Appeared in fashion magazines under the name "KEE", and in 2006, changed his name to "Kiyohiko Shibukawa". Since then, has appeared in multiple movies, and in 2015 was featured in the movie directed by Akira Ozaki entitled "Obon no Ototo".



Mr. Shuhei Hosaka
(Jazz pianist)
Appointed January 2013

Originally from Shibukawa. Graduated from Tokyo University of the Arts. Currently working as a jazz pianist and songwriter. Tsunoda Hiro band pianist, main pianist in "My French/Italian" band. Wrote choral piece "Iroshi no Mochi", published by Hanna Co. Ltd. Her piece "Setshun no Shi" (Poem of Youth) was premiered at Carnegie Hall in New York in November 2015 by the Giza Male Voice Choir.



Mr. Hiromasa Shimizu
(Singer of traditional songs, affiliated to Teichiku Music)
Appointed July 2010

Hiromasa SHIMIZU, who was born in Shibukawa, won the Grand Champion prize at NHK's 2006 "Nodo-Jiman" singing contest. He sang for visitors at the 26th "Shibukawa Heso Matsuri" (Tummybutton Festival) in 2009.



Ms. Kazue Morinaga
(Soprano singer)
Appointed July 2010

Kazue Morinaga is a soprano originally from Shibukawa. In addition to participating in the "Kazue MORINAGA Concert", which is held in Shibukawa every year, she is also cooperating in the Shibukawa International Cooperation Association, which was set up to facilitate exchange with Foglino City in Italy.



Mr. Minta Sha
(CEO, Yugen Co., Ltd.)
Appointed July 2013

A global entrepreneur, who originated in Changhua Province, Taiwan, studied at Tokai University, and started up Yugen Co., Ltd. among other companies. Partnered with Kazashina-mura as a way of linking Ikahe Onsen to Taiwan during weekdays, and has been a key person in encouraging Taiwanese people to visit the region.



Ms. La La
(Violinist/singer)
Appointed July 2013

Originally from Shibukawa, she sings as well as playing the violin. In addition to commercial songs, has also worked with some of the best artists in the world in terms of recording and performance in advertising. Debuted on CD in 2008 with a recording for the Bolshoi Circus. Also involved in dress design and production.

Industry Manufacturing

*From Shibukawa to the nation and the world!
Industry and Manufacturing obtaining the ability to
spread one's wings and take up new challenges*

This city has many original plans! Please see the "Shibukawa Monozukuri Planning Guide" on the city's website.



Trade Promotion Section Mr. Kobayashi

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Suntory Products Co., Ltd.
Ms. Taneda

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Daido Steel Co., Ltd.
Mr. Ito

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Denka Co., Ltd. Mr. Iijima

We reached 100 years since our establishment in 1915. Our motto for the next 100 years is "Possibility of Chemistry."

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We are engaged in the manufacture of chemical products and electronic materials, and also testing chemical substances for safety and storage cells for discharge, etc.

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Our battery testing work is a new area, and very exciting.



Japan Carlit Co., Ltd. (Battery Testing Center)
Mr. Suguro

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Shibukawa City

City Emblem

The motif involves a letter "S" running alongside Mt. Akagi, Mt. Haruna and the Tone river, indicating that Shibukawa is somewhere that people can relax, knowing that the quietness and friendliness of the City will continue in the future. The circle in the center of the motif indicates collaboration and concentration, as well as being an indication of Shibukawa as the "Tummy Buttn" of Japan, right in the center.

Catchphrase

In the center of Japan - Shibukawa City, surrounded by water, greenery and wonderful hot springs.



〈City flower〉
Hydrangea



〈City tree〉
Maple



〈City bird〉
The cuckoo

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