

Welcome to Akiha ward

Sightseeing Map of Akiha ward



① Historic townhouse and street in Kosudo

This town had a big fire in year 34 of the Meiji Era.

Afterward, traditional side proportion and a row of houses along the street were reconstructed.

Town development has been conducted by making use of Machiya gallery Satumaya for events and holding a town walk event.



② Ulala Kosudo (symbol zone of Flower and Greenery)



This facility is a facility to promote horticultural and agricultural progresses. Here is a direct sales depot for farm products, flowers and trees. Various events and hands-on classes are held throughout the year in the hall.

③ Japan Bokeh Park

Akiha ward Kosudo area is famous for being Japan's NO.1 area in Bokeh(Flower Japanese quince) production.

There are 160 kinds and 6400 Bokeh plants.

The best time to see them is mid to late April.

This park is crowded with many citizens at that time.



④ Akiha Lake

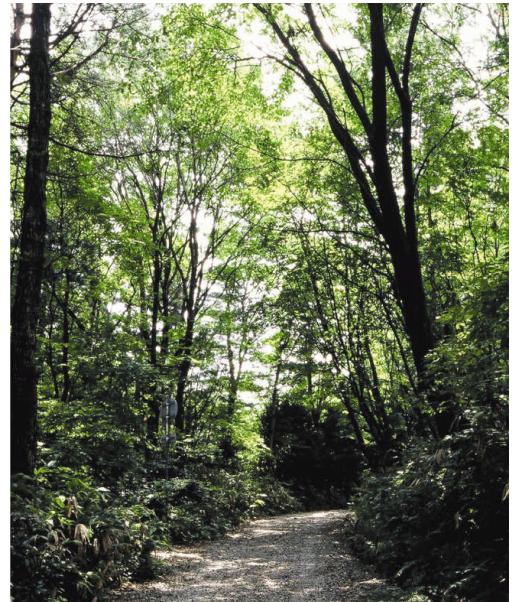


This lake is located in the AKIHA Park. You can enjoy the outdoors at the outdoor recreational facilities near here. There are also beautiful cherry blossom spots in spring.

⑤ Komore-bi Walking Trail (sunlight falling onto the trail through the trees)

This is a path through the woods from the campsite in Akiha Park to Bodaiji mountain.

The Sekiyu-no-Sato Park (oil field park) is also around Bodaiji mountain. You can enjoy forest bathing and seasonal scenery.



⑥ Manganji Hasagi Colonnade



Once upon a time when it was rice harvesting time on the Niigata Plain, we could see rice hanging on the many Poles (we call these Hasa). It was like a screen (we call it Byo-bu).

Now, a row of the trees still remains extending about 1 kilometer.

⑦ Niitsu Railway Museum

There is something about railways.

A must-see museum for SL fans.

Niitsu is an important point for its many spot facilities.

Niitsu was called a railway town at one time.

At this place, materials are displayed from all areas of the railway.



⑧ Akiha Park

This park is in green hills about 10 minutes by car from Niitsu Station.

There are many areas for recreation such as a square called

Miharashi-Hiroba which is famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms, a Japanese garden, a peony garden and an athletic course for exercise and so on. You can see beautiful views of the Japanese Ocean and Gozu Mountains from the

observatory on the top of Akiha Mountain. It's good for hiking. There is a lake called Akiha-ko and a camping site which is the starting point of a walking course called Komoreci-no-Yuhodo leading up to Sekiyu-no-Sato Park.



⑨ A Historic Place Furutsu Hachimanyama

「Hill of Yayoi Era Exhibition Hall」

This hall displays earthenware, stone tools and other relics buried within Furutsu Hachimanyama remains.

There are more than 500 artifacts from Old Stone era to Heian era.

An animation introduces the history of Furutsu

Hachimanyama remains to understand easily.

The restored model reproduces the Yayoi Era's life.



⑩ Furutsu Hachimanyama National Historic Site

This is a huge upland moated settlement of the late Yayoi era.

It is appreciated as a valuable site for understanding the transition from Yayoi era to Kofun era and was designated as a national historic site in July of 2005.



(11) Road side rest area "Home of Flowers and Dreams"

(12) Niitsu Flower Land



There are exhibits and sales of lots of high quality goods unique to production in the area.

- Mountain Wild grass for interior decoration.
- Garden trees.
- Flowers and leaves for appreciation and sampling.

And it is

frequented by a large number of families who are lovers of flowers and plants.

Throughout the year many popular events are held here.



(13) Niigata Municipal Niitsu Museum

This is a museum at the foot of Hachiman Mountain in the park, "Hananoiseki no Furusato Koen"

Niigata Prefectural Botanical garden, Buried cultural Property Center and the flower shop "Flower Land" are next to it. You can visit casually each season.

It holds not only art exhibitions, but also concerts, theaters and performances as a place for general art extending beyond the traditional concept of a museum.



⑯ Myoren Temple Mountain Gate

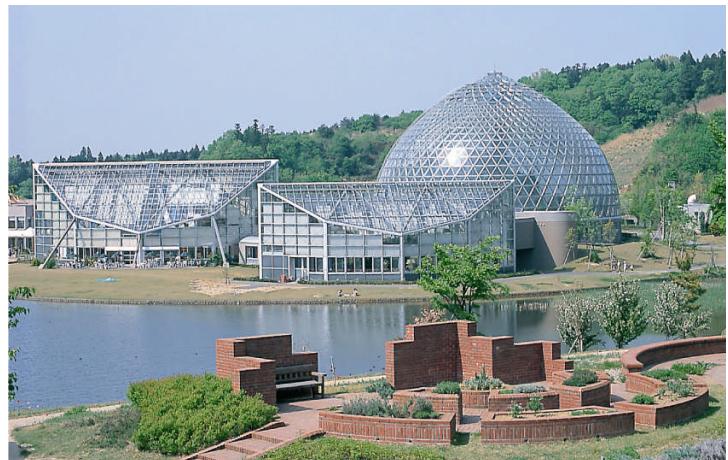


Mountain gate of Myoren Temple built in 1826 is in the architectural style of Songen-Sonko-Nijumon.

This style was used to build the mountain gates of Honzyo temple in Sanjyo and Houkou temple in Shibata. Specialists are interested in these mountain gates with the same style as 3 main historical gates in Kanbara area.

⑰ Niigata Prefectural Botanical Garden

This is a central facility for promoting urban greenery with the theme of creating a theater of flowers and greenery. It mainly consists of three viewing greenhouses, “Tropical plant dome”, “Flowers and greenery atrium”, “Flowers and greenery stage”. There is also an information center and a grass plaza.



⑯ World Museum of Oil

Oil was mined in the Niitsu area, Akiha ward, Niigata city during the Edo era

Much oil was mined from the Meiji era to the Taisho era by oil companies especially the Nakano Family.

This area was crowded with many people as an oil town.

This oil museum displays many data to pass on the oil industry and cultural heritage.



⑰ Nakano Estate Art Museum

A stately mansion, Nakano-tei was built by Nakano-Kanichi, who was called "King of oil" in Japan. He was born in 1846. When he was around thirty, he developed Oil fields and built up a fortune.



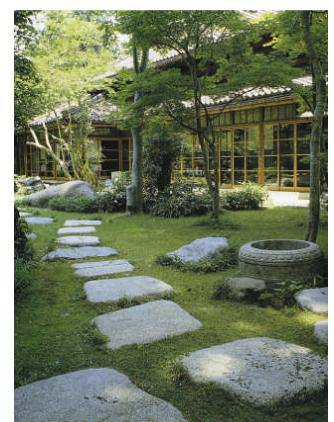
Nakano-tei garden is called Momiji-en or Maple tree garden, has about 2000 maple trees of around 130 different kinds.



Especially in autumn, many people visit to appreciate trees aflame with red and yellow leaves.

Also in the house there are a number of historical antiques exhibited, including 12 national treasures such as pottery, hanging scrolls, paintings and so on.

*They open from September 1st to the end of November.



⑯ Cultural Property Center of Buried Artifacts by Niigata prefecture

This center has buried artifacts from within Niigata prefecture.

The first floor displays Jomon earthen ware, stone tools and items.

The second floor has a sorting room and storages.

A part of the wall is glass, so we can see closely the artifacts and how the staff is sorting them.



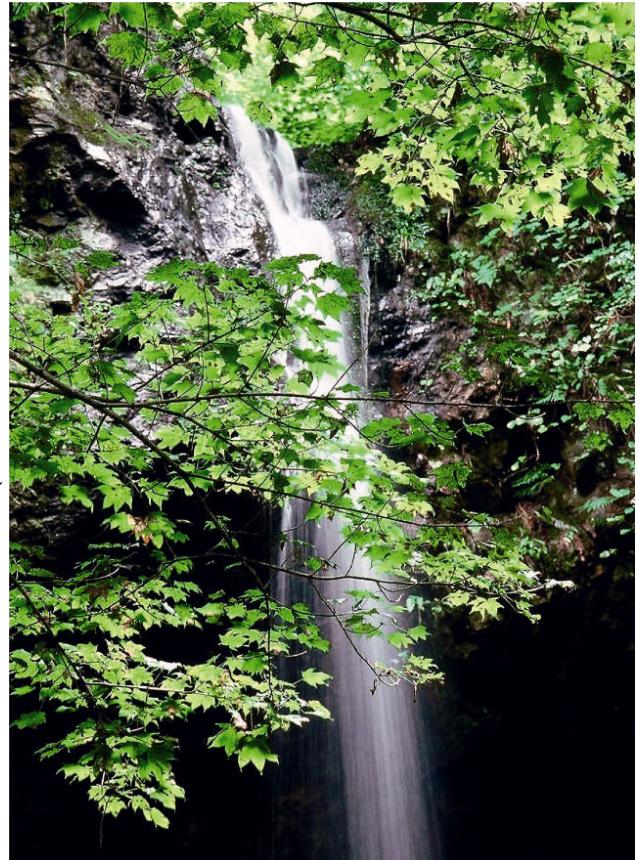
⑰ Shiratama Water Fall

This waterfall on Kanazu hill is familiar to people in all seasons.

Especially in the hot season to enjoy the coolness.

It is known from the Junoku emperor era(1210～1221) and is said that it was a place where mountain ascetics were trained.

The upper fall (male fall) has a drop of 15m. While the lower fall (female fall) has a 7 m drop.



②⓪ Osawa Forest Park



This is a forest park surrounded by lush greenery. It has a rich outdoor atmosphere including a suspension bridge over a stream. It has a cookhouse with furnaces, so you can enjoy barbequing also.

②① Kosudo hot spring health support center 「Hanayou-kan」



This facility has various kinds of hot spring and a health promotion space. Please make yourself at home.

(22) Satoyama Visitor Center

This facility is located in Sekiyu-no-Sato Park (Home of Oil fields) and provides information about Satoyama.

Satoyama is a place near the village at the foot of the mountain.

You can get information before trekking. There are changing rooms and free lockers that can be used for walks and rests.

There is an ancient pavilion with a motif of dinosaurs in the site, which can be enjoyed as a children's playground.



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