

# AKI CITY SIGHTSEEING GUIDEMAP [Made by Aki City Tourism Association]

## EXPLORE AKI CITY BY BICYCLE



Here at Aki City tourism association, we have 45 bicycles (40 for adults and 5 for children) available free of charge for you to explore the city. We hope you will make use of this service when visiting Aki.

- \*Please note that we do not accept reservations in advance.
- \*Please return bicycles to the Aki Tourist Information Center or Aki Station Jibasan Center within the hours below.
- \*Opening hours vary by season. Please check below for times.

Month	Hours available
April - September	7am - 6pm
October - March	7am - 5pm

Bicycles available at Aki Station Jibasan Market and Aki Tourist Information Center

## Contact Aki City Tourism Association

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## Aki Tourist Information Center "Aki Iwasaki Yataro Kokorozashishachcu"



### Learn about Yataro Iwasaki

Here you can find panel displays with information about Yataro Iwasaki and Ryoma Sakamoto to name but a few. There is also a display of original costumes and props featured in the popular TV series 'Ryomaden'. You can also see the visions Yataro's younger brother, Yanosuke, had for Marunouchi in Tokyo. Please come and take a look when you are visiting Aki city.

### Plentiful supply of tourist information and gifts

Drop in for information about Aki and the east side of Kochi prefecture, including accomodation and eateries. We have a range of local products from Aki and the east side of Kochi too.

Visit our staff blog for up-to-date information about events!  
 HP:<http://kokorozasiyataro.blog79.fc2.com/>



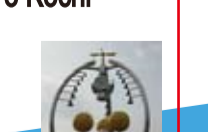
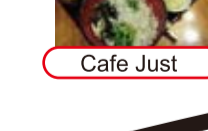
### Accommodation in Aki city

Hotel Tamai	Capacity: 84 guests	Tel 0887-35-2111
Yamatoya Ryokan	Capacity: 40 guests	Tel 0887-35-2018
Seigetsu Ryokan	Capacity: 40 guests	Tel 0887-34-8855
Business Hotel Bencho	Capacity: 27 guests	Tel 0887-34-1177
Nishiuchi Ryokan	Capacity: 25 guests	Tel 0887-35-2014
Komatsu Ryokan	Capacity: 15 guests	Tel 0887-34-3053
Hatayama Onsen Ikoi no Ie	Capacity: 12 guests	Tel 0887-34-8141
Nokaminshuku Senshun	Capacity: 5 guests	Tel 0887-36-2107
Minshuku Shiki Rakuan	Capacity: 1 group	Tel 0887-34-3666

### "I will return here only when I have fulfilled my ambition!"



Myoken mountain can be found near Yataro Iwasaki's childhood home. Hoshi shrine is located here and is a famous historical landmark in Aki. Before mischievous Yataro left to study in Edo in 1854, he climbed Myoken mountain and engraved the following words on the shrine: "I will return here only when I have fulfilled my ambition!" It is said that this is the place where Yataro prayed for success.



### Taxi Telephone Numbers

Maruwa Taxis	Tel 0887-35-2404
Geiyo Taxis	Tel 0887-34-1122
Tani Taxis	Tel 0887-35-2121
Katoreya Taxis	Tel 0887-35-3515
Ioki Taxis	Tel 0887-35-2050

### Kamaage Chirimendon

First class food  
 Kamaage Chirimendon is a 'donburi' style dish using one of Aki's local delicacies, boiled and dried baby sardines. Freshly cooked rice is topped with baby sardines, seaweed, ground Japanese radish and sesame seeds. It is eaten with a splash of soy sauce on top.

### Try your hand at making pottery and glass beads

Uchiharano Pottery House and Glass Atelier  
 At Uchiharano Pottery house it is possible to make an artpiece from clay, or to add a design to an already-made piece.  
 You can also try your hand at making glass beads and other small items by melting glass rods over a burner.  
 (Reservations required)  
 Tel 0887-32-0308

### Historical Azalea Park

Every April, approximately 15,000 blooming azaleas cover Uchiharano park. In this park, plum, cherry blossom, azaleas, wisteria, irises, are in bloom from early spring until early summer. The azalea festival (Tsumuji Matsuri), which takes place annually from late March until early May, attracts many people with events being held at the weekends. This park used to be a recreational park for the Goto family, who were the chief retainers of Aki under the ruling of Tosa lords, the Yamauchi family. At that time, many azaleas were planted.

### One of Japan's Top 100 Man-made lakes

Benten Lake  
 At the beginning of the Edo period, circa 1673-1680, Benten lake was made to provide irrigation for nearby farmers. During the azalea festival, boats are available for hire.

### Yataro Iwasaki's Childhood Home

In the small garden of Yataro's childhood home, groups of rocks can be found. It is said that as a child full of ambition, Yataro Iwasaki created this map of Japan out of rocks.

### Nora Dokei

Symbol of Aki city  
 In the middle of the Meiji era, when individual homes seldom had clocks, Genma Hatakenaka made a large clocktower, known today as "Nora Dokei". It is said that he learned the principles and structure of clocks after dismantling and reassembling an American octagonal clock he was given.

### Listen to Ryutarō Hirota's music

Ryutarō Hirota, a song composer, was born in Aki City. Since 1978, the city has been promoting his songs, with unique music monuments being erected in 10 locations around the city to commemorate his work.

### Other Sightseeing Spots

Music Monument 'Ame'  
 Approx. 6kms to the west of Aki City center

Ioki Caves  
 Approx. 3kms to the east of Aki City center

Michinoeki Oyama  
 Approx. 4kms to the east of Aki City center

Music Monument 'Hamachidori'  
 Approx. 4.5kms to the east of Aki City center

### Other Accomodation

Hatayama Onsen Ikoi no Ie  
 Approx. 12kms to the north of Aki City center

Shiki Rakuan  
 Approx. 10kms to the north of Aki City center

