

The Asuka Satoyama Club was formed to preserve the beauty of the Asuka Historical National Government Park. The Satoyama Club accepts applications for members once every year and, during their first year, the club offers a course of 20 lectures by experts in the field to provide the opportunity to study the rich history, culture, geology and natural history of the Asuka Satoyama region. During the second year, members take advantage of these studies as they take part in activities related to forest development, including events and guide activities, etc. In order to promote even higher levels of involvement we will continue to conduct research and hold training sessions.



The Flowers of Asuka

Hanana Brassica rapa <i>Lilium japonicum</i> Blooming in April, the bright yellow blossoms and sweet fragrance foretell the end of winter.	Rhododendron Farraerae A species of Rhododendron that blooms in woodland areas around April. It produces many reddish violet flowers.	Lysimachia Clethroides A woodland flower that blooms around June. The tip is pointed like a tail, and it produces many flowers.	Kawara Nadeshiko <i>Dianthus superbus</i> This flower blooms in June, but it is considered as one of the seven plants of autumn.
Bamboo Lily <i>Lilium japonicum</i> Unique to Japan and unearthly beautiful, this flower blooms in June in the forests.	Bush clover A flower that begins to bloom from around July and is in full bloom in September. It is one of the seven flowers of autumn.	Tawny Day Lily <i>Aeginetia indica</i> Blooming in July, this lily is one of the essential flowers of the rural regions in Japan.	Nanban Giseru <i>Aeginetia indica</i> Blooming in September, this flower, a parasite of Japanese pampas grass, has no chlorophyll.
Cluster Amaryllis Blooming in autumn, this flower is exquisite covering the staircase fields of Asukamura!	Autumn Cherry Blossom This flower in the Asteraceae family that blooms around October. The branches used to be bundled together and used as brooms.	Perya Scandens A flower in the Asteraceae family that blooms around October. The branches used to be bundled together and used as brooms.	

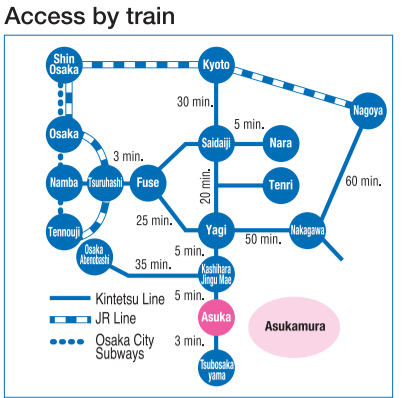


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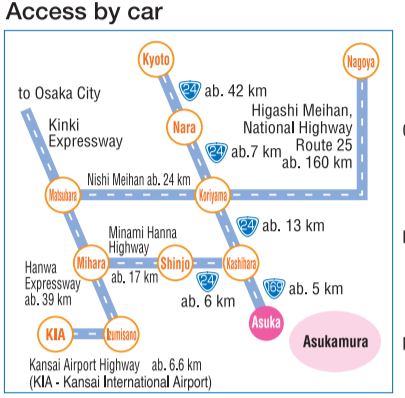


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Asuka Access Guide



※For tours of the Asuka area, we recommend the "Asuka Tour Bus (commonly called Akakame)" departing from Asuka Station and Kashiharajingu-mae Station as well as the "Kitora Direct Bus" departing from Asuka Station. Rental bicycles and "MICHIMO" (electric rental cars) is also convenient.



※The various park areas have limited parking space. Please use public transportation.

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- Please obey the following rules in the park:**
- Do NOT collect plant, animals or insects.
 - Do NOT approach dangerous animals such as vipers, etc.
 - Do NOT use flames.
 - Do NOT endanger the safety of other users.
 - Do NOT bring or use the following items: Firearms, blades, golf equipment, baseball equipment, glass bottles, skateboards, motor-powered models (drones), large tents, sound equipment such as karaoke machines, etc.

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Asuka Historical National Government Park

The Asuka area was the origin of a centralized government in ancient times, and it has a valuable historical heritage, as well as beautiful scenery. This 59.9 ha park, 15 times the size of the Koshien Baseball Park, was created to preserve these assets. Each of the four areas in the park, the Takamatsuzuka, Ishibutai, Amakashi-no-Oka, Iwaido and Kitora areas, has its own special character.

Takamatsuzuka Area

Asuka Historical National Government Park Hall
Including the guidance of the facilities and entertainment of Asuka Historical National Government Park in the district, the historic sites and history of the Asuka Area are introduced by using a three-dimensional model and image.
Admittance is free: 9:30 - 17:00 (Dec. - Feb., 9:30 - 16:30)
Closed: Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

Takamatsuzuka Mural Museum
Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (Entrance only until 16:30)
Closed: Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
Entrance Fees (yen): Adults; 250 (200), Univ. & H.S.; 130 (100), Jr. H.S. & Elementary School; 70 (50) Prices in "()" are for groups.

Amakashi-no-Oka Area

Man'yo Botanical Park Road
Located on Amakashi-no-Oka hill, this road is about 2.3 km long. Walking slowly, it takes about one hour to complete the course. There are 40 different plants mentioned in the Man'yo poems planted here, and they are arranged in the form of a quiz.

Observatory
From the summit of the hill, 148 m above sea level, you can see the main stage of the ancient history of Japan, the Fujiwara Palace Ruins, and three famous Yamato mountains in the distance, Mt. Ikoma, Mt. Nijo, and Mt. Katsuragi, as well as the Kongo mountain range.

Ishibutai Area

Ishibutai Tumulus
Open year-round: 8:30 - 17:00 (Entrance only until 16:45)
Entrance Fees (yen): Adults; 250 (200), H.S.; 200 (150), Jr. H.S.; 150 (100), Elementary School; 100 (70)
Prices in "()" are for groups.

Asukakazebutai (Asuka Wind Stage)
A multi-purpose rest area, this facility is used for a variety of events, such as "moon viewing parties," and recitals of Man'yo poems. Ordinary citizens may use the facility, but applications are required.

Iwaido Area

Iwaido House
In one corner of the Iwaido Area, located in a quiet corner near the Asuka River. A special menu is offered (additional cost), the "Man'yo Asuka Hamori Gozen", and in winter you can savor the "Asuka Hot Pot".

Kitora Tumulus Area

Kitora Tumulus
The site contains an astronomical chart and detailed murals depicting Shijin (Four Deities), and it has been designated as a national "special historical landmark."

The Kitora Tumulus Mural Experiential Museum (Shijin-no-Yakata)
Learning about the Kitora Tumulus and the Kitora tumulus mural paintings at this interactive facility is fun and easy to understand. The actual mural paintings are on display for a limited time.
Opening hours: 9:30 ~ 17:00 (December ~ February: 9:30 ~ 16:30)
Closed days: December 29th ~ January 3rd

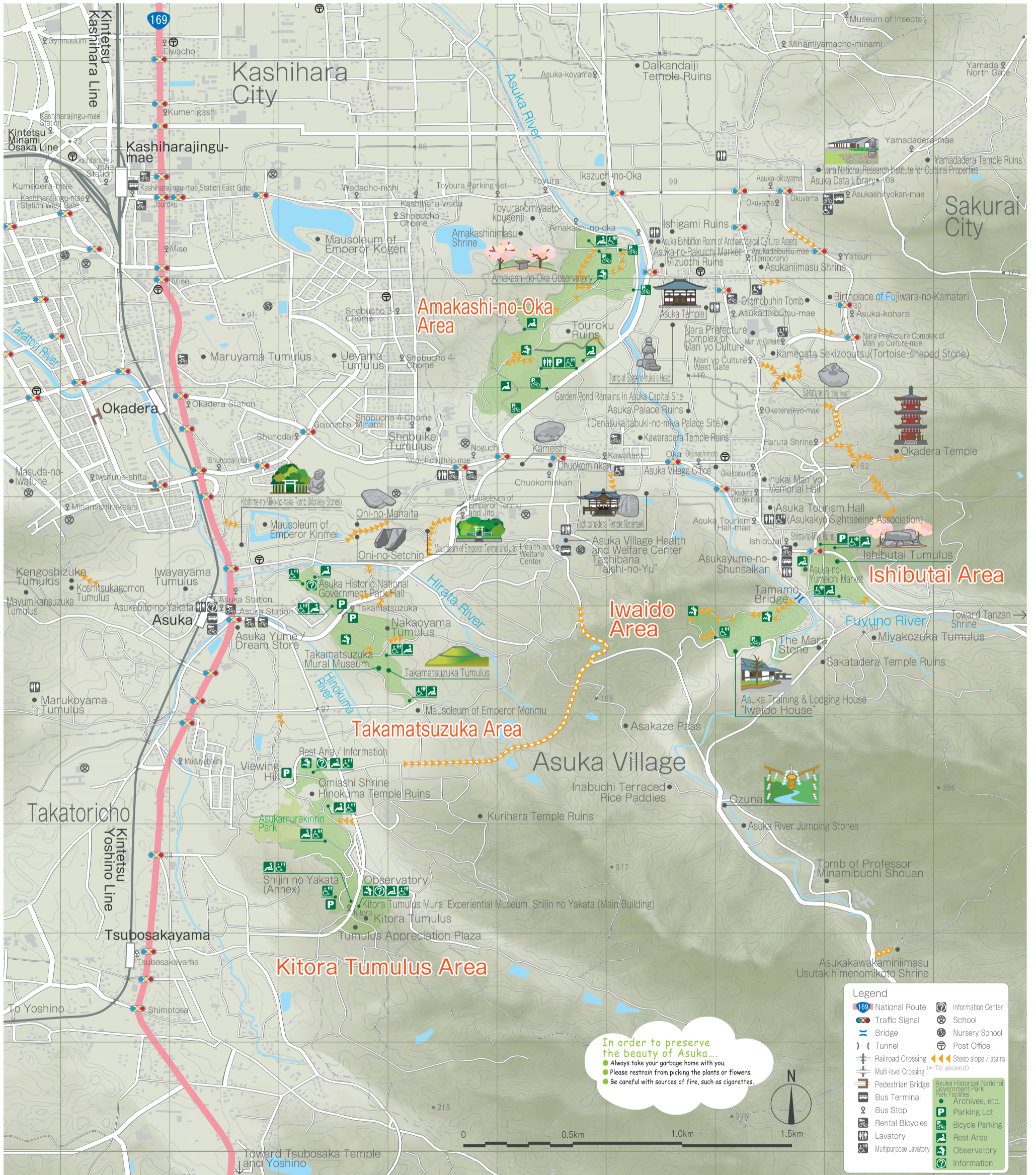
Experience Workshop
You can try a variety of crafts at this Experience workshop. You can also experience making ancient-style glass (reservation required).

Hinokuma Temple Ruins Rest Area and Information Center
You can receive help navigating the park attractions as well as guide information about the Asuka area. You can also enjoy displays on the Hinokuma Historic Site Group.
Opening hours: 9:30 ~ 17:00 (December ~ February: 9:30 ~ 16:30)
Closed days: December 29th ~ January 3rd Admission Free

Attractions around the parks **Mysterious Stonework** There are many strange stonework relics in the Asuka area, and no one knows when or why they were made.



Kameishi (Tortoise Stone) Saruishi (Monkey Stone) Nimenseki (Two-faced Stone) The Mara Stone Sakafuneishi (Sake Trough) Oni-no-Manaita Stone (Devil's Chopping Board) Oni-no-Setchin Stone (Devil's Privy) Masuda-no-Iwafune



Tumuli

In the Asuka area, there are many final stage tumuli built sometime between the end of the 6th century and the 8th century.

Remains

Traces remain that show how ancient people lived.



Mausoleum of Emperor Tenmu and Jito Takamatsuzuka Tumulus Miyakozuka Tumulus Kengoshizuka Tumulus Asuka Palace Ruins (Asuka Iwabuki-no-Miya Palace Ruins) Asuka Mizuochi Ruins Kawaradera Temple Ruins Hinokuma Temple Ruins (Omishi Shrine)