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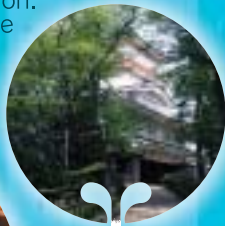
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# 秋田

Digest

## English Version

Yu La La digest is a sightseeing guidebook of Akita City. It offers a concise summary of attractions, leisure spots, and convenient information. There is a city map on the back that we hope will help you get around Akita.



● Akita City Tourist Board  
Information Centre TEL018-832-7941  
● Kawabata Tomachi Promotion  
Association Website  
For PCs <http://www.akita-kawabata.jp>  
For cell phones <http://www.just.st/?in=759476>  
Information is accurate as of May 1, 2007.  
Please note that it is subject to change.

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and Sightseeing City

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## Information インフォメーション



Taxis

タクシー

■ Base fare (up to 1.5km)

● Small taxi ..... ¥640

● Medium taxi ..... ¥650

● Large taxi ..... ¥850

Contact

Akita Branch, Akita Prefecture Hired Car Association Tel.: 018-864-3631

※Late night/early morning (10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. the next day) is 20 percent extra.  
※Taxis can be found waiting throughout the city, but one can be called to a specific location for free.  
※Even if the taxi company does not have a special vehicle for disabled persons or a dedicated wheelchair vehicle, all taxi companies can accommodate you if you tell them that you are physically handicapped.



Rent-a-car

レンタカー

**Toyota Rentalease Akita, Akita Station Branch,**

4-6-5 Nakadori, Akita City TEL 018-833-0100 Toll-free 0120-410065 [City map: B-6](#)

**Nissan Rent-a-lease Akita, Akita Office,**

1-4-41 Omachi, Akita City TEL 018-824-4123 Toll-free 0120-334123 [City map: B-5](#)



Rent-a-cycle

レンタサイクル

**Cycle Shop Takahashi**

1-6-27 Omachi Tel.: 018-862-6261 [City map: A-5](#)



Internet Cafe

インターネットカフェ

**Plaza One**

7-1-2 Nakadori, Akita City  
(2nd Floor, Topico, JR Akita Station)  
TEL 018-889-3588

[City map: B-7](#)

**Primus Akita**

4-17 Kawamoto Yamashitacho,  
Akita City  
TEL 018-867-8840

[City map: B-5](#)

**Comic Buster**

4-1 Higashidori Nakamachi, Akita City  
(2nd Floor, ALVE) TEL 018-884-7472

[City map: B-7](#)

**RAKURAKU 24 Akita**

12-38 Kawashiri Okawamachi,  
Akita City  
TEL 018-888-0731

[City map: C-3](#)

**GEOCAFE**

**Akita Higashidori Branch**

8-1-21 Higashidori, Akita City  
TEL 018-884-7680

[City map: B-7](#)

**Manga Toshokan D-Pocket**

3-73 Araya Yutakamachi, Akita City  
TEL 018-888-0760

[City map: C-3](#)

### Visitor Information

観光案内

Please feel free to ask these places about sightseeing.

**Akita City Tourist Board  
Information Centre** 秋田市観光案内所

■ Hours : 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

■ Open until 6:00 p.m. from November-March

■ Closed : December 31 - January 2

Located inside Akita Station (in front of  
Akita Shinkansen ticket gate) Accessible  
in English Tel.: 018-832-7941



Also open on  
Saturday and Sunday

**Akita Convention & Visitors Bureau** (助) 秋田観光コンベンション協会

■ Hours : 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

■ Closed : Saturday/ Sunday/ Holidays, December 29 - January 3

2-3-27, 5th Floor, Akita New City, Omachi, Akita City

Tel.: 018-824-8686 FAX 018-824-0400

Email: [acvb@acvb.or.jp](mailto:acvb@acvb.or.jp)

Lots of useful information! <http://www.acvb.or.jp/>

**Akita City Commercial Sightseeing Section** 秋田市商業観光課

■ Hours : 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

■ Closed : Saturday/ Sunday/ Holidays, December 29 - January 3

1-1-1 Sanno, Akita City Tel.: 018-866-2112

# Places of Interest 秋田市の みどころ

## Guide to Senshu Park

千秋公園ガイド **City map: A-6**

**Access** About 7 minutes from Akita Station on foot.



Ruins of Kubota Castle, which was home to the Satake family, which ruled Akita. Please get a feel for the seasons of Akita here including cherry blossoms and azaleas in the spring.



### 1 Front Gate of Kubota Castle

久保田城表門

This wooden, two-story turret gate with tiled roof stood at the front gate protecting Kubota Castle.



### 2 Kubota Castle's Osumiyagura Turret

久保田城御隅櫓

This building served as both a lookout and a weapons depot. A panoramic view of the city can be had from the observation gallery.



### 3 Satake Historical Museum

佐竹史料館

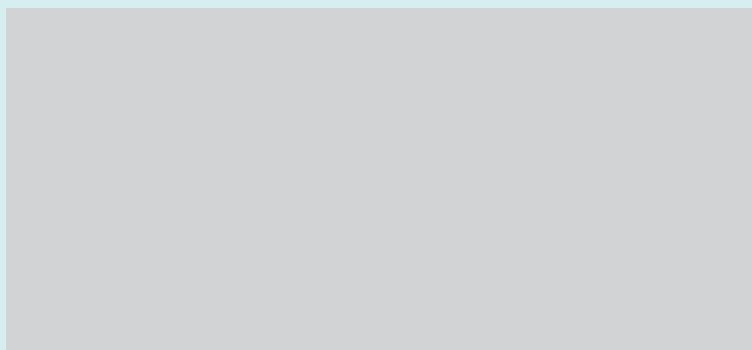
This museum houses materials related to the Satake family, which was an offshoot of the Seiya Genji clan and one of the oldest lines of feudal lords in the entire country.



### 4 Tea-Ceremony House Senan

茶室宣庵

The wash basin, which is shaped like a boat, is three meters long. It is said that Kiyomasa Kato brought it home with him from Korea.



"Events of Akita" (1937) by Tsugouharu Foujita © Kimiyo Foujita & SPDA, Tokyo, 2007

### Akita Prefectural Museum of Art Hirano Masakichi Museum of Fine Art

秋田県立美術館 平野政吉美術館 **City map: B-6**

It houses many masterpieces, including the works of oil painter Tsugouharu Foujita, who painted in Paris under the name Leonardo Foujita. Of particular note is the giant painting titled "Events of Akita," which is one of the world's largest canvas paintings (3.65 meters high and 20.50 meters wide).

**Access** About 7 minutes from Akita Station on foot. Tel.:018-833-5809



### Akita City Folklore and Performing Arts Center

民俗芸能伝承館 ねぶり流し館

**City map: B-5**

Provides an introduction to Akita's folkloric performing arts such as the Kanto Festival and Tsuchizaki Port Festival through documents and images. You can see a live performance by the Kanto Association on Saturday/Sunday/holidays (1:00p.m.-1:40 p.m.) from April to October.

**Access** About 12 minutes from Akita Station on foot. Tel.:018-866-7091



### Akarenga (Red Brick) Folk Museum

赤れんが郷土館

**City map: B-5**

This is a European-style building (national important cultural asset) built at the end of the Meiji era to serve as the old central branch of Akita Bank. Inside you will find Akita's traditional arts and crafts, prints by Tokushi Katsuhira, and a room commemorating living national treasure Shiro Sekiya.

**Access** About 12 minutes from Akita Station on foot. Tel.:018-864-6851



### Akita Senshu Museum of Art (in Atrion)

秋田市立千秋美術館(アトリオン内) [City map: B-6](#)

It holds exhibitions of accomplished artists from Japan and abroad. It houses Akita ranga paintings by Satake Shozan, Odano Naotake, and others, as well as many works by Akita writers such as Hirafuku Suian and Hyakusui and Kimura Ihei. There is an annex that serves as a memorial to Okada Kenzo, who was lauded in New York for his subtle and profound abstract paintings. (Please inquiry about the exhibition period for Akita Ranga.)

**Access** About 4 minutes from Akita Station on foot. Tel.:018-836-7860



"Scarlet Lotus" by Satake Shozan (at Akita Senshu Museum of Art)

### Akita Ranga Paintings 秋田蘭画

Odano Naotake, who is known for his illustrations of the human anatomy in "Kaitai-Shinsho (Anatomische Tabellen)," was a pioneer of Akita Ranga painting, which began when Odano Naotake was taught painting by Hiraga Gennai in the latter half of the Edo period, is a realism-based Western-style painting drawn by Naotake and Satake Shozan, the 8th lord of Akita, among others.



### AL☆VE

秋田拠点センター AL☆VE

[City map: B-7](#)

This complex offers a wide range of activities to enjoy. It includes the Citizen Exchange Salon and Citizen Service Center, which support civic activities, and the Kirameki Plaza, where events are held, as well as the Natural Science Learning Center and the Children's Future Center.

**Access** About 3 minutes from Akita Station on foot. Management Office, Citizen Management Office, Akita City Citizen Exchange Plaza Tel.:018-887-5310



### Akita University Mining Museum

秋田大学工学資源学部附属 鉱業博物館

[City map: A-7](#)

The museum is affiliated with Akita University's Faculty of Engineering and Resource Science, which was the only vocational school for mining in Japan. You will find on display fossils and samples of ore and crag, etc.

**Access** About 10 minutes from Akita Station by car. Tel.:018-889-2461

### Recommended route for a stroll from Akita Station

**Akita Station**

about 7 min on foot

**Senshu Park**

about 3 min on foot

**Hirano Masakichi Museum of Fine Art**

about 5 min on foot

**Akita City Folklore and Performing Arts Center**

about 5 min on foot

**Akarenga (Red Brick)**

about 10 min on foot

**Akita Citizen's Market**

about 3 min on foot

**Akita Station**



### Akita Prefectural Museum

秋田県立博物館

[Area map: a-1 1](#)

This is an integrated museum that covers the geological features, archeology, history, folk customs, biology, and crafts of Akita. It's tie-dyeing and fossil collection classes are popular. The Old Nara House, which is a branch of the museum, was the home of a wealthy farming family in the middle Edo period. It is a national important cultural asset.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car, about 20 minutes from Oiwake Station on foot. Tel.:018-873-4121



Old Nara House



### Akita Butterbur 秋田蕎麦 [Area map: c-2 4](#)

Long ago, Lord Satake spoke of the size of the butterbur in Akita while at Edo Castle, but nobody believed him, so he had some sent to Edo at once. Reaping of the butterbur is a poetic event in the early summer in the Niida area.

**Access** About 25 minutes from Akita Station by car.



### Akita City Port Tower Selion

秋田市ポートタワー セリオン

[Area map: b-1 2](#)

This tower is 143 meters high. From the observatory at 100 meters, you can get a 360-degree panoramic view of the Sea of Japan, Oga Peninsula, and Mt.Chokai.

**Access** About 20 minutes from Akita Station by car, about 10 minutes from Tsuchizaki Station on foot. Tel.:018-857-3381



### Crying Virgin Mary Statue (Eucharist Catholic Monastery)

涙を流したマリア像 (聖体奉仕会カトリック修道院)

[Area map: b-2 3](#)

Enshrined in the cathedral is the Virgin Mary Statue, which is said to have cried 101 times between 1975 and 1981.

**Access** About 25 minutes from Akita Station by car.



### Soya Gorge (Iwami Gorge)

峠峡谷(岩見峡) [Area map: b-4 5](#)

The massive rock precipice that stretches 300 meters along the headwaters of Iwami River is a sight to behold during the fresh verdure of spring and autumn foliage. The areas along the mountain streams of the Omata River and the Komata River are full of charm for nature lovers.

**Access** About 45 minutes from Akita Station by car, about 35 minutes from Wada Station by car.



### Hana-no-Sato Park 華の里

[Area map: c-2 6](#)

Here you will find the Villa Flora Sightseeing & Exchange Pavilion, the Akita International Dahlia Garden with about 700 varieties of dahlia from 14 countries, a restaurant and cheese pavilion built in an old reconstructed home, and Koetsudo Museum of Art, etc.

**Access** About 40 minutes from Akita Station by car. Villa Flora Tel.:018-881-3011



### International University

国際教養大学

[Area map: c-3 7](#)

International University has attracted attention for its unique curriculum, including its thorough English-language environment and intensive English program with small class sizes.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car, about 5 minutes from Wada Station by car. Tel.:018-886-5900

# Leisure 秋田市のレジャー施設

Let's all enjoy leisure activities.



## Mt. Taihei Resort Park 太平山リゾート公園 Area map: a-3 ⑧

A leisure spot surrounded by the nature of Mt. Taihei. The four seasons of Akita can be enjoyed here, where you will find a hot spring, ski area, flower park, campground, and botanical garden, etc.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car. Tel.:018-827-2270



## Mt. Taihei Resort Park Kur Dome The Boon クアドーム ザ・ブーン

Area map: a-3 ⑨

At this spa, where it's always summer, you can relax in the central pool, circulating pool, outdoor hot spring, and lookout bath.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car. Tel.:018-827-2301



## Mt. Taihei Ski Resort Opas 太平山スキー場 オーパス

Area map: a-3 ⑩

Complete with high-speed quad ski lift and lights for night skiing. Mountain bike races and workshops are also popular.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car. Tel.:018-827-2221



## Omoriyama Zoo - Milve 大森山動物園 Area map: c-1 ⑪

The expansive zoo, which is shrouded in flowers, is home to about 625 animals (140 species). You can enjoy watching the animals being fed and a petting area with rabbits and other animals, as well as events such as an animal parade. Milve Pavilion, a training hall, can also be used as a place to rest. It is equipped with a nursing room and multipurpose toilets. Open: March 17-December 2, Winter (Saturday, Sunday, and holidays from January 5 to February 24)

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car. Tel.:018-828-5508

Full of the appeal of outdoor sports.



## Akita Prefecture Central Park

秋田県立中央公園

Area map: c-3 ⑫

Here you can enjoy picnics, taking a stroll, various sports, and cycling. There is an obstacle course with as many as 140 obstacles. It will be the site of the Akita Wakasugi National Athletic Meet in 2007.

**Access** About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car, about 5 minutes from Wada Station by car.



## Obstacle Course

フィールドアスレチック

## Hamadahama, Katsurahama and Shimohama Seaside Resorts

浜田浜・桂浜・下浜海水浴場

Area map: c-1 ⑬ ⑭ ⑮

The Sea of Japan along the coast of Akita is calm. The beautiful evening sun is a magnificent sight.

**Access** Hamadahama...About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car. Katsurahama...About 35 minutes from Akita Station by car. Shimohama...About 40 minutes from Akita Station by car.



Akita Country Club

## Golf Courses

ゴルフ場

They are located just a short drive from the center of Akita City. Each boasts an excellent and original course design.

## Akita Country Club

秋田カントリー倶楽部

City map: A-2

<27 holes/Par 108>

About 20 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-863-6541

## Akita Tsubakidai Country Club

秋田椿台カントリークラブ

Area map: c-2 ⑯

<27 holes/Par 108>

About 5 minutes from Akita Airport by car.

About 35 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-886-8888

## North Hampton Golf Club

ノースハンプトンゴルフ倶楽部

Area map: c-4 ⑰

<18 holes/Par 72>

About 20 minutes from Akita Airport by car.

About 25 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-882-5050

## Minami Akita Country Club

南秋田カントリークラブ

Area map: a-2 ⑱

<18 holes/Par 72>

About 30 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-873-3824

## Akita Mt. Taihei Country Club

秋田太平山カントリークラブ

Area map: b-3 ⑲

<18 holes/Par 72>

About 20 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-838-3333

## Refresh Garden

リフレッシュガーデン

Area map: c-2 ⑳

<9 holes/Par 29>

About 25 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-826-1717

## Akita Riverside Greens

秋田リバーサイドグリーン

Area map: c-2 ㉑

<9 holes/Par 36>

About 15 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:018-829-0223

## Akita Prestige Golf Club

秋田プレステージゴルフ倶楽部

Area map: d-1 ㉒

<18 holes/Par 72>

About 40 minutes from Akita Station by car.

Tel.:0184-74-2121