

Best Spots

6 Diamond Tsukuba MAP C-4



"Diamond Tsukuba" is a phenomenon that can be seen twice a year (around October 28 and around February 14) when the sun rises from behind the summit of Mt. Tsukuba.
Phone: 0296-20-1160 (Tourism Promotion Section)

7 Enmeiji Temple MAP A-3



This is a temple of the Buzan school of the Shingon Buddhist sect located near JR Kawashima Station. On its grounds, the temple has a weeping cherry tree that is said to be 350 years old and blossoms beautifully in the spring. During the cherry-blossom season, the tree is illuminated at night viewing.
Phone: 0296-20-1160 (Tourism Promotion Section)

8 Akeno Genkikan MAP C-5



The features of this facility include "Seimeino Yu," a bath with indoor and open-air bathtubs utilizing natural hot spring water welling up from 1,500 meters below ground, as well as a multifunctional heated swimming pool and a gym. These amenities to help people freshen up both mentally and physically are offered even to users from outside the city at reasonable fees that are possible only at a public facility.
Opening hours: 10:00 - 22:00
Closed: 2nd and 4th Wednesdays for the following day if the Wednesday falls on a national holiday
Admission fee: 700 yen Phone: 0296-52-7111

9 Raifuku Shuzo MAP C-4



Raifuku Shuzo is a sake brewery that produces novel kinds of sake underpinned by tradition. Founded in 1716, Raifuku Shuzo is one of the famous breweries in Ibaraki. Its sake products, made with about 20 types of rice suitable for sake brewing such as the locally grown rice "Hitachi Nishiki" and wild yeasts from "Hitachi Nishiki" and wild yeasts from "Hitachi Nishiki" and wild yeasts from "Hitachi Nishiki", include an internationally recognized brand. In addition to Japanese sake, the brewery also produces authentic shochu, fruit wine, liqueur, and so on.
Closed: Sunday
Phone: 0296-52-2448
To make a reservation for a visit, go to: <http://www.raifuku.co.jp/>

10 The Hiroswa City Phone: 0296-22-4189 (Central information office) MAP C-3,C-4



This is a theme park with a vast area of nearly one million hectares featuring a variety of facilities from a golf course and off-road courses to a museum.
Roofed barbecue site
One barbecue stand (for up to 8 people) for 3000 yen (exclusive of tax) (Bring your own food and drinks.) A table and chairs are also provided for a comfortable barbecue experience.
Rail Park
This park exhibits a number of historical railroad vehicles, ranging from the steam locomotive D51 and the E2 series Shinkansen train to the Hokutosei, an express train with sleeping berths.



Accommodations Phone: 0296-22-4189 (Central information office)
The park has many accommodation facilities in it where guests can stay with ease.
▲Lodge: A room accommodates four people. Rates start at 4,000 yen per guest per night (exclusive of tax).
▲Dome house: A room accommodates four people. Rates start at 2,500 yen per guest per night (exclusive of tax).



Hirosawa Museum of Art
This museum was designed by Mr. Kengo Kuma, a world-famous architect whose achievements include the design of the New National Stadium.

Festivals

To admire nature and convey traditional festive performance from generation to generation, people get together and enjoy the festival. Please watch and join the unique seasonal events.

A Shimodate Gion Festival MAP B-3



This is a four-day-long festival hosted by Haguro Shrine in Omachi and one of the most famous summer events in the prefecture. More than 30 portable shrines, including the 120-year-old Meiji-mikoshi and Japan's biggest Heisei-mikoshi, parade along the streets. On the final day of the festival, an event called Kawatogyo is held in which shrine porters carry a massive portable shrine into a river.
Event period: 4 days from the last Thursday of July

B Dosukoi Pear MAP B-5



This event is connected with pears, a local specialty of Chikusei City, and a sumo performance that used to be held to give thanks for the harvest of pears. The name of the event comes from "Dosukoi," a yell of encouragement in sumo, and the word "pear." Famous sumo wrestlers are invited to the event, which also features various tournaments, including a sumo tournament for children and an arm wrestling competition, as well as stage presentations, a parade of portable shrines, and traditional festival music performance among other things.
Event period: Early September

C Akeno Himawari Festival MAP D-4

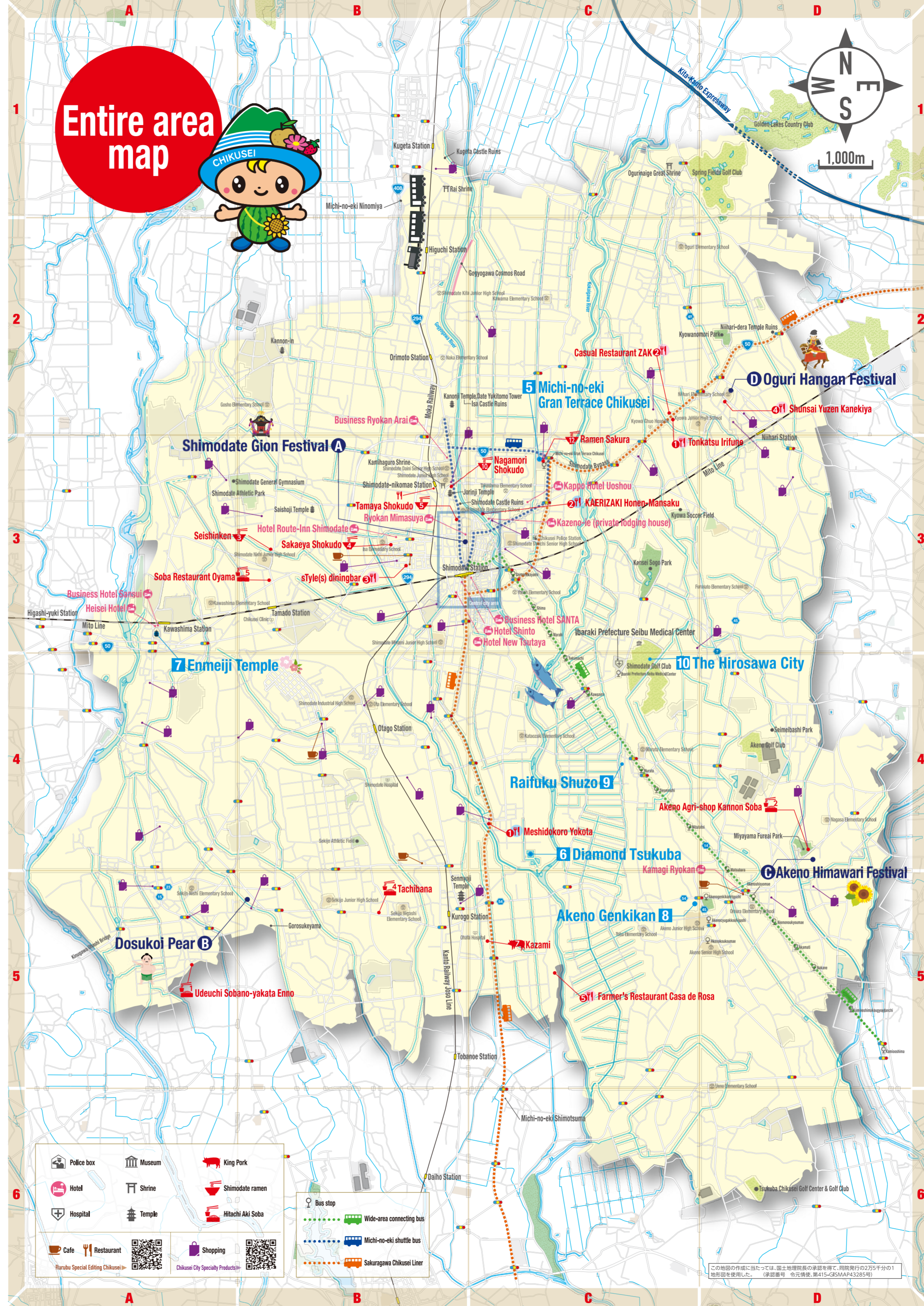


Visitors can enjoy watching over four hectares of open field covered with nearly a million sunflowers including double-petal types. A wide spread of deep-yellow sunflower fields, with the vast blue sky of early autumn and Mt. Tsukuba turning green and violet in the background, offers a magnificent view. The venue of the event changes every several years. (Check in advance.)
Event period: Late August to early September

D Oguri Hangan Festival MAP D-2



This festival reproduces the legend of a young noble man named Oguri Hangan. The actor riding a horse and playing the role of Oguri Hangan and his retinue of 200 followers, including Princess Terutshime, servants, ten faithful warriors, and child warriors, parade along the street in front of Nihari Station. The procession of servants and warriors, reminiscent of a scene from a gorgeous picture scroll of the Sengoku period, reminds us of Japan's long-gone medieval period.
Event date: 1st Sunday of December



Delicious food in Chikusei



King Pork
Saikyo ware set meal (Shunsai Yuzen Kanekiya)
Boned King Pork (Casual Restaurant ZAK)

King Pork is the highest class of pork that boasts a fine, delicate taste. The producers in the Kyowa district of Chikusei City are committed to the integrated production from the breeding of mother pigs to the fattening. The meat is fine in texture and elastic and melts in the mouth while having a rich flavor and a smooth and refreshing taste of oil.

- Tonkatsu Irifune 0296-57-4445
- Casual Restaurant ZAK 0296-54-5402
- sStyle(s) diningbar 0296-24-5800
- Shunsai Yuzen Kanekiya 0296-57-2030
- Farmer's Restaurant Casa de Rosa 0296-20-3381
- Ebisuya Meat Shop 0296-24-4129
- Kazami 0296-37-1186

Moro



Moro steak (Meshidokoro Yokota)
Moro dog (KAERIZAKI Honen Mansaku)

The moro refers to shark meat that locals of Chikusei City have enjoyed eating since long ago. High in protein and low in fat, the moro is used in many local dishes. Since shark meat is resistant to rot, it has been circulated even in inland areas such as Chikusei City since those days when the food freezing technique was still underdeveloped.

- Meshidokoro Yokota 0296-24-6726
- KAERIZAKI Honen-Mansaku 0296-25-3393

Shimodate Ramen



This is a kind of local ramen of Chikusei City offered around JR Shimodate Station. The features of the ramen are its deep amber soup made with strong soy sauce and a topping of roast chicken. The ramen dates back to shortly after the World War II when Chinese restaurants began to use chicken meat as ramen toppings instead of pork, which was expensive at the time. Chefs kept making elaborate improvements on their ramen, which is still enjoyed today by many people, locals and tourists alike.

- Seishoken 0296-22-3669
- Sakurai Shokudo 0296-22-3886
- Seishinken 0296-28-1239
- Sakaeya Shokudo 0296-22-4854
- Tamaya Shokudo 0296-22-2670
- Ajsai Ramen 0296-24-8064
- Kitchen MANYOSHI 0296-24-0002
- Menya Aoi 0296-47-6228
- Shinka Goza Kaikan 0296-22-2591
- Nagamori Shokudo 0296-22-3833
- Oshokujidokoro Taguchi 0296-22-6023
- Ramen Sakura 0296-45-5055

Hitachi Aki Soba



Chikusei City is a major production area of Hitachi Aki Soba noodles. The Hitachi Aki Soba is said to be the best of unhusked buckwheat noodles that are superior in flavor and sweetness. Enjoy the flavor of soba noodles fresh from the farm at famous unique soba restaurants in Chikusei.

- Udeuchi Sobano-yakata Enno 0296-37-2092
- Akeno Agri-shop Kannon Soba 0296-52-6052
- Soba Restaurant Kashiki-an 0296-22-4126
- Tachibana 0296-37-5046
- Soba Restaurant Oyama 0296-48-8277