

9 Minowa Ski Area

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Yokomuki, Inawashiro Town, Yama-gun, Fukushima Pref. <http://minowa.info/ski/>

Finest-quality snow and easy access make Minowa totally skier-friendly!

**Scheduled opening
Late Nov.**



- (1) Free parking all day.
- (2) Two types of economy package ticket (Minowa Toku Pack / Ladies' Toku Pack) combining a 1-day lift ticket and a goods/service purchase coupon.
- (3) Ladies' Days: Women receive charge discount. Free use of the pole ski course is enthusiastically welcomed by skiers.

COURSE GUIDE

At Minowa, snow always means powder. The moment you hit the ski slope, you hear that dry, high-pitched sound so peculiar to powder snow. Unforgettable! The ski slopes are divided into two areas. The Maple Street Course on the Rest House side is for beginners and intermediate skiers. The course on the hotel side has been rejuvenated from a beginner's course into one for families. In short, Minowa's wide course variation guarantees great fun for each and every one.

- * Season: Late Nov. ~ mid-Apr.
- * Ski slopes: 11 in total
- * Artificial snow machines: 147 units
- * Ski lifts: 4 lifts
- * Lift hours: 8:00 ~ 16:45
- * Parking lot capacity: 2,000 cars (free of charge)
- * Snowboarding: All slopes

- * Rental equipment (5 hours): [Adult] ¥3,300 for ski set and ¥3,500 for snowboard set; [child] ¥2,200 for ski set and ¥2,500 for snowboard set
- * SAJ Ski School: Group lesson, ¥4,500 and up/day; snowboarding lesson, ¥5,000 and up/day

EVENT INFORMATION

Mar. 3	Ladies' Special: free lifts for women only
3rd Sun.	Ski Children's Day: A ¥1,000 discount on 1-day lift ticket and 20% OFF on equipment rental for children

ACCESS

Approx. 50 min. by bus from Fukushima Sta. on the JR Tohoku Shinkansen or Tohoku-honsen lines; by car, approx. 30 min. after exiting Fukushima-nishi I.C. on Tohoku Expressway
* Driving in the winter season is worry-free because Minowa Ski Area is located right on national Route 115 where snow is always cleared away.

10 Numajiri Ski Area

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Numajiriyama, Kogai, Inawashiro Town, Yama-gun, Fukushima Pref. <http://www.bonari.co.jp/>

Exciting winter. Come to Numajiri, a paradise for skiers and snowboarders!

**Scheduled opening
Mid-Dec.**



The top of Numajiri's ski slope commands a breathtaking panorama of Mt. Bandai, the Azuma and Adataro mountain ranges. Parking is free of charge. Snowboarding on all courses. For after-ski, just unwind and refresh in Numajiri/Nakanosawa Onsen's hot spring noted for its 100% natural mineral water.

ACCESS

Approx. 25 min. by taxi from Inawashiro Sta. on the JR Ban'etsu-saisen Line; by car, approx. 20 min. after exiting Bandai-Atami I.C. on Ban'etsu Expressway

COURSE GUIDE

Dating back to 1915, the Numajiri Ski Area embraces 14 courses catering to skiers and snowboarders of all levels, from beginners to experts. Enjoy the natural non-groomed virgin-snow course, while a snow park that defies the challenging spirit of snowboarders is also available. A dedicated cross-course is another attractive feature. The Kids' Slope is always alive with laughter as the little ones enjoy sledding in safety together with their parents.

- * Season: Mid-Dec. ~ late Mar.
- * Ski slopes: 14 in total
- * Artificial snow machines: 12 gun-type units, 3 fan-type units
- * Ski lifts: 5 pair lifts, 1 quad lift
- * Lift hours: 8:30 ~ 16:30 on weekdays, 8:00 ~ 16:30 on Sat., Sun. and national holidays
- * Parking lot capacity: 2,000 cars (free of charge)

- * Snowboarding: All slopes
- * Rental equipment: [Ski set] ¥3,500 for adult and ¥2,000 for child; [snowboard set] ¥3,500 for general borrowers and ¥2,000 for board school participants
- * Ski school: Numajiri Ski School (SAJ-authorized), Numajiri Board School (JSBA-authorized)

EVENT INFORMATION

Opening week (planned)	Opening Welcome: 1-day lift ticket discounts to ¥2,000 for adult/senior and ¥1,000 for child. * Children's Opening Day: Free lift transportation for children
Dec. 24-25	Christmas Present: An original ticket holder is presented to the first 50 guests who have purchased a 1-day lift ticket.
Early Jan.	Children's Winter Vacation Benefits: 1-day lift ticket discount at ¥1,000 and 20% OFF on equipment rental for children only
Mid-Feb.	Valentine's Day: For men only, 1-day lift ticket discounts for adult/senior at ¥2,000 and ¥1,000 for child
Early Mar. (Hina Festival); mid-Mar. (White Day)	For ladies only: 1-day lift ticket discounts for adult/senior at ¥2,000 and ¥1,000 for child
Closing day	Closing Day Thanksgiving: A free 1-day lift ticket coupon for next season's is presented to the first 100 guests who have purchased a 1-day lift ticket.

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Ko 857-1, Kita-Gongenmori, Aita, Atsushikano-machi, Kitakata City, Fukushima Pref. <http://www.city.kitakata.fukushima.jp>

One of the most fine ski areas in Japan! Come to Sannokura where the snow is.

**Scheduled opening
Late Dec.**



Surrounded by unparalleled scenic beauty, Sannokura's snow world offers exciting downhill runs toward the Aizu Basin. Its spacious slopes are beginner-friendly. After a few enjoyable runs, take a breather at Rest House "Kurara." It houses a cozy cafeteria with a capacity for 220 guests, and is complete with restrooms, dressing rooms and coin lockers.

COURSE GUIDE

The courses here are generally for beginners and intermediate skiers. Course 1 is 1,000 meters in total length with an average gradient of 11 degrees. Course 2 is 730-meter long with an average gradient of 13 degrees. In addition, there is a forest course for beginners.

- * Season: Late Dec. ~ mid-Mar.
- * Ski slopes: 3 courses in total
- * Artificial snow machines: None
- * Ski lifts: 2 units
- * Lift hours: According to our ski area calendar
- * Parking lots: Parking lot #1 for 150 cars, #2 for 250 cars (both free of charge)
- * Snowboarding: All slopes
- * Rental equipment: [Adult] ¥2,700 for ski set and ¥3,000 for snowboard set

EVENT INFORMATION

Early Mar.	Aizu Atsushio Sannokura Ski Meet
Closing day	Sannokura Junior Alpine Event Cup



ACCESS

Approx. 35 min. by taxi from Kitakata Sta. on the JR Ban'etsu-saisen Line; by car, approx. 60 min. after exiting Aizu-Wakamatsu I.C. on Ban'etsu Expressway

12 Yanaizu Onsen Ski Area

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Shimo-Tateishi, Kotsubaki, Yanaizu Town, Kawanuma-gun, Fukushima Pref. <http://www.town.yanaizu.fukushima.jp/>

In a superb location overlooking the grand Tadami River, this ski area is perfect for families!

**Scheduled opening
Late Dec.**



Yanaizu has prospered both as a temple town with its Enzo-ji Temple (deity: Fukuman-kokuzoson) and as a relaxing hot spring resort. The scenic beauty of its peaceful streets, further enhanced by the gently flowing Tadami River, is truly inviting. Temple lodgings lined the streets in olden times, but today they are prospering as *onsen* (hot spring) inns. Yanaizu is the largest hot spring resort along the Tadami River. A facility for day bathing is available, while a uniquely designed foot-only bath was completed recently.

COURSE GUIDE

Yanaizu Onsen Ski Area is highly popular among families. Set in scenic grandeur overlooking the Tadami River, the ski slopes allow skiers from beginners to the advanced to freely enjoy themselves. After a day's activities on snow, a soak in the soothing hot water of Yanaizu Onsen hot spring is the perfect way to refresh yourself.

- * Season: Late Dec. ~ late Mar.
- * Ski slopes: 3 courses in total
- * Artificial snow machines: None
- * Ski lifts: 1 single-chair lift, 1 rope tow
- * Lift hours: 9:00 ~ 17:00; 17:00 ~ 21:00 for night-time skiing (Thur., Fri. and Sat.); proposed lift charges: 1-day ticket (¥2,600 for adult, ¥1,800 for child), 11-coupon ticket (¥1,500 for adult, ¥1,300 for child), night-time ticket (¥1,300 for adult, ¥1,200 for child)
- * Parking lot: Free of charge
- * Snowboarding: All slopes
- * Rental equipment: Ski set and snowboard set rental available

EVENT INFORMATION

Dec. 23 (may be postponed)	Free use of lifts, and free rice cakes served
Mid-Feb.	Junior Alpine Event Meet (entries for 1st to 4th grade elem. school students in boys and girls divisions)
Late Feb.	Yanaizu Alpine Event Meet

ACCESS

A 20 min. walk from Yanaizu Sta. on the JR Tadami Line; by car, approx. 15 min. after exiting Aizu-Bange I.C. on Ban'etsu Expressway