

Re-discover the “Treasures of Fukushima”!

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New Discoveries and New Experiences in Fukushima! **[Spring Issue]**

Spring Issue featuring:

Beautiful Fukushima: A Highway of Blossoms!

– A host of cherry blossom viewing spots –
ATI reporter-recommended gourmet venues, as well!

Spring Events & Mountain Opening Information

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Luxuriant Fukushima: Flower Blossom Way!

Spring in Fukushima is filled with fragrance of blossoms conveyed by wafting warm breezes. It's the season of flowers! There are so many spots in Fukushima to enjoy cherry blossom viewing and a plethora of other flowers. The cherry blossom frontline advances from the coastal Hama-dori area northward, along the central Naka-dori region southward, then up north to the Aizu region.

In this issue, we introduce a variety of spring events and locations along with gourmet attractions recommended by Area Tourist Information (ATI) reporters who contribute the latest information on the “Tourist Information of Fukushima” website operated by the Fukushima Prefecture Tourism & Local Products Association.

ATI reporter-recommended gourmet information is a valuable source since they are local residents and know all there is to know about their respective area taste treats.

Enjoy Fukushima's spring to your heart's content!

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1 Hanamiyama Park [Fukushima City] **MAP E-2**

Cherry blossom season: Early to late Apr.

The most celebrated cherry blossom viewing site in the city, Hanamiyama Park was praised by the late Shotaro Akiyama, a renowned photographer who said, “There is a true flowering Shangri-La in Fukushima.” Spring here is graced by not only several varieties of cherry blossoms but also “Hanamomo” (flower peaches) and “Rengyo” (golden bells) as well. Each year the park attracts visitors from all over Japan. It is open free of charge by courtesy of local flowering plant growers.

The prefecture-operated Bandai-Azuma Skyline sightseeing toll road reopens in April and visitors can enjoy an exciting drive through the “Snow Corridor” at an altitude of 1,600 meters. A short drive from Hanamiyama Hill, the celebrated cherry blossom viewing spot, takes you through the “Snow Corridor” – where you can enjoy both “winter” and “spring” on the very same day!

[Access] 15 min. by bus from Fukushima Sta. on JR Tohoku-honsen and Tohoku Shinkansen lines, alighting at Hanamiyama-iriguchi stop, then 25 min. walk.

*During the flower season, special bus “Hanamiyama-go” is operated.

Approx. 30 min. drive after exiting Fukushima-nishi I.C. on Tohoku Expwy.

*Special traffic control in the Hanamiyama area during the season (Ask for info. beforehand.)

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Parking Charge to keep
beautiful Hanamiyama

■ Bus parking lot: ¥5,000 for large bus (30 or more passengers), ¥3,000 for microbus (29 or less passengers)

■ Private car parking lot: ¥300 per person for those who park their cars here and use the shuttle bus to Hanamiyama.

*Traffic control during high season only. For details, please inquire.

For flowering time information
<http://www.tif.ne.jp>
<http://www.tif.ne.jp/eng/index.shtml>