

Early May Shimogo Town
Katakuri (Dogtooth Violet) Festival

This festival highlights hiking along a nature walk graced by colonies of "katakuri" (dogtooth violets). Sales of local specialties are all additional attraction.

[Place] Kuwatobi district
 [Info.] Katakuri Festival Executive Committee (Kiyoto Muroi, chairman)
 Tel: +81(241)67-2938
 [Access] 15 min. by bus from Shimogo Sta. on Aizu Line, alighting at Sawaguch stop, then 10 min. walk

Early May Tamura City
Abukuma-do Cave Spring Festival

Classes for making craft items from bamboo charcoal and gourd painting are offered, together with a local fair and a lottery for various prizes.

[Place] Abukuma-do Cave
 [Info.] Abukuma-do Cave Management Office Tel: +81(247)78-2125
 [Access] 10 min. by taxi from Kanmata Sta. on JR Ban'etsu-tosen Line; or 20 min. drive after exiting Ono I.C. on Ban'etsu Expwy

May 4 to 6 Ohtama Village
Endogataki Fudosen Temple Spring Festival

Adatarata-daiko Japanese drum performance is offered to the temple deity on May 5.



[Place] Endogataki Fudosen Temple precincts
 [Info.] Ohtama Village Tourism Association Tel: +81(243)48-3131
 [Access] 20 min. drive from Motomiya Sta. on JR Tohoku-honsen Line; or 30 min. drive after exiting Motomiya I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

May 5 Iwaki City
Children's Day at Iwaki City Kairyu-no-Sato Center (amusement facilities free of charge for children)

A Ferris wheel and other amusement attractions are available free of charge to children (elem. school and younger) for family enjoyment.

[Place] Iwaki City Kairyu-no-Sato Center
 [Info.] Iwaki City Kairyu-no-Sato Center Tel: +81(246)82-2772
 [Access] 15 min. drive after exiting Iwaki-Yotsukura I.C. on Joban Expwy

May 5 Koriyama City
Children's Day Festival

A variety of attractions take place throughout the Kaiseizan Park. A ride on a mini SL (steam locomotive) train is highly popular.

[Place] Kaiseizan Park and Kaiseizan General Sports Ground
 [Info.] Koriyama City Education Board (Continuing Education Sec.)
 Tel: +81(24)924-2441
 [Access] 10 min. by bus from Koriyama Sta. on JR Tohoku-honsen Line; or 10 min. drive after exiting Koriyama I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

Late Apr. to Early May Ishikawa Town
Green Fair

An exhibition as well as sales of garden plants and garden rocks by nurserymen and gardeners. Also a taste treats fair.

[Place] Bobata Lakeside Center
 [Info.] Bobata Lakeside Center Tel: +81(247)26-3986
 [Access] 20 min. drive after exiting Sukagawa I.C. on Tohoku Expwy; or 10 min. drive after exiting Fukushima-kuko I.C. on Abukuma-kogen Doro Expwy

Early May Fukushima City
Shiki-no-Sato Spring Festival

Numerous carp streamers float and "swim" in the sky over Shiki-no-Sato park bedecked by colorful flowers of the season. A costumed character show and various other events as well as a village of open-air stalls provide colorful entertainment for the visitor.



[Place] Shiki-no-Sato
 [Info.] Shiki-no-Sato Tel: +81(24)593-0101
 [Access] 20 min. drive after exiting Fukushima-nishi I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

Early to late May Miharu Town
Miharu-no-Sato Fresh Green Festival

Vegetable and flower seedlings nurtured by local farmers are on sale.

[Place] Den'en Seikatsu-kan Hall at Miharu-no-Sato
 [Info.] Den'en Seikatsu-kan Hall at Miharu-no-Sato
 Tel: +81(247)62-8010
 [Access] 15 min. drive from Miharu Sta. on JR Ban'etsu-tosen Line; or 15 min. drive after exiting Funehiki/Miharu I.C. on Ban'etsu Expwy

Early to late May Motomiya City
Wistaria Festival



Cherry blossoms and graceful wistaria enhance the beauty of the spacious Janohana Yurakuen park. The stately Janohana-goten mansion, built in the early 20th century, is a nationally designated (in 1996) cultural property.

[Place] Janohana Yurakuen Park
 [Info.] Janohana Yurakuen Park
 Tel: +81(243)34-2036
 [Access] 5 min. drive from Motomiya Sta. on JR Tohoku-honsen Line; or 10 min. drive after exiting Motomiya I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

May 12 Hinoemata Village
Hinoemata Kabuki Performance

This Kabuki performance with a history of over 260 years is staged by local farmers of Hinoemata Village, and is a very valuable folk performing art. The stage itself, in the precincts of a community guardian shrine, is a nationally designated cultural property. Admission free.



[Place] Hinoemata's Kabuki Stage
 [Info.] Oze Hinoemata Onsen Tourism Association
 Tel: +81(241)75-2432
 [Access] 1 hr. 10 min. by bus from Aizu-kogen Oze-guchi Sta. on Aizu Kinugawa Line, alighting at Hinoemata-chuo stop; or 2 hr. drive after exiting Nishi-Nasuno/Shiobara I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

3rd Sun. of May Kawamata Town
Kawamata Road Race

In this friendly competition, participants run through the Kawamata area in the fresh green of the season. The race encompasses both adult and children's divisions, allowing parents and children to enjoy the race together.



[Place] Kawamata Community Hall (start & goal)
 [Info.] Kawamata Town Gymnasium Tel: +81(24)565-3931
 [Access] 45 min. by bus from Fukushima Sta. on JR Tohoku-honsen Line, alighting at Kawamata-machi Yakuba stop; or 40 min. drive after exiting Fukushima-nishi I.C. on Tohoku Expwy

Last Sun. of May Kita-Shiobara Village
Family Cycling Meet Around Lake Hibara



This family cycling event is staged on a 32-kilometer course around Lake Hibara on the Bandai-kogen Plateau amid the lush greenery of the Bandai-kogen Plateau area. Various prizes are awarded to participants.

[Place] Kyuka-mura Urabandai & Hibara lakeside
 [Info.] Kita-Shiobara Commerce & Industry Society
 Tel: +81(241)33-2311
 [Access] 30 min. by bus from Inawashiro Sta. on JR Ban'etsu-saisen Line, alighting at Kyuka-mura stop; or 25 min. drive after exiting Inawashiro/Bandai-kogen I.C. on Ban'etsu Expwy

Last Sun. of May Nishi-Aizu Town
Nishi-Aizu Furusato Natsukashi Car Show

Classic cars and super bike-cars line up in profusion for this show. A nostalgic bus with a classic engine bonnet is operated during the show. Events include sales of local specialties, car accessories, and a live performance of "oldies" popular music.



[Place] Sayuri Park
 [Info.] Executive Committee for Nishi-Aizu Furusato Natsukashi Car Show
 Tel: +81(241)45-2025
 [Access] 15 min. walk from Nozawa Sta. on JR Ban'etsu-saisen Line; or 10 min. drive after exiting Nishi-Aizu I.C. on Ban'etsu Expwy

MOUNTAIN OPENING INFORMATION

2nd Sun. of May
Mt. Bandai Opening
 Inawashiro Town, Bandai Town, Kita-Shiobara Village

Mt. Bandai in Aizu is often referred to as a "Treasure Mountain" and is on the list of the "Best 100 Mountains in Japan." The annual mountain opening is celebrated jointly by Inawashiro Town, Bandai Town and Kita-Shiobara Village, opening the six climbing paths. A host of events take place, such as the Mr. Banda-san Contest and Outdoor Post Office service.

[Info.] Inawashiro Town Office Tel: +81(242)62-2117



3rd Sun. of May
Mt. Adatarata Opening
 Nihonmatsu City, Koriyama City

On the summit, mountain opening commemorative pennants are distributed to the first 3,000 climbers from 10:00 a.m., followed by a religious service to pray for the safety of climbers and the Ms. Adatarata Contest from 11:00.

[Info.] Adatarata-renmei Federation Tel: +81(243)55-5122; Koriyama City Office (Tourism & Products Promotion Sec.) Tel: +81(24)924-2621



April	Iino Town	2nd Sun.	Mt. Tenjo Opening	Yuho Shizen Club (NPO)	Tel: +81(24)562-3388 (Rep: Toshio Sato)
	Kawamata Town	3rd Sun.	Mt. Megami "Fureai" Climbing	Fukuda Community Hall	Tel: +81(24)566-2785
	Koori Town	Mid-month	Mt. Handa Opening	Koori Town Tourism Association	Tel: +81(24)582-2474
	Kitakata City	3rd Sun.	Mt. Toyasan Opening	City Office Takasato Sogo Branch	Tel: +81(241)44-2114
	Ohkuma Town	29	Mt. Higakure Opening	Ohkuma Town Tourism Association (c/o Commerce & Industry Society)	Tel: +81(240)32-2870
	Koriyama City	29	Mt. Utsumine Friendship Climbing	Executive Committee for Climbing (c/o Tamura Community Hall)	Tel: +81(24)955-3842
	Sukagawa City	29	Mt. Utsumine Opening	Sukagawa Tourism Association	Tel: +81(248)88-9143
	Date City	29	Mt. Ryozen Opening	Ryozen Town Tourism Association (c/o City Office Ryozen Sogo Branch)	Tel: +81(24)586-3402
	Tamura City	29	Mt. Kamakura-dake Opening	Tokiwa Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.)	Tel: +81(247)77-2371
	Minami-Soma City	29	Mt. Kakenomori Opening	Odaka Tourism Association	Tel: +81(244)44-6718
	Shirakawa City	29 (planned)	Mt. Gontagura Opening	Shirakawa City Office (Taishin Branch: Continuing Education Sec.)	Tel: +81(248)46-3976
	Kitakata City	Late month	Mt. Daibutsu Opening	Kitakata Tourism Association	Tel: +81(241)24-5200
Sukagawa City	Late month	Mt. Takado Opening	City Office Naganuma Branch (Community Revitalization Sec.)	Tel: +81(248)67-2111	
May	Kawamata Town	4	Toge-no-Mori Festival	Toge-no-Mori Festival Executive Committee	Tel: +81(24)566-3283
	Tamura City	Early month	Mt. Utsushi-ga-dake Opening	Funehiki Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.)	Tel: +81(247)82-1113
	Kitakata City	5	Mt. Kuromori Opening	Kitakata Tourism Association	Tel: +81(241)24-5200
	Iwaki City	Early month	Mt. Onigajo Opening	Iwaki-no-Sato Onigajo	Tel: +81(246)84-2288
	Minami-Aizu Town	Early month	Mt. Nagaoroshi Opening	Minami-Aizu Town Tateiwa Tourism Association	Tel: +81(241)78-2546
	Ten'ei Village	2nd Sun.	Mt. Futamata Opening	Ten'ei Village Office (Continuing Education Sec.)	Tel: +81(248)82-2504
	Kawamata Town	2nd Sun.	Mt. Kuchibuto Opening	Ohtsunagi Community Hall	Tel: +81(24)566-5900
	Tamura City	Late month	Mt. Gojunin Opening	Miyakoji Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.)	Tel: +81(247)75-3550
	Ono Town	3rd Sun.	Mt. Yadaijin Opening	Ono Town Tourism Association	Tel: +81(247)72-6938
	Yanaizu Town	3rd Sun.	Mt. Hakase Opening	Yanaizu Central Community Hall	Tel: +81(241)42-3511
	Tamura City	Late month	Mt. Katasone Opening	Funehiki Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.)	Tel: +81(247)82-1113
	Katsurao Village	1st Sun. after the 20th	Mt. Gojunin Opening	Katsurao Village Office (Community Revitalization Sec.)	Tel: +81(240)29-2113
	Nishigo Village	Last Sun.	Mt. Akazura Opening	Nishigo Village Office (Commerce, Industry & Tourism Sec.)	Tel: +81(248)25-2910
	Shimogo Town	Last Sun.	Mt. Ono-dake Opening	Shimogo Town Office (Commerce, Industry & Tourism Sec.)	Tel: +81(241)69-1144
	Tamura City & Ono Town	4th Sun.	Mt. Takashiba Opening	Funehiki Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.) Ogoe Administrative Bureau (Agriculture, Forestry, Commerce & Industry Sec.) Ono Town Tourism Association	Tel: +81(247)82-1113 Tel: +81(247)79-2193 Tel: +81(247)72-6938
Koriyama City	Late month	Mt. Ippai-san Climbing	Executive Committee for Climbing (c/o Tamura Community Hall)	Tel: +81(24)955-3842	
Showa Village	Late month (planned)	Mt. Gozengadake Climbing	Showa Village Tourism Association	Tel: +81(241)57-3100	