

FOOTPATH MAP

Hirono Town

Feel the wind as you walk from mountain to sea

Distance: around 4.1 km

Time: around 90mins

Course outline

This course starts at Hirono Station and takes in a wide variety of scenery, from shops and rice paddies to river banks and the seaside. The route can be customised to your liking, and you can take shortcuts or extend your walk to Mt Takakura (west of the station) to experience the breadth of local nature.

Hirono is known as the setting of the children's song 'Dragonfly's Eye' and the song 'Train', and is dotted with monuments related to these songs in various places in the town. Enjoy the peaceful scenery while soaking up the nostalgia.

Enquiries

Hirono Town Industrial Promotion Division

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8:30 - 17:15 (Closed Sat, Sun, holidays)

Access

Course begins from JR Tomioka Station

Car access via Joban Expressway
(10 minutes from Hirono I.C.)



Spots to Visit

1 Hirono Station

The departure melodies at the station on the JR Joban Line are "Train" and "Dragonfly's Glasses". The overpass 'Mirai no Kakehashi' ('future bridge') is a good viewing spot.

2 Exchange Space Plat-At

A rental and community space where market stalls and workshops are also held. It also functions as a rest stop for cyclists and offers footbaths.



3 Tsukijigaoka Park

The park is adjacent to the junior high school and has a waterway running through the middle. At the southern end of the park there is a monument to the song "Dragonfly's Glasses".

4 Tenjinyama

The terrain is fairly hilly. This was once a mountainous area, but has been heavily cleared for the construction of public facilities.



Etiquette

Footpath courses take you through scenery that has been cultivated in that region for generations. As you enjoy your time here, please keep in mind the local residents who have kept watch over this area.

- Greet local residents you meet.
- Take your trash home with you.
- Don't take crops or produce from local farms.
- Don't touch livestock or farm equipment.
- Don't enter farmland, woodland or private residences.
- Be aware of changing weather conditions and local wildlife.
- Be aware of hornets in mountainous or wooded areas.

What is a Fukushima Footpath?

Footpath tours are walking routes that allow visitors to enjoy the scenery of old towns and villages in the region. The Fukushima Footpaths, which are scattered throughout the 12 cities, towns and villages affected by the nuclear disaster, allow you to enjoy the rich culture, nature and interaction with local people. This is a great chance to witness first-hand the progress of Fukushima's revitalization efforts, and learn more about a beautiful area of Japan.

5 Footprint Road

A road where it looks as if someone has walked through wet concrete, leaving footprints along the path.

6 'Under the Railway' Road

The path passes under the railway bridge. The short distance to the bridge allows you to feel the scraping sound of passing trains pounding along the train tracks.

7 Bouta Bridge

Around March, when there is plenty of water, the sunset on the western (upstream) side of the water is a spectacular sight.



8 Ubatakejaou Shrine

A shrine famous for the legends of Anju and Sansho Ou. The sign in the precincts of the shrine explains the origin of the legend in detail.

9 Disaster Prevention Space

This lengthy walkway runs through a pine forest, where you can walk and feel the sea breeze. Toilets can be found in the car park at the crossroads, near the mouth of the Asami River.



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Futaba Mirai Campus
Cafe Fuu



Hirono Town
Sports Ground



Hirono Miraikan



Hirono Town Hall
Hirono Terrace



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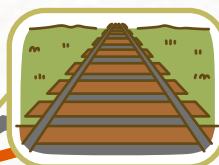
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Pass under the
bypass tunnel

— Main route

- - - Optional route

— Fukushima Coastal Trail

Parking Restroom Restaurant