Tourist guidebook

Tottori prefecture

Yazu-cho stroll!

Yazu Town Tottori Prefecture guidebook



Tottori prefecture Yazu-cho

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Tottori prefecture Yazu-cho

Welcome to Yazu-cho.

Have fun in nature, eat Jige natural produce.

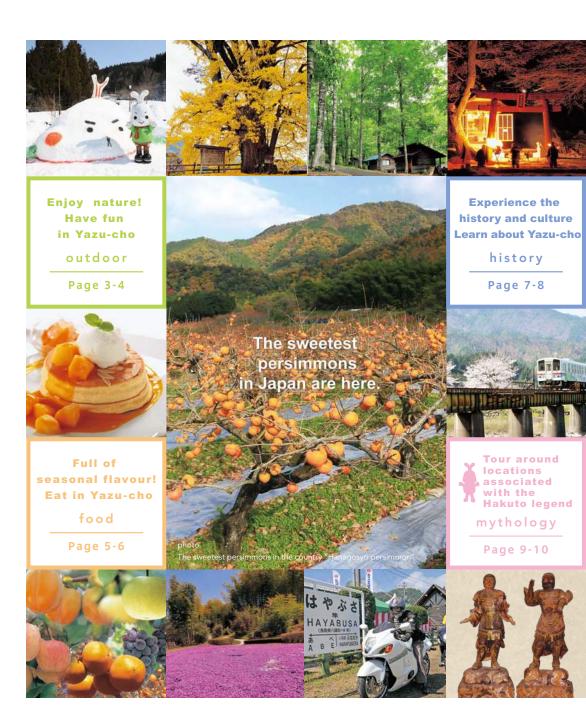
Experience the history and culture of the mythical town full of romance

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Yazu-cho is located in the southeast part of Tottori Prefecture, a town with a population of 18,000, adjacent to Tottori City. It is a mythical town and its history and culture is full of romance. It is also the home of many fruit farms and natural scenery.





Antoku-no Sato Himeji park(安徳の里·姫路公園)



A historic, natural park in created in memory of Emperor Antoku. In the park, you can get in touch with nature and catch trout or barbecue. Enjoy camping by the mountain streams.

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- 12 Himeji, Yazu-cho 時 9:00 - 18:00 Opening period: From late April until November 30
- 0858-74-0302 [Kisaichi So] Closed: From December 1 until late April 0858-72-3955 [Yazu Fureai Market]
- KEVERY Monday (The next day when Monday is a public holiday or a national holiday.)



[List of facilities] Barbecue House

- · Camp site
- Japanese-style rooms
- Tennis court
- · Bicycle motocross · Emperor Antoku museu
- Nature restaurant
- 'Yuba Zanmai"



3-sided tennis courts with night game facility, 356m-wide junior BMX (bicycle motocross) course, equipped with 28 rental bicycles.

Try it out! catching trout

From late April until November 30 You can try catching trout by mountain streams or in the pond in the park. Some events offer trout fishing with



Hatto Furusato-no mori



This facility allows visitors to come fully into contact with nature surrounded by beech forests. Relax by bird-watching or taking a therapeutic walk in the woods. There are also many outdoor facilities such as bungalows and camping areas.



See rare wild birdssuch as ruddy kingfishers and Japanese scops owls up

There is also

Athletics activities.

住 1572 Megano, Yazu-cho

Opening period: from April 29 until November 30 0858 - 84 - 3799 [Hatto Furusato-no mori] Closed: from December 1 until April 28 0858 - 20 - 2121 [Takada Institute of Technology]

 財 8:30 - 17:00
 体 No holidays during the opening period

[List of facilities] · Barbecue House · Bungalows · Simple-accommodation · Training classroom

Funaoka Chikurin Park

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This is one of Japan's leading full-fledged bamboo forests with rare types of bamboo and bamboo grasses from Japan and abroad.

Yazu garden cafe

You can enjoy our special curry and sweets.

Try it out!

From Mid-April until early May You can try digging bamboo shoots in Funaoka Chikurin park.



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🛅 564-1 Nishidani, Yazu-cho

Opening period: from March 1 until November 30 0858-73-8100 [Funaoka Chikurin Park] Closed: from December 1 until the last day of February

Every Wednesdays (The next day when Wednesday is a holiday or a public holiday.)

[List of facilities] · Cooking facilities · Campsite Bungalows · Outdoor stage · Barbecue facilities

\ Enjoy the clear water / Have fun at Hatto River (八東川)

Canoe experience

June to September

You can try out a canoe test ride under the guidance of the local Hatto River canoe club.

☎ 0858-84-3838

H 20 Canoe Club (in Himemiya Forest)



You can also enjoy fishingsweetfish in Hatto River!



(八東川水辺プラザ河川公園)

0858-76-0206 [Yazu town office construction division]





A sports facility with ground go If certifie d courses and a skateboard park.The ground golf season is from April to October and many enthusiasts from outside the prefecture come to play.

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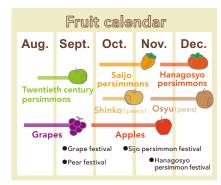


Hatto Fruit Garden

(はっとうフルーツ観光園



Bite into a fresh persimmon! You can taste fresh fruit in all its glory.



Try it out! fruit picking

from mid-August to mid- November

Try picking beautifully ripe apples or grapes, pears and chestnuts.

[Hatto Fruit Garden] 0858-84-3870

> [Road Station Hatto Fruit Center] 0858-84-3322

[Japan Agricultural Cooperatives Tottor Inaba Hatto Sales Economic Affairs Division







Ruddy kingfisher forest wine (赤翡翠の森)

A tasty, well-balanced wine made using plenty of grapes grown in the



Persimmon Swiss roll (柿ロールケーキ)

Limited-edition Swiss rolls are made of persimmon jam wrapped with 100 percent Hanagosyo persimmon puree and moist



Anpo persimmon

Additive-free Saijo Anpo persimmons are made by drying Saijo persimmons. They not completely dried, giving them their unique softness.



Rice flour roll (米粉まきまき)

The compatibility of the rice flour flavor and the juicy fruit is excellent! There crepes are made with rice flour and filled with fruit from the



Oenosato Natural Farm Tenbi Eggs

(大江ノ郷天美卵)

These are very nourishing eggs laid by free-range chickens fed with natural ingredients. Relish the creamy rich yolks and firm whites.



Willow Gudgeon

(ホンモロコ料理)

Willow gudgeon have soft bones and their flesh does not smell of fish They have a plain but elegant flavor and can be used in a variety of dishes.



This is a shop where you can enjoy delicious quality cooked mainly with home-grown vegetables and local ingredients at an affordable price.

You can enjoy the

exquisite gibier cuisine!

Thursday night **B** 11:00 - 22:00

(Reservation is requested at least one day in advance)

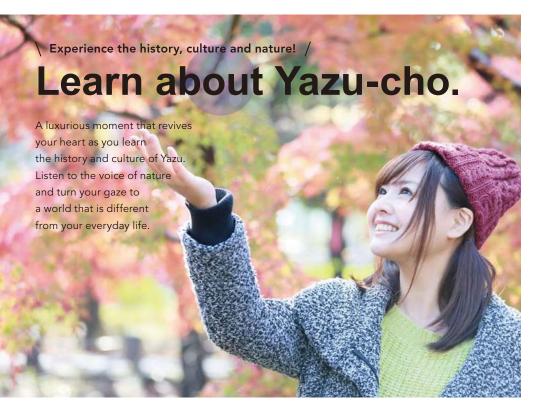


Eringi Mushrooms

(エリンギィ)

They have a slight sweetness and a rustic flavor if eaten grilled with no flavouring. There is also much focus on these mushrooms for their health benefits and production volume has been increasing year by year.

間 Opening hours 体 Holiday Address



Shingouji Shitokuhoukyoin Tower

Hokyoin tower is a memorial service tower containing" Hokyo Amida-kyo". Inside there are inscriptions of a moon and Sanskrit characters. There is an inscription dating from the 2nd year of the Jitoku Period (1385) which leads us to believe that the building dates from the period of the Northern and Southern Courts.

166 Shinkoii, Yazu-cho

3 0858-84-2866

House of the Yabe Family



This is the oldest private house in Tottori prefecture built in the early 17th century. There is a 300 year-old Camellia Japonica tree in the garden. It is not currently open to the

National important cultural property

1278 Yoro, Yazu-cho

0858 - 84 - 1232 [vazu-cho Board of Education Secretarial Social Education Division]

Many gigantic trees at Seitokuji Temple Prefecture-designated in the second sec









This was a place for prayer of Komatsu, the lord of the castle. It is said that it was built by Gyoki in the 2nd year of the Wado Period (709). The grounds showcase the beautiful scenery of the seasons its with many gigantic trees such as lindens, Kagonoki and a gingko tree, which was reportedly planted by Emperor Godaigo.

19 Seitoku, Yazu-cho

[Yazu-cho Tourism Association]

Try traditional techniques!



This kiln was originally built under

the patronage of the lord of Tottori. They feature pale blue and milky white flowing patterns made with the traditional straw ash glaze used in the kiln of the Edo era

Kiwai ware

This pottery has the motto of making objects that are 'enjoyable to look at'

Inkyuzan ware and pottery-making (因久山焼)



You are free to experience pottery making such as a cup, and the like.

> [Activity options] Cups (for beginners) Dishes (for advanced potters)

> > DATA

1 0858 - 72 - 0278 [Inkvuzan ware potterv]

Maximum of 6 people at each session.

Yazu hometown scarecrow

(八頭ふるさとかかし)

When you arrive in Yazu-cho. scarecrows welcome you all over the place. In the town, there is a "scarecrow village" office and all thescarecrows have their own names registered on the resident register

₫ 626-15 Koge, Yazu-cho

1 0858-72-6007 [Yazu-cho Tourism Association]

Try it out!

Making Scarecrows

You can try making scarecrows with the guidance of members of the Scarecrow's Parent's Group. You can also choose your favorite clothes from a special boutique!



[Activity options] · Making scarecrows (children and adults)

Wakasa railway (若桜鉄道)

The Japan Railway Inbi line connects 9 stations over 19.2 kilometers between Koge Station and Wakasa Station. Since the stations' bridges, steam locomotive-related facilities, etc. have not been widely renovated and remain in their original state from the Japan National Railways era, all 23 railway- related facilities were collectively registered as intangible cultural properties for the first time in Japan in 2008.



Tanpi Station 丹比駅

The platform roof of this station is made of rails imported from the US King of iron and coppe Carnegie. Visitors can see the steel stamps. There also used to be a cargo platform.

住 Minami.Yazu-cho



Biders' Holy Land \ Anew

The station is gaining in popularity due to the magazine which has the same name as the Hayabusa riders and now it has become a monument where Hayabusa motorcycle riders gath

住 Mizukinaka, Yazu-cho



Hayabusa Station festival (集駅まつり)

Every year motorcycle enthusiasts from all over the country gather and enjoy different events with the loca residents on the occasion of the "Hayabusa Station Festiva on the first Sunday in August.



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時 Opening hours 休 Holiday

White rabbit legend Tour around locations associated with the legend

Love prayers and historical investigation

Yazu-cho has two legends: the descent of Amaterasu and the legend of the white rabbit. People have had faith in the white rabbit god since ancient times. In addition, one of the places connected with the white rabbit, which played the role of cupid for Okuninushi no mikoto and Yakamihime in the famous story of the "white rabbit of Inaba", is "Hakuto-jinja Shrine" in Yazu-cho Fukumoto. Why not go on a journey of love prayer and learning the history and culture of Yazu-cho while touring the spots connected with the rabbit?

\ A shrine in the temple!? /

Naritasan Seiryuji Temple (成田山青龍寺)

This is a rare temple in that the shrine building of Fukumoto Hakuto shrine was moved into the main hall of the temple.

往 46 Shimokado, Yazu-cho

3 0858-72-0450



about 1 meter high, including the plinth Kamo shrine

It enshrines objects of worship from Fukumoto Hakuto shrine, Ikeda shrine and Hajimomoi shrine. It is used by the locals to celebrate such festivals as the shichi-qo-san children's festival and protection against evil.

National important cultural property

Standing statue of Tamonten (left) 多期天立像 Standing statue of Jikokuten (right) 持国天立像 These are housed in the treasury of

made and painted in the Kamakura Period

Seiryuji temple and each of them was

with joined block construction. They are

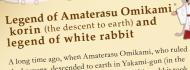




Hakuto shrine

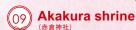
It is said to have been built approximately 840 years ago and was enshrined in the Taisho Period. Today all that remains is a shadow of the archway and shrine. The body was moved to "Kamo shrine" in Yazu-cho Miyadani and the shrine to "Seiryu temple" in Yazu-cho Shimokado.

住 Fukumoto, Yazu-cho



the heavens, descended to earth in Yakami-gun (in the area which now includes Yazu-cho), a white rabbit took the hem of her robes and led her to a Karinomiya (temporary lodging built for an Imperial visit). The white rabbit that led Amaterasu Omikami was worshiped as an incarnation of the god "Dohakuto Daimyoujin", and even now, it is enshrined as an important guardian deity of this land.

[Contact] Yazu-cho Tourism Association ☎0858-72-6007



It enshrines Amaterasu Omikami and Tsukuyomi no mikoto. There are waves and rabbits carved, and when going around the shrine hall, facing toward the front you will find different kinds of waves and rabbits in the right and left.



律 933 Oe.Yazu-cho **2** 0858-73-8153

Saikvoii temple

It has a big carving of "waves and a rabbit" said to be carved by Hidarijingoro over the warship hall facing the main hall in the temple.

住 437-1 Funaoka, Yazu-cho

☎ 0858-72-0055

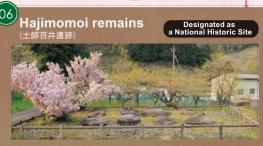


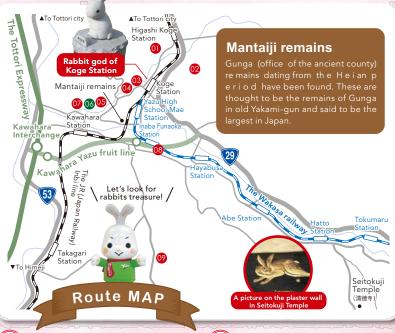
Yoneoka shrine 07

It enshrines Susanoo no mikoto. It is reported that the shrine was built in the late Muromachi Period. It enshrined Kunifusa shrine of Tottori-shi Kawahara-cho together in 1872.

Toneoka, Yazu-cho







Ikeda shrine

Yazupyon



In the Meiji period it was enshrined together with Inari-sha and Mizuhanome-no-kami as an auxiliary shrine of Hakuto shrine, that enshrined the god, Ikeda, Yazu-cho

Hajimomoi shrine



Though the specific time of theshrine's foundingis unknown, in 1968, it became an auxiliary shine of Hakuto shrine. In the Taisho period, it was enshrined together with Kamo shrine.

住 Hajimomoi, Yazu-cho



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Event calendar

·Viewing the cherry blossoms in the Tenmayama Park

The park is located in a low hill of 200 meters, and every year in spring, more than 1,000 cherry trees bloom.

- · Ground golf season begins.
- · Kirin Jishi dance at Sawa shrine



Sawa shrine is related to the Tottori clan founder. The cloth (mosquito net) used for the body of the Shishi is said to be made from the bedding of Mitsunaka Ikeda, the feudal lord of Tottori.

· Funaoka Chikurin Festival (April 29th)

We hold events that are involved in bamboo such as "Taketonbo tournament" "Bamboo shoot cuisine" "Bamboo shoot digging experience", and the like and they are watched by a large number of visitors from inside and outside of the prefecture.





This festival has a tradition of about 390 years. Sakaki (evergreen tree used in a Shinto ritual) goes first then Onobori (streamers), and Mikoshi (a portable shrine), and so on. Around 300 people gather at the festival.

· Antoku-no Sato Himeji Park Festival (May 3rd)

Events are held such as fishing for small trout

Oginosen Mountain Opening

Sweetfish season opens

• Try out canoeing (from June to September)

Camp for crafts in Yazu

Wood working, pottery, crafts jwelry, dyeing, etc., regardless of the genre, handicraft artists of the country exhibit and sell their artwork.



Yazu Sparkling Festival



Every year, there are a number of stalls and performances and it is crowded with many visitors.

- Shipping of Kyoho grapes begins
- · Events of Hatto Furusato-no Mori

The ruddy kingfisher and the dollarbird can be observed in their natural habitat. You can also try your hand at catching fish.



- · Hayabusa pool festival
- · Shipping of twentieth century pears begins

Hayabusa Station festival

On the first Sunday in August, motorcycle riders make a pilgrimage to their Holy Land of Hayabusa, gathering at the station.

Hatto Fruit Garden opens



Ando festival (biennial)



This is a festival to commemorate Ando lemonou who used his own assets to pay for agricultural irrigation channels for people suffering from water shortages in the Edo era.

Grape festival / Pear festival

Morishita Koichi Cup Marathon



The marathon is held every year with the participation of Koichi Morishita who won a silver medal in the Barcelona Olympics men's marathon and is a Yazu-cho honorary townsman and a Goodwill Ambassador.

- · Peak of ground golf season
- · Saiivo persimmon festival
- · Yazu-cho Market

Seasonal vegetables and fruits. and selected specialty products and processed products gather together!

Product house Mikado Hanagosyo persimmon festival

Hanagosyo persimmon said to be the sweetest in Japan is all you can eat!

Camellia Uraku blooms

(up to March at their best)

The camellia wabisuke growing at Daijyu temple is 8.7 meters in height, 1.85 meters around the trunk, 10.5 meters around the branches and it is estimated to be around 450 years old. It begins

to bloom pale pink flowers one after the other every year from late November.

· Koge friendship center festival

Many local agricultural products and home-made rice with red beans made by the processing group are on display for sale. Pestle-pounded mochi rice cakes for the New Year are very popular.

Kamakura (hut made of hardened snow) festival in Himeji Park



There are many attractive events in winter such as a Kamakura making contest and building snowmen! It is a popular event crowded with many participants from outside the prefecture

·The start of fishing season in the mountain streams

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Local specialties and **Dining**

The bounty of food and traditional crafts **Hanagosyo Persimmons**

These persimmons, which are grown only in the east of the Inaba region in Tottori Prefecture are nationally acclaimed as the sweetest persimmons in Japan and a widely given as gifts.

 ■ Product House Mikado (物産館みかど)



Twentieth century pears

(二十世紀梨)

The pears are characterized by their fresh juicy, refreshing taste and elegant sweetness.

Matto Fruit Center (八東フルーツ総合センター)



Apples (りんご)

Various kinds of apples such as Tsugaru, Jonah Gold and Fuji are grown.

M Hatto Fruit Center (八東フルーツ総合センター)



Saijo persimmons (西条柿)

Saijo persimmons are characterized by their refined flavor which is both sweet and unique. They are also high in nutritional value and healthy as they contain vitamin C.aminoacids and carotene.

 Hatto Fruit Center (八東フルーツ総合センター)

Kanemon Dote garlic chive gyoza

(勘右衛門土手ニラ餃子)

Garlic chives were planted by Gimin and Kanemon (ringleaders of uprisings during famine) for flood control in the Edo era. They were long-lasting, produced with care and used abundantly in local settlements.

I Hatto Fruit Center (八東フルーツ総合センター)



Erinai Mushrooms

(エリンギィ)

They have a slight sweetness and arustic taste . There is also much focus on these mushrooms for their health benefits and production volume has been increasing year by year.

Kitamura Mushroom Garden (北村きのこ園)



Healthy pearl barley products

(健康はとむぎ商品)

"Barley rice crackers", "Barley noodles" and "Barley jelly" are the barley specialties of Yazu-cho.

 Yazu Fureai Market (やずふれあい市場)

Tenbi eggs (天美卵)

Tenbi eggs have thick round bright yellow rising yolks on top the white. They are healthy eggs from "Oenosato natural farm"

™ Oenosato Natural Farm (大江ノ郷自然牧場)



Yakushi Miso (薬師みそ)

locally and other carefully selected

ingredients, such as Koshihikari rice

and Teshio (natural salt) in the

winter a gricultural off-season.

M Koge Friendship Center

(こおげフレンドセンター)

Yakushi miso is a flavorful product that is prepared with soybeans harvested

Bamboo charcoal products (竹炭製品)

Charcoal is said to break up narmful chemicals such as organic matter and impurities absorbed in water and air. It is also known for its health benefits.

💹 Funaoka Chikurin Park (船岡竹林公園)



Nishiki rice cultivated pesticide-free at the organic rice farm "Tamaka farm". It is aged for two full years.

I Tanaka Farm(田中農場)



Boxes made of paulownia wood (桐箱)

Each box is carefully handmade using traditional techniques. Paulownia boxes for art (Jiku boxes (forhangingscrolls). Inro (small pillboxes), tea things and antiques, etc.) are also highly esteemed in Japan.

I Otani Kiriko (大谷桐工)

Plat Pia Yazu (ぶらっとぴあ・やず) 🛐





Located in the yard of JR Koge Station, the gateway to Yazu- cho, is a tourist information base that provides information about tourist attractions.

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📵 648-6 Koge, Yazu-cho 時 8:00 - 19:00

休 12/31 to 1/2

Koge friendship center



hand-made Konjac is popular! Rice such as original products that you persimmons said to be the sweetest in kinds of "Akiurara", "Akizuki" and cakes pounded with a pestle can buy only here! Please pay the country are produced! Please to carried out every month are very attention to the series of thou be sure to come to see the persimmon sold in the season. popular!

住 40-2 Koge, Yazu-cho 時 8:00 - 18:00

体 1/1 to 1/5

1 249–3 Miyadani, Yazu-cho **1** 0858-72-3955

beans and barley products.

Yazu Fureai Market

(やずふれあい市場)

時 9:00 - 19:00 体 7 days a week

(物産館みかど)



The particular bittern tofu and There are a lot of delicious things This is the place where Hana Gosyo Please pay attention to such as new color all over the orchard of Hana Gosyo persimmons in late November

1 389-1 Daimon, Yazu-cho

B 8:30 - 18:00 7 1/1 to 1/5

Product house Midado Hatto Fruit Center (八東フルーツ総合センター)



"Osyu"! There are various fruits

6 625 Tokumaru, Yazu-cho **1** 0858-84-3870

閉 9:00 - 17:45(from November to March 17:15) 🕏 1/1 and 1/2

\ Recommended! / Gourmet spots

Oenosato natural farm Cocogarden (大江ノ郷自然牧場ココガーデン)



This is a sweet shop and café built from natural materials and surrounded by greenery. Additive-free sweets are made from scratch using eggs laid by free-range chickens.

住 877 Hashimoto, Yazu-cho **1** 0120-505-606

時 10:00 - 18:00 休 New Year's day **Amamiya** (甘味屋)



The most popularthin on the menu is our strawberry Daifuku rice cake but you will also become hooked on the creamy texture of our choco rice cake made using premium raw chocolate. This Japanese confectionery shop uses local products.

119-1 Yazu-cho, Koge

2 0858-72-0651
 時 9:00 - 19:00
 休 Sunday afternoons

HOME 8823



This is a café and community space where local Hayabusa motorcycle riders gather and which everyone from adults to children can enjoy. The "Enjoy seasonal Hayabusa set" menu is popular!

176-4 Yazu-cho, Mizukinaka

睹 8:30 - 10:00 and 11:00 - 16:00

(Fridays, Saturdays and national holidays: 18:00 to 22:00)

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Shops

1 Kakita shop

6 Amamiya

8 Endo farm

7 Ebisudo

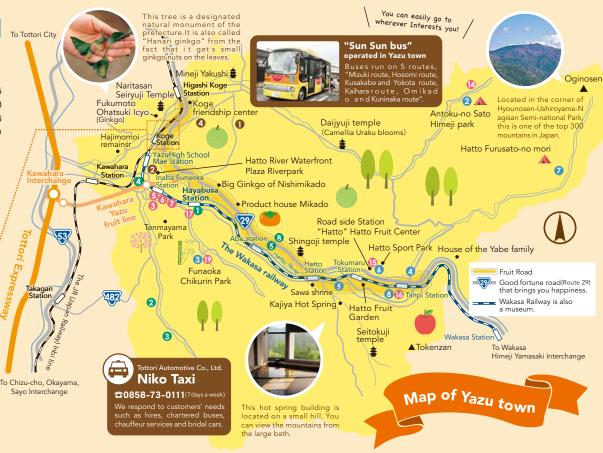
3 Kitamura mushroom garden

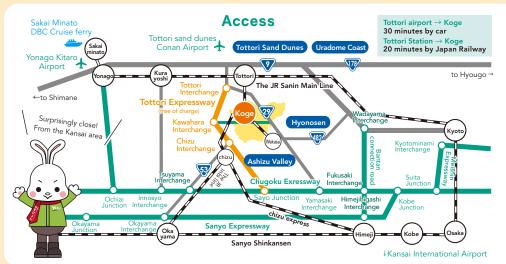
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Railway

Osaka - Koge About 2 hours and 20 minutes

[The Limited Express Super Hakuto]

Okayama - Koge About one hour and 30 minutes [The Limited Express Super Inaba]

Express bus

Osaka - Koge

About 2 hours and 40 minutes [Nihon Kotsu Express bus (Benten-cho via Nanba)]

Osaka - Koge

By car

About 2 hours and 20 minutes [Osaka (Cyugoku Expressway) Fro m Yamasaki Interchange Route 29 to Yazu]

Osaka - Koge About 2 hours and 10 minutes

[Osaka (Cyogoku Expressway) From Sayo Junction to Kawahara Interchange to Funaoka Interchange to Yazul

Okavama - Koge About 2 hours and 20 minutes

[From Okayama Route 53 (Tottori Expressway) to Chizu Interchange to Kawahara Interchange to Yazu]

Attractions in the area







