



Experience of Japanese Traditional Handcrafts

Japanese Paper Art Museum(Washi no Furusato)

Washi no Furusato is a multipurpose facility dedicated to Japanese paper (washi), and includes the Washi Art Gallery, Art and Crafts Center, and rest area.

- 休** Mondays (However open every day when Monday is a holiday.)
Closed December 28 - January 4. Open every day during the Shikizakura Festival (November).
- P** 150 parking spaces, 7 tour bus spaces
- 車** 1 minute on foot from the Washi no Furusato bus stop of Toyota Oiden Bus

Art and Crafts Center(Washi Kougeikan)

Experience the traditional Obara washi crafts in this hands-on workshop. Experts explain how to make the crafts and teach special techniques.

- 時** 9:00~16:00
(Reservations required for groups of 10 or more.)
- ☎** 0565-65-2953



Craft type	Charge (individual)	Charge (groups of 10 or more)	Required time	Craft type	Charge (individual)	Charge (groups of 10 or more)	Required time
Leaf design	1,000 yen	900 yen	80 minutes	Fan	1,200 yen	1,100 yen	80 minutes
Calligraphic design	1,200 yen	1,100 yen	80 minutes	Picture design	2,000 yen	1,800 yen	2 hours or more

Washi Art Gallery(Washi Tenjikan)

Enjoy exhibits of artworks by Tatsukichi Fujii, founder of the Japanese paper arts in Obara, as well as the works expressing the beauty of washi from all parts of Japan.

- 時** 9:00~16:30
- ☎** 0565-65-2151

Type	Charge (individual)	Charge (group of 20 or more)
Adults, high school or university students	200 yen	150 yen
Junior high school and younger	Free	Free



Toyota City Intangible Folk Cultural Asset

Obara Kabuki

Obara Kabuki began as a local play dedicated to the Shinto shrine during the 18th century. Two regular performances are held each year, with techniques and traditions actively carried on today.



May performance

The May performance takes place on the last Sunday in May at the Obara Kouryukan. The Obara Kabuki preservation society reveals the results of their practice.

Culture Festival performance

The Obara Culture Festival is held each year on a Sunday in late October at the Obara Kouryukan. A performance of Obara Kabuki accompanies other local art performances and exhibitions.

- P** 203 parking spaces
- 車** 2 minutes on foot from the Eitarou bus stop of Toyota Oiden Bus ☎ 0565-65-3711 (Obara Kouryukan)

Shikizakura (Winter cherry blossoms)

Origins It is said that in the early 19th century, a physician, Genseki Fujimoto brought a seedling from Nagoya that became a parent tree and spread widely. In 1978 this tree became the official tree of Obara District.

Characteristics While ordinary cherry trees only bloom once in spring, the Obara shikizakura blooms once in spring, and again from October to December. The small five-petaled blossoms are thought to indicate a cross between the mamezakura and edohigan species of cherry trees.

Best time to view The flowers begin to blossom at the end of October, and are at their peak from mid November through early December. The peak period varies somewhat from year to year.

"Numbers/Natural Monument" Growing in all parts of the district, the trees number approximately 10,000. Among them, the Maehora Shikizakura, aged more than 100 years, has been designated a natural monument by Aichi Prefecture and is carefully protected.



By public transportation

◆ From Meitetsu Toyotashi Station, board a Toyota Oiden bus on the Obara-Toyota Line bound for Kaminigi. It takes approximately 1 hour.

By car

- ◆ From either the Nakayama IC on the Sanage Green Road, or the Toyota-Fujioka IC on the Tokai-Kanjo Expressway, take Route 419 toward Mizunami for approximately 25 minutes.
- ◆ From Mizunami IC on the Chuo Expressway, turn toward Akechi on Route 419 at the Shibara Intersection, then later turn right at the Okawa Intersection and take Route 419 toward Toyota City for approximately 30 minutes.

Questions about sightseeing or the Shikizakura Festival ☎ 0565-65-3808

Obara Tourism Association
(The Obara Chamber of Commerce and Industry)

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Obara shikizakura

(Winter cherry blossoms)



Welcome to Obara District

A mountainous region in the northernmost part of Toyota City, where visitors come to enjoy Japanese paper crafts, traditional kabuki performances, and the shikizakura cherry blossoms that bloom in fall.

