



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.

- M** 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
- T** 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.



- H** 9:00~16:00  
(Reservations required for groups of 10 or more.)
- T** 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 minuets	Fan	1,200 yen	1,100 yen	80 minuets
Calligraphic design	1,200 yen	1,100 yen	80 minuets	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.

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

- H** 9:00~16:30
- T** 0565-65-2151



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
- T** 2 minutes on foot from the Eitarou bus stop of Toyota Oiden Bus **T** 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 100years, 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 **T**0565-65-3808

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

<http://www.kankou-obara.toyota.aichi.jp/>  
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# Obara shikizakura

(Winter cherry blossoms)



Obara Fureai Park



Kabuki



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### 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.

## Tea/Snacks/Meals

**Japanese cuisine**  
**Japanese Restaurant Chitose**  
 ① 857-6 Ozaki, Obara-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 2020  
 ③ Tuesdays  
 ④ 11:00~22:00

**Coffee and meals**  
**Coffee & Lunch Restaurant ARUBO**  
 ① 248 Tokosamu, Eitarou-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3162  
 ③ Tuesdays  
 ④ 8:00~19:00

**Sushi**  
**Tsutsumi Zushi**  
 ① 301-1 Ochi, Eitarou-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3030  
 ③ Thursdays  
 ④ 11:30~14:00, 17:00~21:00

**Tea/Snacks**  
**Teahouse Obara**  
 ① 179-1 Maeda, Obara-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 2612  
 ③ Mondays  
 ④ 7:30~18:00

**Washi paper sales and meals** Gohei-mochi on sale!  
**Kaminohana (Paper Flower)**  
 ① 166 Eitarou-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 1711  
 ③ Mondays  
 ④ 9:00~17:00

**Delicious hand dripped coffee**  
**Kojika Café**  
 ① 24-1 Omugita, Kitasasadaira-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3951  
 ③ Wednesdays  
 ④ 11:00~22:00

## Accommodations

**Restaurant and inn**  
**Mishimaya**  
 ① 393-4 Shimoda, Kaminigi-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3024  
 ③ Wednesdays  
 ④ Reservations accepted any time.

**Hot spring rest facility for elderly**  
**Jurakuso**  
 ① 722 Higashida, Hirahata-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3611  
 ③ Mondays and New Year Holiday  
 ④ Rest: Tue. to Sun. (10:00 - 15:00)  
 Stay: Tue. to Sat. (16:00 - Next day 10:00)

**Restaurant and inn**  
**Shinanoya**  
 ① 403-2 Ozaki, Obara-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 2007  
 ③ Wednesdays  
 ④ Reservations accepted any time.

## Seasonal courses

**Basic course (9.6km) — Approx. 4 hours**  
 Dorobuchi Kannon (0.6km) — Saiunji Temple (0.3km) — Ichiba Castle Ruins (0.4km) — Kouenji Temple (0.9km) — Ichiba 33 Kannon (1.5km) — Toyadaira (1.7km) — Hisajo Sugita Haiku Monument (0.8km) — Washi no Furusato (2.5km) — Henbi Rock (0.5km) — Reiunji Temple (0.2km) — Obara Folk Museum (0.2km) — Dorobuchi Kannon

**Half course (5.5km) — Approx. 2 hours**

## Shikizakura Spot

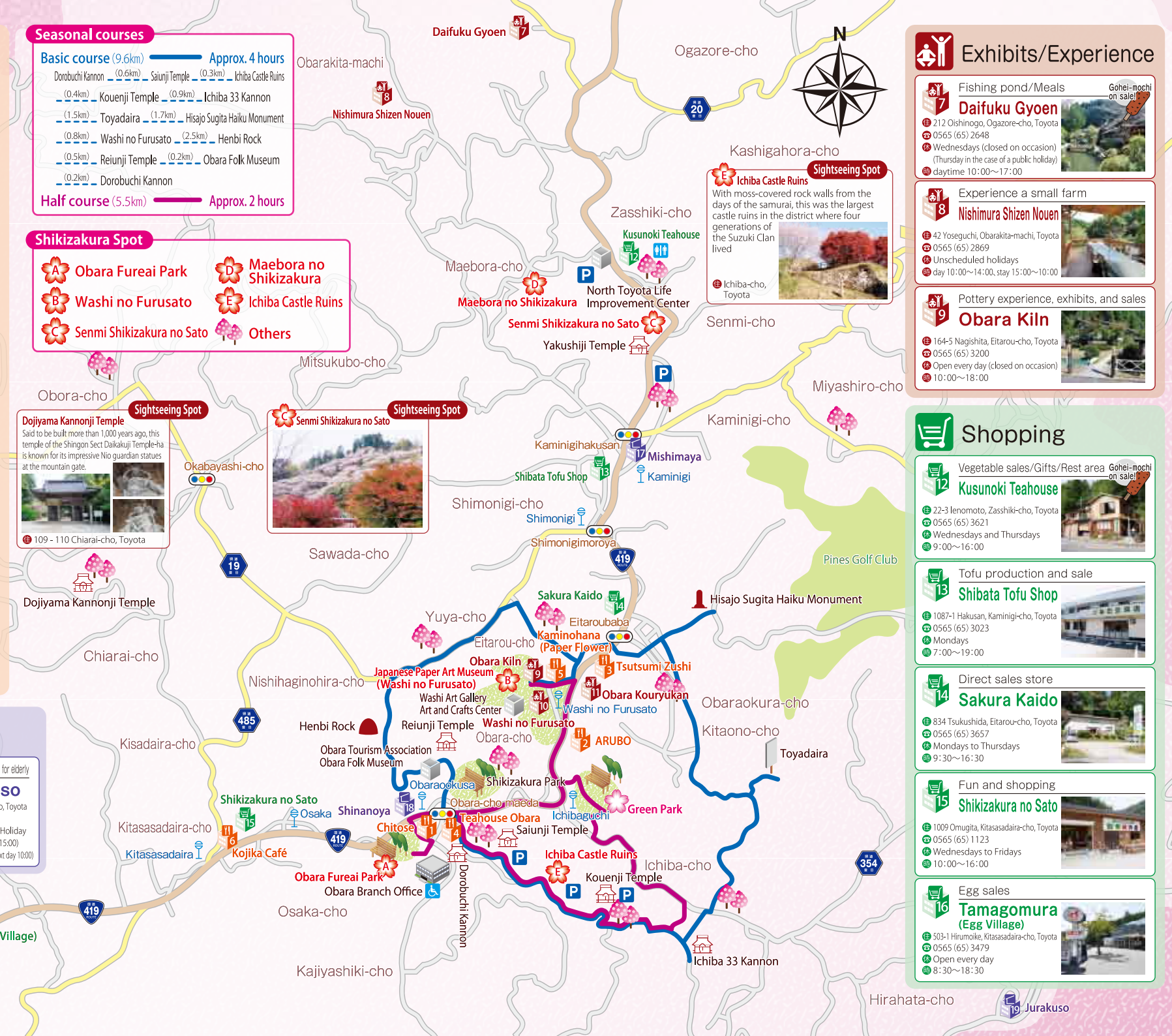
**A Obara Fureai Park** **D Maebora no Shikizakura**  
**B Washi no Furusato** **E Ichiba Castle Ruins**  
**C Senmi Shikizakura no Sato** **F Others**

## Sightseeing Spot

**Dojiyama Kannonji Temple**  
 Said to be built more than 1,000 years ago, this temple of the Shingon Sect Daikakuji Temple-ha is known for its impressive Niō guardian statues at the mountain gate.

## Sightseeing Spot

**Senmi Shikizakura no Sato**



## Exhibits/Experience

**Fishing pond/Meals** Gohei-mochi on sale!  
**Daifuku Gyoen**  
 ① 212 Oshinogo, Ogazore-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 2648  
 ③ Wednesdays (closed on occasion)  
 (Thursday in the case of a public holiday)  
 ④ daytime 10:00~17:00

**Experience a small farm**  
**Nishimura Shizen Nouen**  
 ① 42 Yoseguchi, Obarakita-machi, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 2869  
 ③ Unscheduled holidays  
 ④ day 10:00~14:00, stay 15:00~10:00

**Pottery experience, exhibits, and sales**  
**Obara Kiln**  
 ① 164-5 Nagishita, Eitarou-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3200  
 ③ Open every day (closed on occasion)  
 ④ 10:00~18:00

## Shopping

**Vegetable sales/Gifts/Rest area** Gohei-mochi on sale!  
**Kusunoki Teahouse**  
 ① 22-3 Ienmoto, Zasshiki-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3621  
 ③ Wednesdays and Thursdays  
 ④ 9:00~16:00

**Tofu production and sale**  
**Shibata Tofu Shop**  
 ① 1087-1 Hakusan, Kaminigi-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3023  
 ③ Mondays  
 ④ 7:00~19:00

**Direct sales store**  
**Sakura Kaido**  
 ① 834 Tsukushida, Eitarou-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3657  
 ③ Mondays to Thursdays  
 ④ 9:30~16:30

**Fun and shopping**  
**Shikizakura no Sato**  
 ① 1009 Omugita, Kitasasadaira-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 1123  
 ③ Wednesdays to Fridays  
 ④ 10:00~16:00

**Egg sales**  
**Tamagomura (Egg Village)**  
 ① 503-1 Hirumoike, Kitasasadaira-cho, Toyota  
 ② 0565 (65) 3479  
 ③ Open every day  
 ④ 8:30~18:30

**Jurakuso**