

How to enjoy in Sakai Town



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Tone river to ne gawa 利根川

It is one of the rivers representing Japan.
This river is flowing from north of Kanto region to east.
The river is called "Bando taro" too.
The length is 312km, Basin area is 16,840km², it is the largest river of Japan.

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Annual events

- Jan: Coming-of-age Ceremony, Daruma festival
- Feb: Lifelong learning festival
- Mar: Cherry Blossom festival
- Apr: Lion Dance in Tsukazaki, Cherry Blossom festival
- May: New tea festival of Sashima green tea
- Jun: Osugi Bayashi in Wakahayashi, Hatsuyama festival
- Jul: Lion Dance in Tsukazaki, Osugi Bayashi in Igusa, Sakai Furusato festival, Fireworks Display
- Aug: Boy sports event (Tug of war)
- Oct: Comprehensive Art Exhibition
- Nov: Townsman athletic meet, Lion Dance in Tsukazaki

Culture Properties

There are a lot of cultural properties in Sakai town.
"Sugawara no Michizane's picture" in Daisho-in Temple is very interesting.
Sugawara no Michizane was a scholar in Heian era. After he died, he became a Japanese God of Learning. He is also called "Tenjinsama" by many people in Japan.
There is a legend that his face in the picture becomes red when some liquor is equipped in front of the picture.



Sugawara no Michizane →
"菅原道真"



How to make delicious tea

1. Put hot water in the tea cup in order to warm it up.
2. Return the water into the tea pot.
3. Tea will be sweet when brewed in lukewarm water.
4. pour the tea to the cups.



Producers



Tsubu



Namai



Moe



Miyuu



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Shingetsu シンゲツ

This is a shop selling cakes, breads and candies.

The kinds of the products of this shop are approximately 200 to 300.

In this shop, you can order a birthday cake with custom made.

So, the motto of this shop is

"Visitors always enjoy deliciously".

The recommendation of the shop owner is "a cream puff of Fujimi". (A picture below.)

And "a tart of the purple potatoes" and "a tart of the pumpkins" are cakes which the owner wants foreigners to eat by all means.



A tart of the purple potatoes.

Michinoeki Sakai 道の駅 さかい

"Michinoeki" was a public facility.

(It means "Roadside station")

It was designed to offer places for break, regional communication and on-the-spot sales of local products.

• • *Possible utilization time* • •

9:00 to 18:00

(Parking, toilet, public phones can be used for 24 hours.)

In the "food corner", you can eat "udon" and "soba".

In the "shop corner", you can buy speciality products, such as "Sashima tea" or "wheat buns".

And there is "farmers market", too.

You can buy a lot of fresh vegetables and fruits there.

"A cream puff of Fujimi" →
It is made from the image
of the view from Tone river



Sashima Nature House for Children さしま少年自然の家

This is an accommodation in West of Ibaraki prefecture.
More than 300 people can stay here.

• • *Activities* • •

We can know the universe through "planetarium appreciation" and "astromicial observation".

And we can see a lot of creatures such as goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks, loaches...

Especially, in the observation of butterflies, we can see beautiful "Sasakia charonda".

Not only contacting with creatures, but also we can craft a "fun-making" and "magic keychain" using natural materials.

Other than these, we can enjoy camp fire, candle service, night hiking and so on.



Sakai high School

1km

Michinoeki Sakai



4km

Naganoen

Mr. Hanamizu →
the owner of
Naganoen.

Tsuyuhikari →
(1,080 yen/100g)



Takasebune 高瀬舟

It is the cruise which flows on the Tone river.

• • *Stream days* • •

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

(It starts at 10:30, 13:00 and 14:30)

• • *Passage fare* • •

adult 1,000 yen/ child 500 yen per person.

Please come to the departure point 10 minutes prior to the cruise.

• • *Chartered cruise* • •

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

15,000 yen per cruise.

(35 people maximum)

• • *What you can see from Takasebune* • •

river park, water rock gate, Michinoeki, Sekiyado castle, beautiful creatures such as silver carp, various birds, Tone river, Edo river and Metropolitan Inter-Expressway.

Tone river

Naganoen 長野園

It is the green tea shop.

It's motto is "Your house is near the place the plants grow".

Sakai town is famous for green tea called "Sashima tea".

The tea leaves are thick and it has strong taste.

The recommended products of this shop is "Tsuyuhikari".

It is a kind of Sashima tea which is the first picked tea from the young tea trees which were planted 3 years ago.