

Onsen - hot springs -

One of Nikko's charms is the variety of hot springs located throughout the region.

鬼怒川温泉 Kinugawa Hot Spring

This hot spring was discovered during the Edo period. There are many hotels and ryokan (Japanese-style inns) along the valley of the Kinugawa River.

Information Kinugawa-Kawaji Tourist Association Tel.0288-77-2052



鬼怒川温泉のシンボル「鬼怒太」の像
Statue of Kinuta



鬼怒太の湯 (足湯)
Kinuta-no-yu (footbath)

Located at the front of Tobu Railway Kinugawa Onsen Station.



鬼怒子の湯 (足湯)
Kinuko-no-yu (footbath)

Located at the foot of Kurogane Bridge.



紅葉の温泉街
Autumn leaves at Nikko hot spring resorts

川治温泉 Kawaji Hot Spring

D 6

A quiet hot spring village situated in the canyon where the Kinugawa River and Ojikagawa River meet.

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新緑の温泉街
Spring greenery at Nikko hot spring resorts



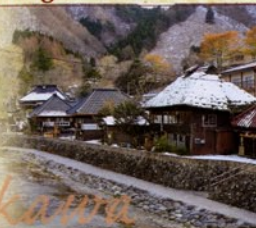
湯西川温泉

Yunishikawa Hot Spring

C 4

A little-known hot spring in natural surroundings. There is a legend about fugitive Heike warriors in this area.

Information Yunishikawa-Kawamata-Okukinu Hot Spring Tourist Association Tel.0288-97-1126



Yunishikawa

川俣温泉

Kawamata Hot Spring

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A little-known hot spring located between the mountains and upstream area of Lake Kawamata.

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Kawamata

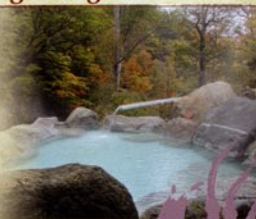
奥鬼怒温泉

Oku-Kinu Hot Spring Village

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There are 4 secret hot springs in the village.

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●One-day visit hot spring facilities

Facilities	Closed on	Contact numbers	MAP
Kinugawa Park Iwaburo	Tuesdays	0288-76-2683	E-6
Kawaji Hot Spring "Yakushi-no-yu"	Wednesdays	0288-78-0229	D-6
Nakamiyori Onsen Center Ojika-no-yu	First and third Fridays	0288-79-0262	B-5
Yudokoro Suzukaze	Wednesdays	0288-77-2683	E-5
Nioson Plaza	Open throughout the year	0288-77-2721	E-6
Kagawa Hot Spring Kannon Open-air Spa	Wednesdays	0288-76-2020	F-6
Kawamatako Hot Spring	April-November: open every day December-March: closed Wednesdays	0288-96-0008	D-3
Shonin Ikkyu no Yu	April-November: open every day December-March: closed Wednesdays	0288-97-1486	D-3
Ieyasu-no-yu (Nokado)	April-November: open every day December-March: closed Wednesdays	0288-97-1126	D-4
Kami-kuriyama Hot Spring Kaiun-no-yu	Open throughout the year	0288-78-1222	C-5
Roadside Station Yunishikawa	Irregular holidays	0288-97-1500	D-4
Kurosawa Hot Spring Shiki-no-yu	Open throughout the year	0288-98-0500	C-4
Yunoyado Kiyomori	Open throughout the year	0288-62-2166	E-2
Okunikko Yumoto Hot Spring Goshiki-no-yu	Irregular holidays	0288-55-0321	F-3
Chuzenji Hot Spring Kohan-no-yu	Open throughout the year	0288-51-0026	F-2
Ryuzu Onsenkan Ryokan Ikol-no-yu	Wednesdays	0288-53-6611	F-4
Nikko Wanashiro Hot Spring Yashio-no-yu	Thursdays	0288-53-3630	F-5
Nikko Hot Spring	Tuesdays	0288-54-2487	F-4
Nikko Ogurayama Hot Spring Yurin	Open throughout the year	0288-53-0500	F-4
Nikko Kirifuri Hot Spring Honoka	Open throughout the year	0288-50-1212	E-4
Kirifuri Highlands Hot Spring Yuya Nikko-Kirifuri	Open throughout the year	0288-63-3008	G-4
Okorogawa Hot Spring	Irregular holidays	0288-21-8876	F-6
Tocho Hot Spring	Third Wednesday and every Thursday	0288-21-1342	F-5
Chokyu Hot Spring	Fridays	0288-21-8671	F-6
Imaichi Hot Spring Katakuri-no-yu	Mondays		

Contact each facility for exact opening days.

奥日光湯元温泉

Okunikko Yumoto Hot Spring

E 2

A famous hot spring that was discovered almost 1,200 years ago.

Information Okunikko Yumoto Onsen Cooperative Association of Hotels and Ryokan Tel.0288-62-2570



あんのよの湯
Anyo-no-yu (footbath)

Yumoto

中禅寺温泉

Chuzenji Hot Spring

F 3

A hot spring resort located on the shores of Lake Chuzenji. The hot water is taken from Okunikko Yumoto Hot Spring.

Information Chuzenji Onsen Cooperative Association of Hotels and Ryokan Tel.0288-55-0067



日光温泉

Nikko Hot Spring

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A hot spring associated with Kobo Daishi (Saint Kobo).

Information Nikko Onsen Cooperative Association of Hotels and Ryokan Tel.0288-54-3126



和の代温泉やしおの湯
Wanashiro Hot Spring Yashio-no-yu

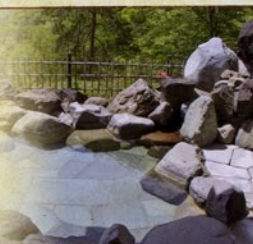
足尾温泉

Ashio Hot Spring

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Also known as the "Bihadano-yu" (hot spring water which is beneficial to the skin)," this hot spring features an open-air spa.

Information Ashio Tourist Association Tel.0288-93-3417



●One-day Ryokan visit

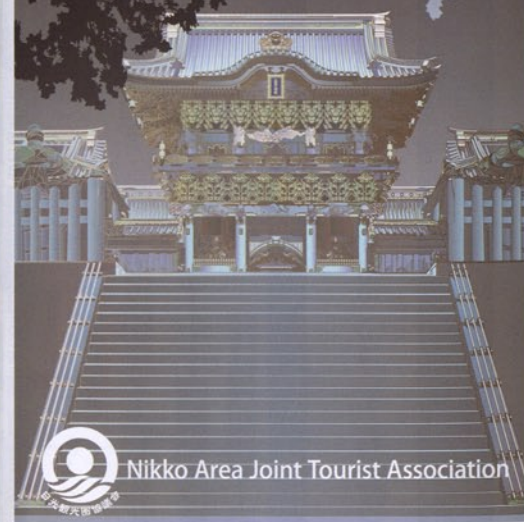
Many Ryokan and hotels in Nikko offer a one-day visit service. For details, contact the association information office or tourist association in each area.

COME TO NIKKO

行くこう 日光

奥鬼怒川湯西川
奥日光湯元温泉
足尾今市鬼怒川

TOURIST MAP of ALL NIKKO AREA



Nikko Area Joint Tourist Association

Nature

Which are designated wetlands under the Ramsar Convention

The Oku-Nikko

Currently registered areas include: Lake Yunoko, Yugawa River, Senjogahara Moor and a part of Odashirogahara Moor.

Ramsar



湯ノ湖
Lake Yunoko
E 2

The lake, which has a circumference of approximately 3 km, was created by the eruption of Mt. Mitsudake.



湯川
Yukawa River
E 2

The river runs through the Yutaki Waterfall and flows into Lake Chuzenji.



戦場方原
Senjogahara Moor
F 2

The moor was created by the eruption of Mt. Nantai. Various alpine plants can be seen in this area.



小田代方原 Odashirogahara Moor F 2

The moor spreads along the west side of the Yukawa River. Beautifully-colored grasses can be seen in autumn.

日光

Nikko

Nikko's main attractions are the Oku-Nikko Wetlands and Kegon Waterfall, one of the three most famous waterfalls in Japan.



西ノ湖
Lake Sainoko
F 2

A small lake located behind the west shore of the Lake Chuzenji.

中禪寺湖
Lake Chuzenji
F 2 3

Located at 1,269 meters above sea level, the lake is the highest in Japan.

霧降高原キスゲ平

Kirifuri Highlands Kisuge-daira E 4

In the highlands, several tens of thousands of Nikko Kisuge (*Hemerocallis middendorffii* var. *esculenta*) blossom in early summer.



憾満方淵
Kanmangafuchi Abyss
F 4

A small valley through which the Daiya River runs.



霧降ノ滝
Kirifuri Waterfall
F 4

Another of the three most famous waterfalls in Nikko, 75 meters high.

華嚴ノ滝
Kegon Waterfall
F 3

The waterfall is 97 meters high and is another of the three most famous waterfalls in Japan.

裏見ノ滝
Urami Waterfall
F 4

At 19 meters high, this is one of the three most famous waterfalls in Nikko.

湯滝

Yutaki Waterfall E 2

A 70-meter-high waterfall spilling from Lake Yunoko.



龍頭ノ滝

Ryuzu Waterfall F 2

The water here falls from a height of 210 meters onto volcanic rock.

鬼怒川
川治

鬼怒川ライン下り
Downstream cruise on the Kinugawa River
E 6

An exciting river-rafting style experience through the valley.

Kinugawa, Kawaji

Dramatic natural surroundings and hot springs can be enjoyed in this area. There are also many leisure facilities catering for tourists.



虹見滝
Nijimi Waterfall D 6

Rainbows are created here as the sun hits the falling water.



龍王峡
Ryuokyo D 6

A picturesque spot where unusual rock formations can be seen.



鬼怒沼
Kinu-numa Wetland D 1

At an altitude of 2,040 meters, this is the largest highland marsh in Japan. As many as 48 large and small ponds are to be found within its boundaries.

湯西川
川俣
奥鬼怒

Yunishikawa, Kawamata, Oku-Kinu

The innermost areas of Nikko. Outdoor leisure pursuits such as trekking and troling can be enjoyed.



瀬戸合峽
Setoaikyo Canyon
D 3

Stunning vistas of this 2 km-long canyon can be viewed from an observation deck and suspension bridge.



間欠泉
Geyser D 2

The geyser here shoots hot water into the air every 40 to 50 minutes.



川俣湖
Lake Kawamata
D 3

A beautiful lake in which boat trips and fishing can be enjoyed.

今市

Imaichi

Located in the highlands at an altitude of 1,200 meters, this area is abundant with nature and boasts a picturesque landscape of pastures and various other seasonal attractions throughout the year.



六方沢
Roppozawa E 4

Spectacular views can be seen from the 290-meter-long Roppozawa Bridge.



大笹牧場
Oosasa Pasture E 4

The pasture has a total area of 362 hectares, and is one of the largest pasture areas in Japan.

足尾

Ashio

This area is surrounded by mountains on all sides. Some rare animals and plants including Japanese serows and Koshinsou (*Pinguicula ramosa* Miyoshi ex Yatabe) can be seen here.



わたらせ渓谷鐵道
Watarase Keikoku Railway H 2

You can enjoy the natural landscape as the train runs alongside the Watarase River.

ニホンカモシカ
Japanese serow

This animal is designated a national natural treasure in Japan.



備前鐺山
Mt. Bizen-Tateyama H 2

The Ashio Copper Mine was discovered in this mountain.



庚申山
Mt. Koshin G 1

Unusual rock formations and ancient forests can be found on this mountain.

松本溪谷
Matsuki Valley G 2

The valley is also known as the Japanese Grand Canyon.



コウシンソウ
Koshinso

The flower is designated a Special National Treasure.



History



Nikko

The city boasts many world heritage shrines and temples where you can feel the history.

男体山

ML Nantai **F 3**

The mountain itself has always been worshipped. The inner sanctuary of the Nikko Futarasan Shinto Shrine is situated at the top of the mountain.



日光東照宮陽明門
Nikko Toshogu Yomeimon **F 4**

The shrine holds the remains of Ieyasu Tokugawa, the first shogun of the Edo Shogunate. A magnificent, brilliantly-colored gate can be seen at the shrine. Tel.0288-54-0560 (Toshogu)

日光山輪王寺三仏堂
Nikkosan Rinnoji Temple Sanbutsudo **F 4**

The Sanbutsudo Hall enshrines the Buddhas of the three mountains in Nikko. The three Buddhas are said to be the largest statues in Japan. Tel.0288-54-0531 (Rinnoji)

日光山輪王寺大猷院
Nikkosan Rinnoji Temple Taiyu-in **F 4**

The soul of Iemitsu Tokugawa, the third shogun of Edo, is enshrined in the main hall. Tel.0288-54-0531 (Rinnoji)



神橋
Shinkyo Bridge **F 4**

A vermilion lacquered bridge spanning the Daiyagawa River. Tel.0288-54-0535 (Futarasan shrines)



TOPIC



The World Heritage Shrines and Temples of Nikko

The 103 shrines and temples (designated national treasures or important cultural properties) and surrounding natural environment make up Japan's most culturally rich landscape.



Statues of Three People Associated with Nikko



Shodo Shonin
A Buddhist monk who founded the Nikkosan temples.

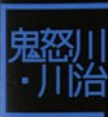
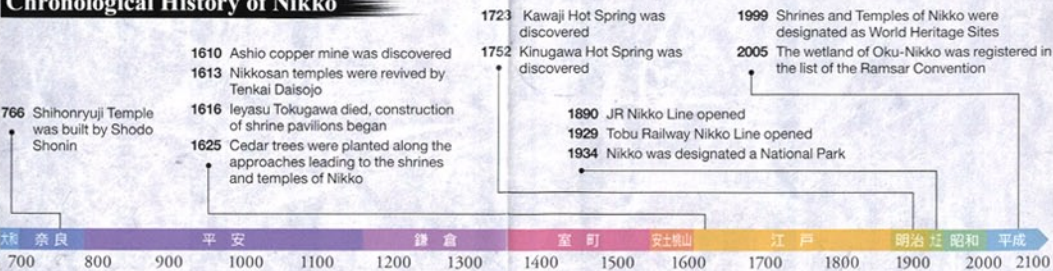


Tenkai Daisojo
A monk who is said to have contributed to the revival of Nikko.



Taisuke Itagaki
A politician who is said to have protected Nikko from war.

Chronological History of Nikko



Kinugawa, Kawaji

A hot spring (onsen) area with 300 years of history. As one of Japan's most famous hot spring resorts, the area has always been adored by visitors.



昔の鬼怒川温泉街
(現在のくろかね橋周辺)
An old image of Kinugawa hot spring town **E 6**

Kinugawa Hot Spring was once called Taki Onsen (Waterfall hot springs). In the past, it was frequented by the local Daimyo (feudal lords) and monks.



昔の川治温泉街
(現在の薬師の湯周辺)
An old image of Kawaji Hot Spring - Yakushi-no-Yu **D 6**

These hot springs were discovered in the Edo period. They have been favored by locals and visitors seeking the therapy of a hot spring.



Yunishikawa, Kawamata, Oku-Kinu

Many historical sites associated with the Heike clan remain in these areas. Some little-known hot springs can also be found.



湯西川温泉・平家の里
Yunishikawa Hot Spring, Heike Village **C 4**

Old houses were relocated to re-create daily village life of the period. Tel.0288-98-0126



平家塚
Heike-zuka **C 4**

A burial mound that enshrines the souls of the defeated Heike warriors.



薬師山照宮
Yakushiji Toshiyuga Shrine **D 3**

It is said that the Shintai (enshrined deity) of Nikko Toshogu Shrine was relocated here after the Boshin War.



Imaichi

This area was an inn town in the past. The Cedar Avenue of Nikko has 390 years of history and has provided visitors with outstanding views.



報徳二宮神社
Hotoku Ninomiya Shrine **G 5**

This shrine is dedicated to the soul of Sontoku Ninomiya.



瀧尾神社
Takinoo Shrine **F 5**

This shrine was built almost 1200 years ago. It is famous as a shrine to the god of marriage.



足尾銅山観光
Sightseeing in the Ashio Copper Mine **H 2**

You can visit the mining tunnel and learn about the history of the mine. You can also see how mining was carried out at that time. Tel.0288-93-3240

追分地藏尊
Oiwake Jizo statues **G 5**

These statues are situated at the fork of the Nikko Kaido and Reiheishi Kaido roads.



Ashio

A copper mine was discovered here 400 years ago. This city once flourished as the largest copper producer in Japan.



庚申山猿田彦神社
Koshinsan Sarutahiko Shrine **H 2**

This shrine was built 1200 years ago by Shodo Shonin, who also founded Nikko. Tel.0288-93-3500

足尾製錬所跡
Remains of Ashio Copper Smelter **G 2**

Remains of the forge in which copper from the Ashio Copper Mine was smelted.



古河掛水倶楽部
Furukawa Kakemizu Club **H 2**

A guest house to which nobility and high-ranking government officials were invited during the prosperous period of the Ashio Copper Mine. Tel.0288-93-3255 Tel.0288-93-2015



Local Food and Specialties



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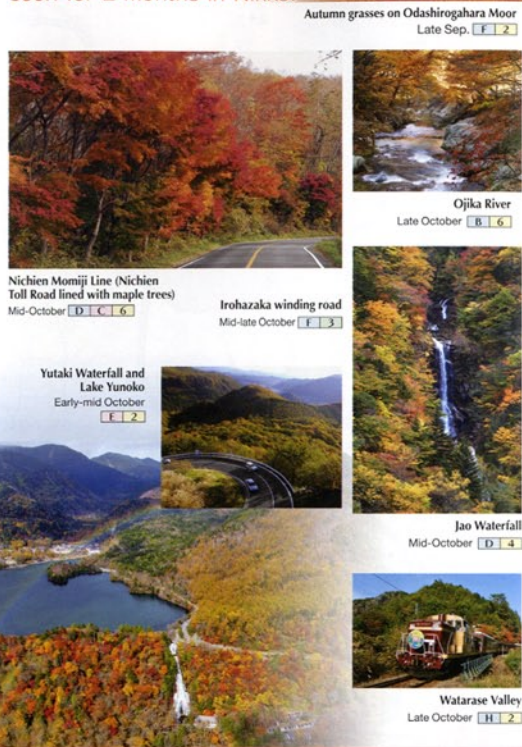
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Autumn-leaf viewing spots

Every year, colorful autumn leaves can be seen for 2 months in Nikko.



Festivals & Events



Flowering-Time Information

The blossoms of highland flowers can be seen from spring to summer.



盛りだくさんの遊・体験スポット Indoor/Outdoor Entertainment in Nikko

Nikko offers a variety of entertainment which caters to indoor and outdoor types as well as those who wish to experience culture.
For more information, contact the local tourist association or the facility directly.

