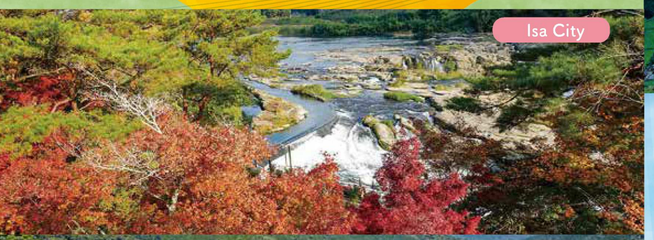
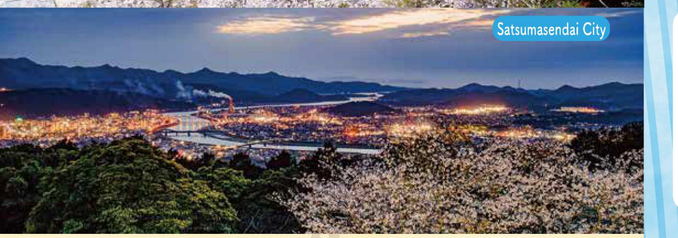
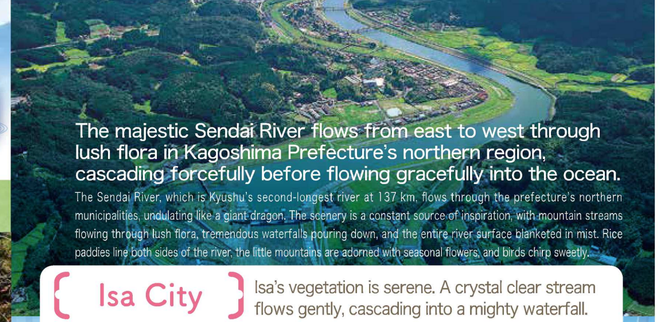
Kagoshima Prefecture

Sendai River Basin

Prefectural Nature Park Tour Map







The majestic Sendai River flows from east to west through lush flora in Kagoshima Prefecture's northern region, cascading forcefully before flowing gracefully into the ocean.

The Sendai River, which is Kyushu's second-longest river at 137 km, flows through the prefecture's northern municipalities, undulating like a giant dragon. The scenery is a constant source of inspiration, with mountain streams flowing through lush flora, tremendous waterfalls pouring down, and the entire river surface blanketed in mist. Rice paddies line both sides of the river, the little mountains are adorned with seasonal flowers, and birds chirp sweetly.

Isa City

Isa's vegetation is serene. A crystal clear stream flows gently, cascading into a mighty waterfall.

Isa is located on the boundary of Kumamoto and Miyazaki prefectures, and the Sendai River that flows through the city is dramatic and appealing to the sense of fun. The upper reaches of the tributary provide lush green areas to relax, such as Lake Jisso. Fishing and bird watching can also be enjoyed on the stream. On the other hand, the main river has the Sogi Falls, admired as the Niagara of the East. The cool summer air, the colorful autumn foliage, and the cherry blossoms in the spring are all worthwhile experiences. Visitors can also take a walk through history, including the remains of the Sogi Power Plant, which are only visible during the drought season.

Satsuma Town

The wind blowing through the bamboo groves stirs the river's surface and sweeps gently over it with the clear stream.

The town of Satsuma, known as the "back parlor of Kagoshima," is home to beautiful bamboo groves. The bamboo groves, which remind one of Princess Kaguya, have a rejuvenating effect on the mind and body. The Sendai River sparkles and turns into rapids as it flows through Satsuma. It fiercely washes over rocky surfaces before becoming deeper water. The Todoroki no Se in Miyanojo is famous, and poets such as Akiko Yosano have visited and composed poems about it. Visitors can also witness the traditional fishing method of ayuyana used to catch sweetfish.

Satsumasendai City

The Sendai River flows into the East China Sea, providing the town and farmlands with plenty of water.

The shore of the Sendai River extends below the embankment, where vegetation thrives, and birds rest their wings. Between October and March, you can observe Sendaigawa Arashi, one of Japan's three great river phenomena, in the early morning hours. Bucolic landscapes flank the middle stretches of the river, where ears of rice sway in the breeze and trees are laden with fruits. Plum blossoms bloom, signaling the coming of spring at Fujikawa Tenjin Shrine near the river. The landscape changes with the seasons, from lush foliage in summer to sepia-toned autumn and white snow in winter.

Getting to know the Sendai River Basin.

They listened to the stories of those who live in harmony with the lush natural surroundings nurtured by the magnificent river.

The area surrounding Sendai River Basin Prefectural Nature Park is blessed with tranquil beauty and unspoiled environment. Local residents have nurtured the area over the years, utilizing and preserving nature. Local high school students have visited those who are passing on knowledge and technology in a variety of industries, including agriculture and fishing, to hear about their experiences.

Okuchi High School

Aspiring to be a sustainable hot spring resort -The history of Hishikari Mines and Hot Springs The efforts of a hot spring resort-

Isa Norin High School

Hishi keeps us connected to Isa's culture -Hishikari is named after Hishi-

Satsuma Chuo High School

Early season bamboo shoots of Mount Shibi

Sensatsu Seishukan High School

Crunchy! The Karahama rakkyo onions are the white diamonds of the sandy beaches.

Reimei High School

Despite facing a crisis, the Gagyu plum tree continues to be protected.

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Enjoy the great outdoors! Visit the prefectural nature parks!

Prefectural nature parks are a system designed to preserve remarkable nature and landscapes, promote their use, and contribute to the well-being, enjoyment, and education of the public and prefectural residents.

Akune Prefectural Nature Park (Akune Oshima)

Introduction to Prefectural Nature Parks

Nature park etiquettes

Bonoma Prefectural Nature Park

Satsunan Kaigan Prefectural Nature Park (Bandokorobana Nature Park)

Mishima Prefectural Nature Park (Kuroshima Island)

The dates in brackets [ ] indicate when the parks were recognized as nature parks in Kagoshima Prefecture.

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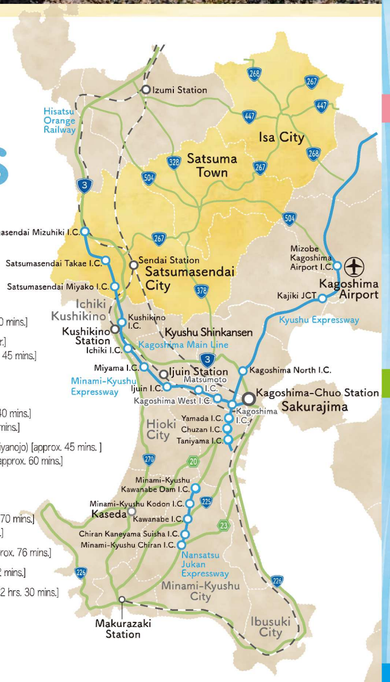

Isa City

- Mizobe Kagoshima Airport I.C. → Kurino I.C. → Pref. Road 55 / Route 268 → Isa [approx. 45 mins.]
  Shin-Minamata Station → Route 268 → Isa [approx. 40 mins.]
- Kagoshima Airport: Shuttle bus → Okuchi [approx. 1 hr.]
  Shin-Minamata Station: Shuttle bus → Okuchi [approx. 45 mins.]

Satsuma Town

- Kagoshima Airport →Route 504 →Satsuma [approx. 40 mins.]
  Sendai Station → Route 267 → Satsuma [approx. 35 mins.]
- Kagoshima Airport: Shuttle bus →Railway museum (Miyanojo) [approx. 45 mins.]
  Sendai Station → Kagoshima Kotsu Bus → Satsuma [approx. 60 mins.]

Satsumasendai City

- Mizobe Kagoshima Airport I.C. → Miyako I.C. [approx. 70 mins.]
  Kagoshima Station → Sendai Station [approx. 50 mins.]
- Kagoshima Airport: Shuttle bus → Sendai Station [approx. 76 mins.]
- Kagoshima-Chuo Station → Sendai Station [approx. 12 mins.]
- Hisatsu Orange Railway Yatsushiro → Sendai [approx. 2 hrs. 30 mins.]

*Travel times are approximate.

●Get in touch

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Call 0996-24-8950
https://www.satsuma-net.jp/index.html
Satsuma Town Tourism and Local Product Association
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https://www.kanko-satsuma.jp/

Satsumasendai City
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This map was created with the assistance of local residents from Satsumasendai, Isa, and Satsuma. We hope you enjoy exploring the "My Secret Spot" locations provided by the people of this region.

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Information

Find out more about things to do

Isa City

·Isa City Sightseeing Guide Isa no Kaze	0995-28-2600
·Sogi Falls tourist information office	0995-28-2600
·Jissoike Park	0995-29-4113
·Upper Sendai River Fisheries Cooperative (recreational fishing tickets)	0995-22-4777
·Nangoku Yamamidori	0995-22-8352
·Yuno'o Shiki Club	0995-26-5707
·Magoshi Market	0995-26-3755
·Isa meat producers' market	0995-29-3080
·JA Isa Produce Center (inside Nishimuta Okuchi)	0995-22-0123
·Hishikari Market	0995-26-4709

See what Isa has to offer

Satsuma Town

·Satsuma Guides by the Satsuma Town Cultural Heritage volunteer guides	0996-53-1732
·Tsuruda Dam	0996-59-2030
·Niterra Nittoku Spark-Tech WKS Park (Hokusatsu Region Park)	0996-21-3939
·Miyanojo Chikurin-Kan (farmer's market)	0996-52-4911
·Hirakawaya, Hirakawago	0996-54-2979
·Ume no Sato, Satsuma produce market	0996-58-0266
·Seseragi no Sato Futawatari (farmer's market)	0996-31-7620
·Jiman-Kan, Tsuruda produce market	0996-31-9121

See what Satsuma has to offer

Satsumasendai City

·Satsumasendai Sightseeing Guide	0996-25-4700
·Togo Goshiki Shinsui Park	0996-42-1813
·Sendai Fisherman's Market	0996-41-3100
·Roadside Station Hiwaki Yuyukan	0996-38-2506
·Eki-ichi Satsumasendai	0996-20-7800

See what Satsumasendai has to offer

Annual Calendar

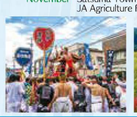
Events

Isa City

End of Feb. to early Mar.	Isa's Hina Festival Fukukazari
Late March	Tadamono Park Cherry Festival Week
Late April	Dragon Cup
November	Sogi no Taki Park Maple Festival Week
November 23	Yuno'o Ritual dance

Satsuma Town

January	New Year's swim
February	Satsuma's annual Sasa Fukukazari market
March	Hotaru no Sato Jogging Meet in Tsuruda Dam
April to September	Water lilies (Hirose and Tahara)
August	Satsuma Town Summer Festival
Autumn	Hino Red Spider Lily Festival
Late Sep. to early Oct.	Oishi Shrine Autumn Festival Kingosama Dance
November	Lake Otsuru Autumn Festival Satsuma Town Industry Festival & JA Agriculture Festival



Satsumasendai City

March	Taro-Taro Dance
	Sendai River Marathon - Walk
July	Togo Summer Festival
August	Sendai River Fireworks
September	Sendai Tug of War
November	Sendai Hanya Festival
	Sendai Station Winter Illuminations

Four Seasons of Sendai River

The Mount Tsukiya area near the Sendai River estuary is home to wing spindle and boxleaf eugenia (at their northern limit), and Lake Kodaira, located in Yorita, has a natural habitat of prickly water lilies, the prefecture's protected species.

Cladopus japonicus is a plant species that grows naturally on the bedrock of a fast-flowing stream located in Yamazaki, Satsuma. Thorea, another protected plant species of Japan, can be found growing on the riverbed near the Arakawa Tenjin Bridge over the Sendai River in Isa. In addition, the southernmost colonies of woodland peonies can be found near the prefectural border in Okuchi.

Mallards, Eurasian wigeons, great egrets, little egrets, dunlins, red-necked stints, and gray-tailed tattlers may all be seen in the estuary, while little grebes, spot-billed ducks, crested kingfishers, and brown dippers can be seen in the river's middle reaches.

Enjoy the pleasant season 山

Cherry trout

Sweetfish

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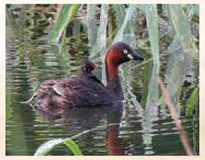
Hall crabapple

Gray heron

Mandarin duck



Little grebe

Eastern buzzard

Lily of the valley

Jisso bulrush

Kingfisher

Pied wagtail

Copper pheasant

Great cormorant

Hishi (trapa jeholensis) flower

Enjoy the pleasant season 水

Fluvial sculpin

In terms of insects, the area is home to important species such as the beech-feeding Fujisan Green Hairstreak (at their southern limit), the evergreen oak-feeding Wonderful Green Hairstreak, the yellow-legged tortoiseshell, and the callophrys ferrea butterflies, as well as the parechthistatus gibber nakanei Miyake and tengius kurosawai Makihara beetles.

Freshwater crab

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