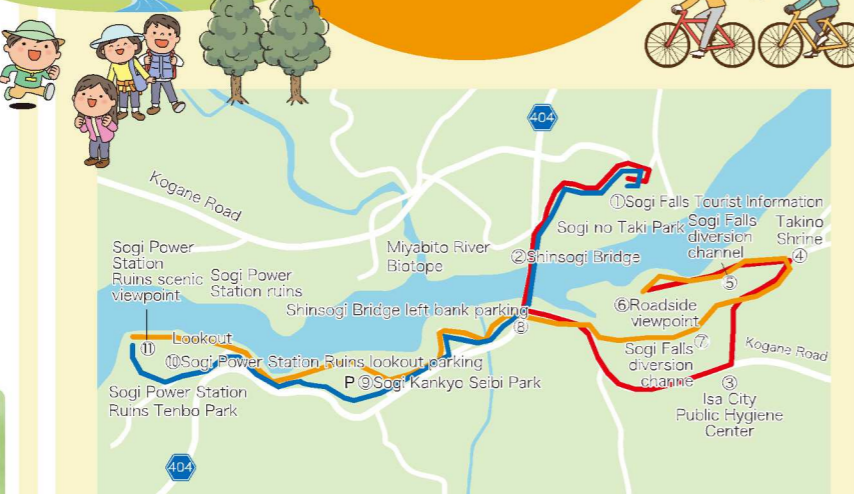


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# Sendai River Basin

Sendai River basin's nature, culture, and water sports in four seasons.



**①Sogi Falls**  
The Sendai River's sheer volume of water and thunderous waterfall provide a sense of its immense power. Autumn foliage is illuminated during the Sogi no Taki Park Momiji Festival Week for visitors to enjoy a different view.

**②Sogi Power Station Ruins Tour**  
The power station is normally submerged at the bottom of the dam, but it may be visible to visitors based on the season and water levels. The building appears when the water is low, from May to September, and the Isa City Tourism and Local Produce Association offers tours of the ruins on Saturdays and Sundays in August.

**③Horinouchi Ryoganbo memorial**  
The memorial pays homage to Horinouchi Ryoganbo, who facilitated the transportation of rice paid as tax to the shogunate from Isa to Miyako Castle during the late Edo period. The remains of a boat landing and other structures from that time may still be found downstream of the Sogi Falls.

**④Okujisso Gorge**  
The gorge boasts dozens of waterfalls and offers breathtaking scenic beauty. The tallest Furus Itosakura in Japan, estimated to be over 600 years old, is a magnificent sight to behold.

**⑤Thorea okadae (freshwater algae)**  
Thorea okadae grows wild near Arata Tenjin Bridge and is listed as a protected species in Japan.

**⑥Jissoike Park**  
The park is a popular attraction that offers Wapaku Hiroba, Koino Hiraba, and Mizukusa Park. It has become a popular destination for leisure activities, attracting a large number of visitors who come to enjoy the water, fishing, and stargazing throughout the summer.

**⑦Hishikari Canoe Stadium**  
The Stadium is the hub for river sports in Kyushu. It hosted the canoe sprint race during the Kagoshima National Athletic Meet in October 2023. Additionally, every May, the Isa Dragon Cup competition takes place at this venue. Moreover, a park golf course is located near the park, making it a fun-filled area for children and adults alike.

**⑧Yuno'otaki Garappa Park**  
About 300 carp can be seen swimming up the Yuno'otaki Falls from mid-April to mid-May. The park, inspired by Sendai River's iconic river imp folktales, has 34 river imp statues.

**⑨Oshidori Bridge**  
The Satsuma symbol, Mandarin ducks, spend their winter in the region. This spot, set high above the Sendai River, offers great views.

**⑩Fireflies**  
Fireflies can be found in the Sendai River basin starting in early May. Satsuma offers boat cruises for firefly viewing, which are uncommon in Japan. (Please check for availability. Reservation is essential)

**Relax in Nature**  
Jisso Seishonen Ryokomura  
688, Okuchi Kogihara, Isa, Kagoshima Pref.  
Phone 0995-22-0959

The campsite, suitable for outdoor enthusiasts and families alike, has a stream flowing from the Okujisso Gorge. The site is also popular for its unique stone pizza ovens and charming cauldron baths!

**Learn about the river**  
Sogi Falls & Power Station Ruins Tour  
As part of an environmental education program, Isa no Kaze tour guides teach visitors about the Sogi Falls area and how the waterfall's force was used for hydraulic power generation.

**Learn about the river**  
Mount Shibi  
The summit of the highest peak in Kita-Satsuma can be reached by car, offering a panoramic view that extends to the Sendai River. The mountain seen from Prefectural Road 328 in autumn is a breathtaking display of crimson, gold, and green.

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Togoshiki Shinuis Park  
The campsite's main attraction is the river, offering visitors the chance to enjoy nature by fishing in its waters. \*Open on the 2nd Saturday from July to September.

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Tsuruda Dam  
Visitors can join tours that help them deepen their understanding and interest in the dam. When viewed up close, the dam is a powerful sight to behold. Whether you are traveling with family and friends or just taking a drive, feel free to stop by and visit. \*Booking is essential. Tsuruda Dam Management 3989-2, Koshi, Satsuma, Satsuma District. Phone 0996-59-2030

**Relax in Nature**  
Niterra Nittoku Spark-Tech WKS Park (Hokusatsu Region Park)  
5470, Torai, Satsuma, Satsuma District. Phone 0996-21-3939

The campsite has a large adventure playground inspired by Torai Castle that is suitable for people of all ages. It also provides natural hot springs baths.

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**Great Walks**

- Kameyama Route**  
Approx. 3.4 km / 45 mins. The route offers views of the stunning mist-shrouded landscape and a bustling flock of ducks in the early morning from the broad and well-kept Sendai River bank, as well as the annual regatta and local high school students practicing.
- City Route**  
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- Hirasa Levee Route**  
Approx. 0.9 km / 10 mins. The popular route includes a walk along the levee and great views from Kozun Park, which is high up on the Sendai River's left bank.

**⑤Fujikawa Tenjin Shrine**  
The shrine has a plum orchard with around 300 plum trees, including 55 protected Garyubai trees. Many visitors flock to see the Garyubai in bloom in mid to late February before the cherry trees.

**⑬Aqueduct**  
The aqueduct from the Edo period is still in use for water transport. The stonework has acquired a patina and quaintness over the years.

**⑰Sendai River Fireworks**  
The Sendai River Fireworks are a summertime attraction. Approximately 10,000 rounds of pyrotechnics illuminate the river. The one-kilometer-long 'Niagara' is not to be missed.

**Seabas fishing**  
Seabas fishing is popular in the autumn before the spawning season begins. There are numerous fishing locations along the Sendai River estuary. \*Before you go fishing, please check to see where it is prohibited.

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