







Tourism inquiries (Aridagawa Town Tourist Information Center)

-  **28 THE BASE CAMP ARIDAGAWA**
-   37-1 Myoji, Aridagawa Town
(1st floor of JR Fujinami Station East Exit)
-  0737-52-7345
-  Year-end and New Year's holidays
-  8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

There is also a souvenir corner and
bicycle rentals



Instagram

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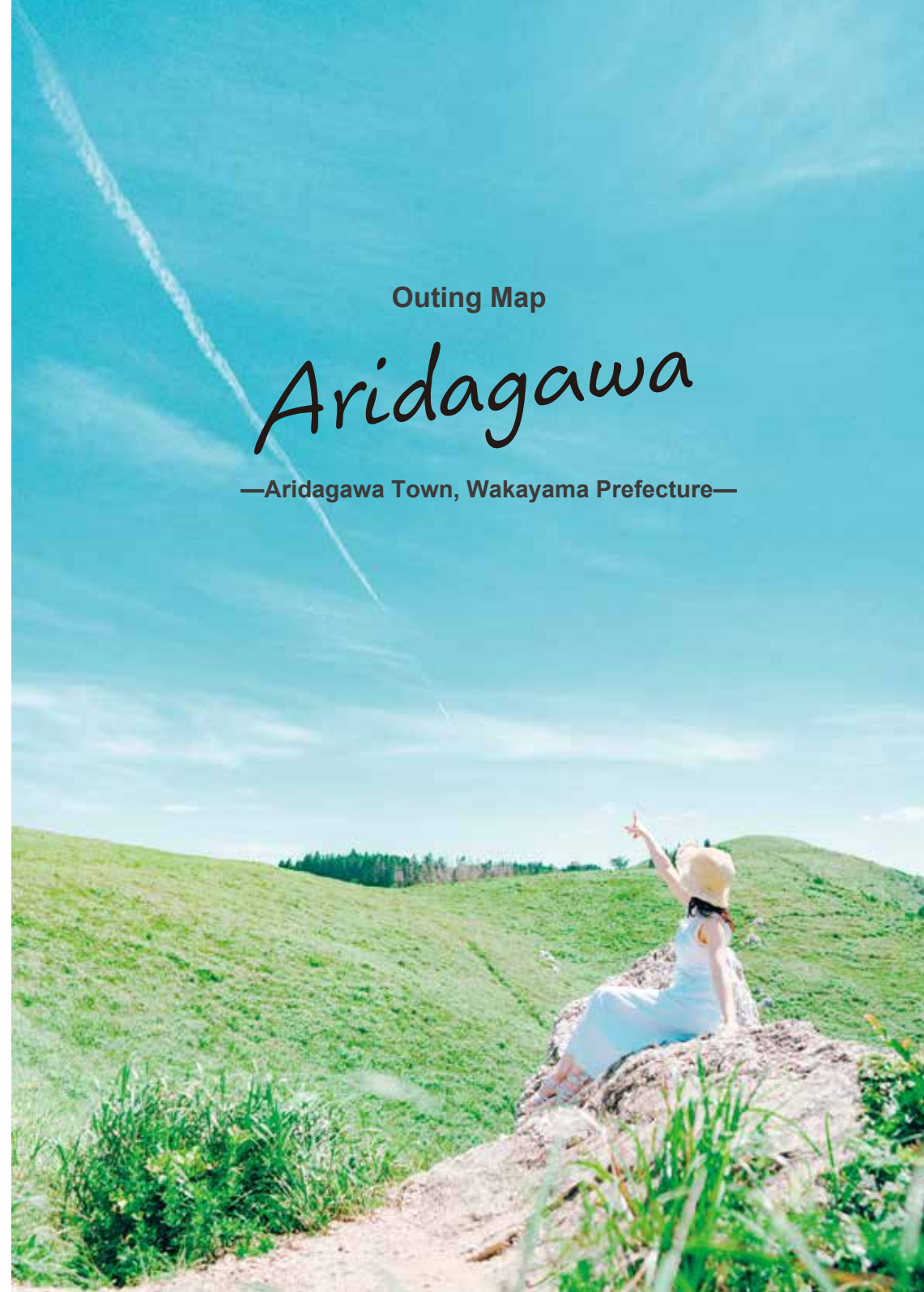


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Outing Map

Aridagawa

—Aridagawa Town, Wakayama Prefecture—

3 Scenic Spots

Lying in the north of central Wakayama Prefecture with the Aridagawa River flowing through it from east to west, Aridagawa Town truly abounds in nature. Famous local specialties include Arida mandarin oranges and the spice "budo sansho" (Japanese pepper).


Aridagawa Town warmly invites you to tour around its scenic spots, refresh yourself in its signature hot springs, and enjoy all its charms to the full.



1 Washigamine Cosmos Park

244-2 Nagatani, Aridagawa Town



 Rest House "Cosmos and Wind House"
0737-52-8562

(Mainly open 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
in September and October)

Check

In autumn the park is carpeted with cosmos in full bloom and it is a spectacular sight. On sunny days, you can see as far as distant islands, and take photos that look like you are in a flower garden in the sky.

Check how the cosmos are blooming!






Hiage-iwa Rock

2 Oishi-kogen Highland

Oishi, Aridagawa Town



 Rest House "Yama no Ie Oishi"
 073-489-3586

Check

Lying at an elevation of 870 m, this highland of Japanese silver grass boasts spectacular scenery that is now being used for movie and TV commercial shoots as well. The photogenic spot "Hiage-iwa Rock" has been popular recently, too. We also recommend visiting during the fresh greenery season in summer.






3 Aragi-jima Island Rice Terraces

461-5 Mita, Aridagawa Town
(Observatory)



 Aridagawa Town Hall
0737-22-7105

Check

At a tight bend in the Aridagawa River, some fifty rice paddies have been cut into the hillside. These are the Aragi-jima Island Rice Terraces, and are a symbol of the town. A highlight is seeing how beautifully the scenery changes with the four seasons.





Signature Hot Springs


4 Kanaya Myoekyo Onsen

81-3 Surigawa, Aridagawa Town



 Second Friday of every month, and the year-end holidays (December 27 to 31)

 0737-32-5526


 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Reception closes at 8:30 p.m.)





5 Shimizu Onsen

1233-1 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town



 Thursdays

 0737-25-1126

 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
(Reception closes at 8:30 p.m.)



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This hot spring sits on a hill that overlooks Myoe-kyo Gorge, a deep valley where the Aridagawa River flows between tall mountains.

Visitors get to enjoy the clear waters of the Aridagawa River and the mountains in the daytime, and a sky full of stars spreading out overhead at night.



Cherry blossoms in Myoe-kyo Gorge
(beside National Route 424)



Check

Visitors get to enjoy a mist sauna, and a bathtub where the mountains and the sunlight filtering through the trees get reflected in the water, making it look just like a painting.


You can enjoy a peaceful time that will soothe body and soul alike, combining the experience with the fatigue-relieving effects of alternating between baths of hot and cold spring water.


Recommended Spots


6 ALEC (Aridagawa Local Exchange Center)

704 Shimotsuno, Aridagawa Town



 Mondays and the year-end and New Year's holidays

 0737-52-4730

-  • Weekdays: 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



Check

A "cafe with books," ALEC boasts a collection of around 30,000 general books and around the same number of manga—the second-largest of any public facility in Japan. Visitors get to enjoy a leisurely time-out with a cup of coffee in one hand.



Poppo Ehonkan, a picture book facility on the grounds

7 Poppomichi Promenade

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Poppomichi Promenade is a 5.2-km-long pedestrian and bicycle path built on ground that formerly belonged to the Arida Railway Line until its closure at the end of 2002. Highlights include the wall near ALEC, and old station buildings that were painted by picture book authors.

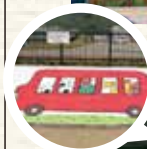
Near JR Fujinami Station



Site of Tadonoguchi Station



Wall painting near ALEC




Site of Goryo Station





8 Aridagawa Railway Park / Aridagawa Town Railway Museum

124-1 Tokuda, Aridagawa Town



 Wednesdays, Thursdays, and the year-end and New Year's holidays

 0737-52-8710

 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



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The end (and start) of Poppomichi Promenade. Visitors can experience riding on a train car of a bygone age (Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays) and enjoy a relaxing time in a park with wide lawns.

9 Tsuginotaki Falls

Nobusaka, Aridagawa Town

📞 Tourism Division
0737-22-4506



Check

This waterfall's name literally means "Next Falls," and comes from its reputedly being the second-tallest in Japan. Watching the water plummeting down its 46 m drop is a truly spectacular sight.

10 Myoenosato Sports Park

738-2 Nakaibara, Aridagawa Town

📍 🚶 📞 0737-32-9981



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This is a place where you can enjoy doing some sports while letting the kids play in a playground as well.

11 Zaobashi Bridge

1119 Numa, Aridagawa Town

📍 📞 Aridagawa Town Hall 0737-22-7105



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Visitors get to enjoy thrilling scenery from the 160-m-long red suspension bridge that spans Futagawa Dam. Cherry blossoms bloom for some 4 km along the dam lakeside, making this a recommended spot for a spring drive.

Cherry blossoms along
Futagawa Dam Lake



Have fun! Hands-On Experiences in Aridagawa

Arida Kyoho-grape

12 Village

1054 Kawaguchi, Aridagawa Town

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📞 0737-32-4484 (Only during the season)

🕒 Around mid-August to late September
Depending on the season, you can also enjoy picking pears and seeing wisteria trellises.

13 Senba Fruit Park

Okahata, Aridagawa Town

📞 090-8931-8180

(Senba Fruit Park's main number: Okamoto)

🕒 Around early to late September



Grape picking



Warashi Experience Exchange Workshop

1218-1 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town

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🕒 Wednesdays, Thursdays, national holidays,
and the year-end and New Year's holidays

📞 0737-25-0621

🕒 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Making Yasudagami handmade
Japanese paper and uchiwa fans

15 Woodworking Experience Center

1078-1 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town

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🕒 Wednesdays, Thursdays, national holidays,
and the year-end and New Year's holidays

📞 0737-25-0049

🕒 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Making bamboo dragonflies,
water pistols, pen holders,
and wooden handicrafts



Accommodation and Camping



16 Hananosato River Park Campsite

691-2 Sho, Aridagawa Town



December to February

0737-52-8730

A campsite on the Aridagawa riverbed.

17 Toi Campsite

31-2 Toi, Aridagawa Town



Open all year round

0737-25-1750

There are no houses nearby, so you'll get to enjoy a star-filled sky at night.

You can play in the river, too!



18 Traditional Japanese Inn Yasuke / Satayu

1078-1 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town



0737-25-1059

An old private home with an irori fireplace. This is a lodging house for groups that you book out all to yourselves.

19 Asagiri

1225-1 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town



Open all year round

0737-25-1181

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(Reception closes at 4:30 p.m.)

Lying next door to Shimizu Onsen, this is a residence-type facility that offers food, drinks, shopping, and accommodation.



20 W.A.S. Riverside Nature Terrace

607 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town



Tuesdays (except for the summer vacation and long holidays)

0737-25-1288



Main building



Hoshifull Terrace glamping dome

Check

The best way to spend your time is to enjoy playing, staying, experiencing things, and eating to the full. With a choice of cottages, glamping, or camping, when it comes to overnight stays, you can choose the style of accommodation to suit what you want to do.



Hoshifull Terrace cottage (Les Art Shimizu)



Riverside campground



W.A.S. swimming pool

21 Fureaino-Oka Auto Campsite

585 Shimizu, Aridagawa Town



0737-25-1470

(Bookings: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

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Campervans, trailers, and the like are allowed, and good old rustic tents are welcome, too. This is a spacious campground with 23 lots spread over a large site.



Specialties



Mandarin oranges



Budo sansho
(Japanese pepper)



Grapes



Wasabizushi
(a kind of sushi unique to Aridagawa)



Narezushi
(sushi prepared by laying fish on vinegared rice, then wrapping the whole in a sturdy leaf and letting it ferment)



Zugani
(Japanese mitten crabs)



Specialties Direct Sales Stores



24 Dondon Hiroba Market



1003-2 Sho, Aridagawa Town

P **♿** **☎** 0737-52-6661

休 January 1 to 4

🕒 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This store's shelves are stacked with fresh, safe vegetables, fruits, and flowers every morning. Dondon Hiroba Market insists on selling at farmers' prices free from distribution costs, and on produce grown with the same low levels of pesticides as the ones the farmers grow for their own homes.

25 Myoue Furusato Kan Roadside Station



322-1, Kanaya, Aridagawa Town

P **♿** **🍴** **☎** 0737-32-9778

休 Year-end and New Year's holidays

🕒 • March to November: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
• December to February: 9:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

This roadside station mainly sells specialty products from the local area, including handmade soy sauce, dressings, and Kinzanji miso. We also recommend the homemade bread, which is lovingly baked on the premises by expert bakers.

Cultural Properties

★22 Kangiji Temple (Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property)

159 Kangiji, Aridagawa Town

P **☎** 0737-32-3425



Check

This temple was built near the birthplace of the high priest Myoe by his disciple priest Kikai, to honor him after his death. Visitors to the temple can view two Buddhist statues enshrined in it that have been designated as important cultural properties. (Reservation required)

★23 *Megapterygus wakayamaensis*



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Discovered on Mt. Toyajosan, *Megapterygus wakayamaensis* was recognized as a new species of the group bearing the common name "mosasaurs" in December 2023. *M. wakayamaensis* is characterized by large leg fins and forward-facing eyes, and also appears to have had a dorsal fin. The discovery of a mosasaur with features like these was a world first.

26 Shiramanosato Roadside Station



213-1 Uigoke, Aridagawa Town

P **♿** **☎** 0737-32-4970

休 New Year's Day

🕒 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This roadside station has a homey atmosphere where visitors are warmly welcomed by local elderly ladies. The main products include fresh and log-grown dried shiitake mushrooms, mochi, citrus fruits, eggs, plums, Japanese pepper, miso, woodwork handicrafts, and processed sweetfish products.

27 Araginosato Roadside Station



664-1 Mita, Aridagawa Town

P **♿** **🍴** **☎** 0737-25-0088

休 Tuesdays (except for national holidays) and the year-end and New Year's holidays

🕒 • March to October: 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
• November to February: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

This roadside station offers souvenirs unique to the local area—notably, "budo sansho" (Japanese pepper) products, which the region boasts the highest production of in Japan. Visitors can also enjoy a lunch with plenty of the specialty handmade tofu, konjac, and fresh local vegetables.

Map of the Whole Aridagawa Town Area

Connect with nature, be surrounded by picture books,
and sooth yourself in the signature hot springs...
This map will help you enjoy Aridagawa Town's many
charms to the full.

Key for the Facility Information



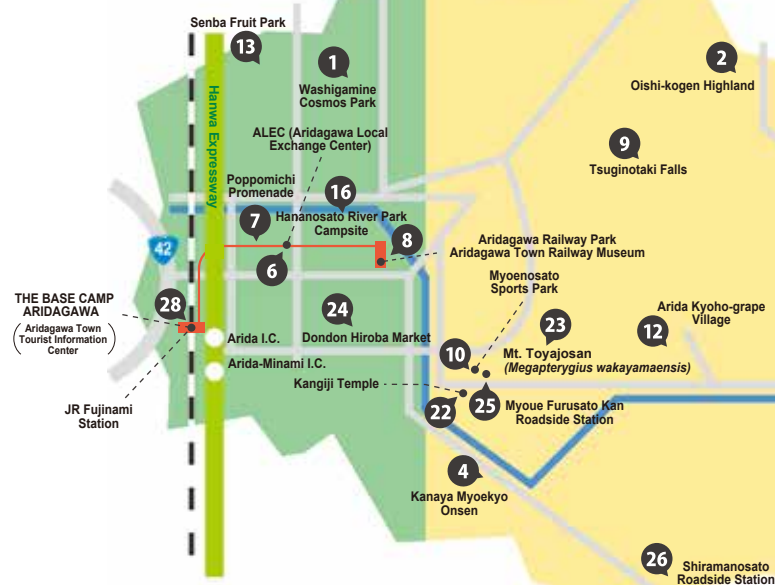
Zaobashi Bridge



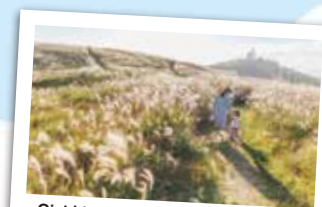
Araginosato Roadside Station



W.A.S. Riverside Nature Terrace



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Oishi-kogen Highland



Poppo Ehonkan
(a library dedicated to picture books)



Aragi-jima Island Rice Terraces

To Mt. Koyasan
National Route 480



From the Osaka area

JR Shin-Osaka Station (Limited Express) →
JR Fujinami Station **About 93 minutes**
JR Kansai International Airport → JR Hineno Station
(Limited Express) → JR Fujinami Station **About 75 minutes**

From the Shirahama area

JR Shirahama Station (Limited Express) →
JR Fujinami Station **About 60 minutes**

From the Osaka area

Suita JCT → Matsubara JCT → Arida I.C. **About 90 minutes**

From the Shirahama area

Nanki-Tanabe I.C. → Arida-Minami I.C. **About 40 minutes**
Nanki-Shirahama I.C. → Arida-Minami I.C. **About 40 minutes**

From the Mt. Koyasan area

National Route 371 / 480 → Shimizu area, Aridagawa Town
About 60 minutes