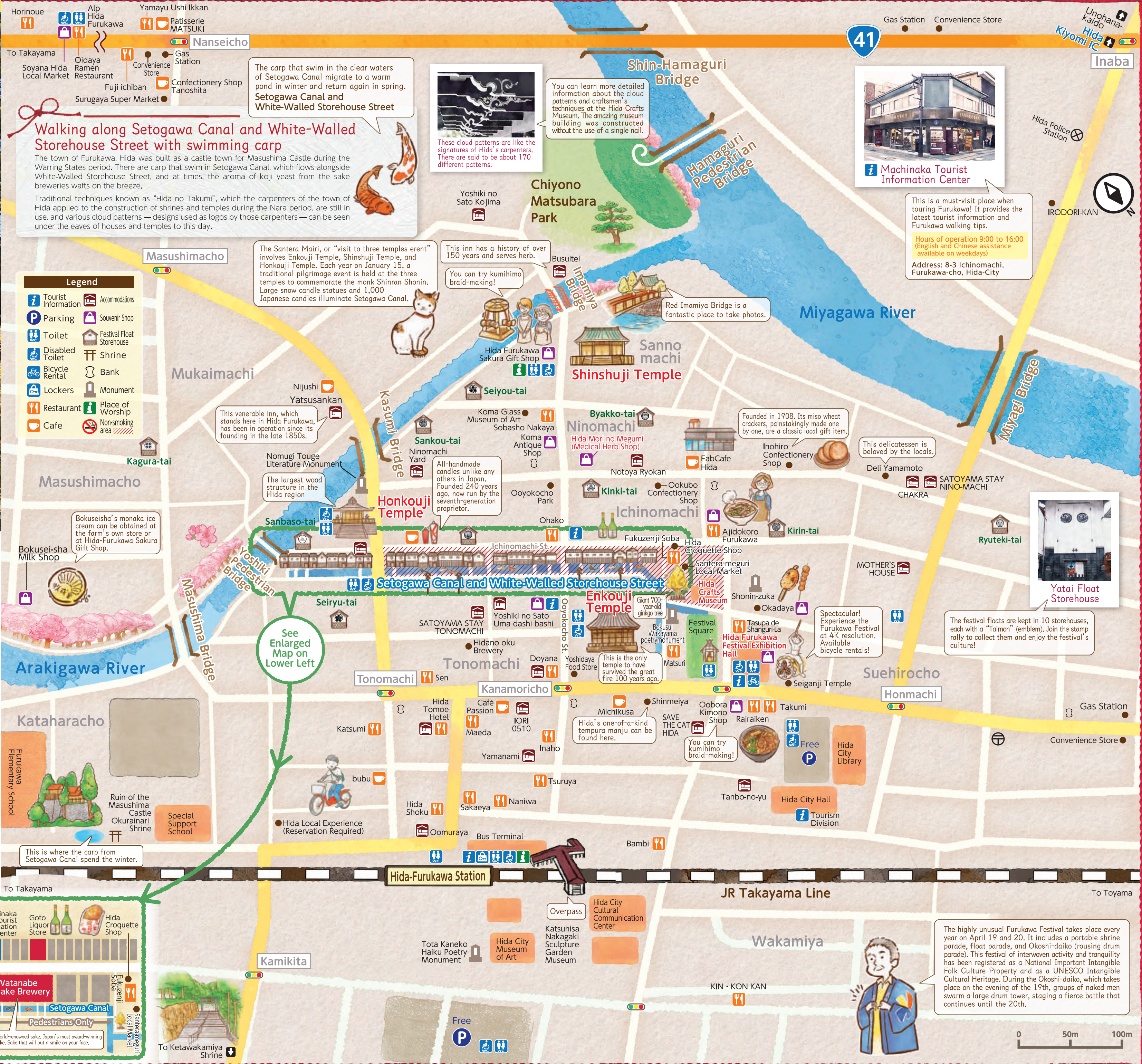




HIDA FURUKAWA GUIDE MAP



Walking along Setogawa Canal and White-Walled Storehouse Street with swimming carp

The town of Furukawa, Hida was built as a castle town for Masushima Castle during the Warring States period. There are carp that swim in Setogawa Canal, which flows alongside White-Walled Storehouse Street, and at times, the aroma of koji yeast from the sake breweries wafts on the breeze.

Traditional techniques known as "Hida no Takumi", which the carpenters of the town of Hida applied to the construction of shrines and temples during the Nara period, are still in use, and various cloud patterns — designs used as logos by those carpenters — can be seen under the eaves of houses and temples to this day.

The carp that swim in the clear waters of Setogawa Canal migrate to a warm pond in winter and return again in spring.

Setogawa Canal and White-Walled Storehouse Street



These cloud patterns are like the signatures of Hida's carpenters. There are said to be about 170 different patterns.

You can learn more detailed information about the cloud patterns and craftsmen's techniques at the Hida Crafts Museum. The amazing museum building was constructed without the use of a single nail.

The Santera Mairi, or "visit to three temples erent" involves Enkouji Temple, Shinshuji Temple, and Honkouji Temple. Each year on January 15, a traditional pilgrimage event is held at the three temples to commemorate the monk Shinran Shonin. Large snow candle statues and 1,000 Japanese candles illuminate Setogawa Canal.

This inn has a history of over 150 years and serves herb.

You can try kumihimo braid-making!

Red Imamiya Bridge is a fantastic place to take photos.

This venerable inn, which stands here in Hida Furukawa, has been in operation since its founding in the late 1850s.

The largest wood structure in the Hida region

Bokuseisha's monaka ice cream can be obtained at the farm's own store or at Hida-Furukawa Sakura Gift Shop.

Founded in 1908. Its miso wheat crackers, painstakingly made one by one, are a classic local gift item.

This delicatessen is beloved by the locals.

The festival floats are kept in 10 storehouses, each with a "Taimon" (emblem). Join the stamp rally to collect them and enjoy the festival's culture!

The highly unusual Furukawa Festival takes place every year on April 19 and 20. It includes a portable shrine parade, float parade, and Okoshi-daiko (rousing drum parade). This festival of interwoven activity and tranquility has been registered as a National Important Intangible Folk Culture Property and as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. During the Okoshi-daiko, which takes place on the evening of the 19th, groups of naked men swarm a large drum tower, staging a fierce battle that continues until the 20th.

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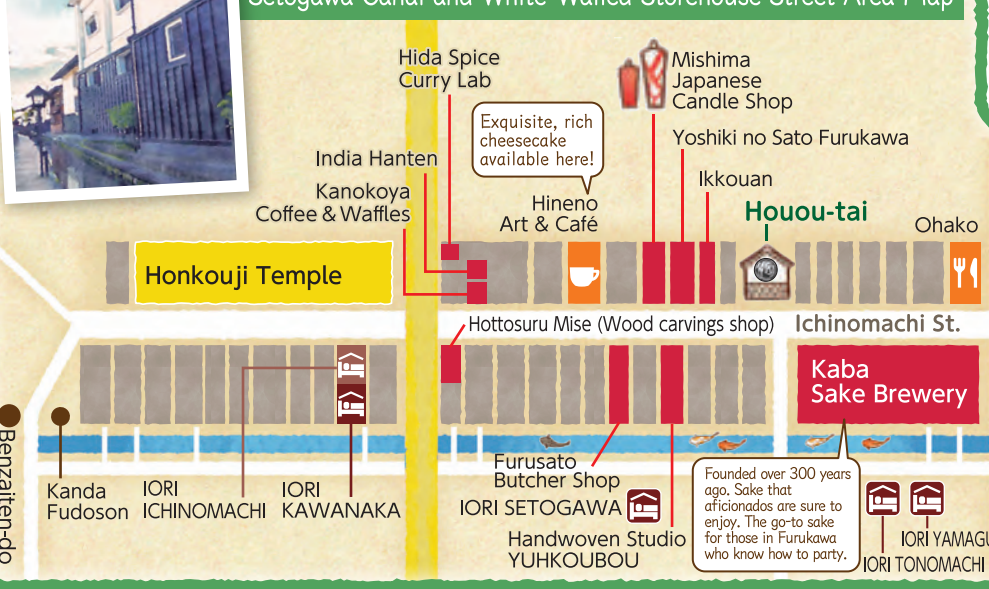
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- [Car]** Takayama...Hida-Furukawa (Nat'l Route 41, approx. 25 min)
- Hida-Kiyomi IC...Hida-Furukawa** (Unohana kaido, approx. 25 min)

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Setogawa Canal and White-Walled Storehouse Street Area Map





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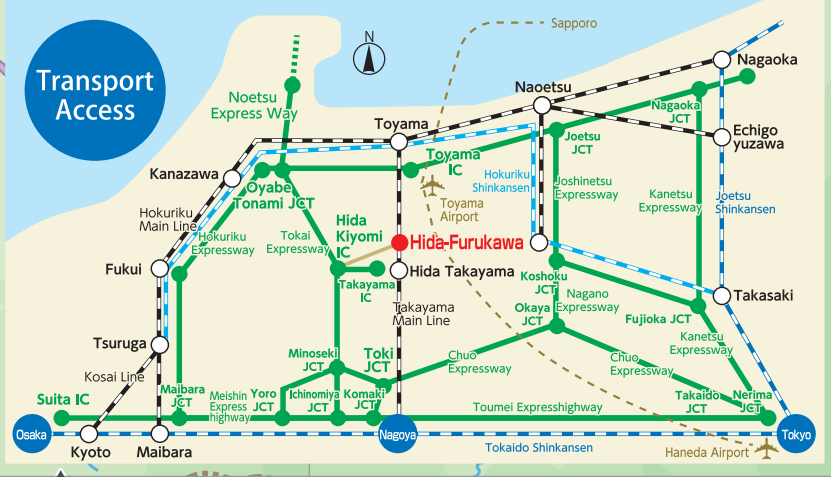
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[Ikegahara Marsh MAP E-2]
This valley bog has a grove of white birch trees and is home to such plants as white skunk cabbage, eastern skunk cabbage, and marsh marigolds, as well as char.
Directions
Take Nat'l Route 360 to Utsubo, Miyagawa-cho. Go 500 m north from Utsubo Station, JR Takayama Line, and then turn right, cross Heisei Bridge (the red bridge), and drive 11 km by car. An information signpost has been placed at the parking lot entrance. About 1 hour, 10 minutes from Hida Furukawa, by car.



[Amou Prefectural Natural Park MAP B-4]
This raised bog, surrounded by a beech forest, is inhabited by some 40 species of birds, with a diverse ecosystem that visitors can observe. It is a prefectural natural monument.
Directions
Take Nat'l Route 41 from Noguchi in the Kawai-bound direction. When you reach Komukari, Kawai-cho, cross Kawai Bridge and proceed along Nat'l Route 360 in the Shirakawago-bound direction. The trip from Hida Furukawa, takes about 50 minutes by car.



[KamiokaLab MAP E-3]
A science center that specializes in astrophysics, overseen by the University of Tokyo! The main exhibit is the "eyeball", with a cylindrical theater over 7 m in height in the center! Learn all about some research that won the Nobel Prize for physics.



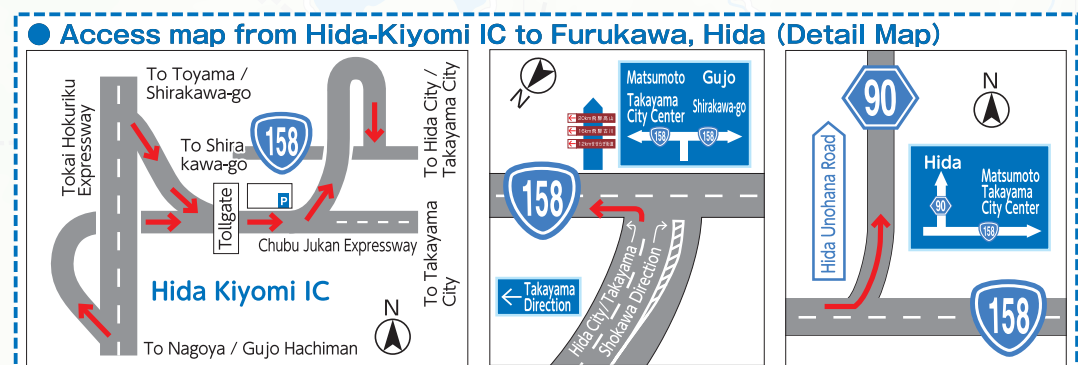
[Sky Dome Kamioka Roadside Station MAP E-3]
This roadside station includes a gift shop with locally-produced specialty products from Hida! In the food court area, you can try tempura manju, a Kamioka specialty, and the popular Hida ramen.



[Rail Mountain Bike Gattan Go!! MAP E-2/E-3]
Ride a mountain bike along the rails that used to belong to Kamioka Railway. Enjoy the clickety-clack of the rails as you go.
Directions
● Town Course: About 40 minutes by car from Hida-Furukawa Station
● Canyon Course: About 60 minutes by car from Hida-Furukawa Station.



[Tanekura Village MAP D-3]
In this mountain village, you can still see wooden storehouses called *itakura* that stand amidst terraced rice paddies that use masonry walls. This unspoilt Japanese scenery remains unchanged from ancient times.
Directions
Head north along Nat'l Route 360. About 40 minutes by car from Hida Furukawa.



Hida Furukawa is not far from Takayama or Shirakawa-go. Include the Gem of Japan-Hida Furukawa when traveling to Takayama and Shirakawa-go.

Takayama	JR Takayama Line	Hida-Furukawa	16 min
Takayama	Local Bus (Nohi Bus)	Hida-Furukawa	40 min
Takayama	Bus	Shirakawa-go	67 min

Nohi Bus TAKAYAMA ~ SHIRAKAWA-GO / KANAZAWA Line

Hida Cuisine

[Egoma]
Egoma, or perilla seeds, is called "Aburae" in Hida region, and one of the indispensable ingredients in festivals for a long time.

[Herb]
There are over 245 varieties of herbs which inhabit Hida City and the local people have taken great advantage of this fact.

[Sake]
The Hida area, blessed with pure spring water and excellent locally grown rice, has been producing great sake for long time.

[Sweetfish]
The sweetfish that lives in the Miyagawa and Takahara rivers is aromatic and plump. Salted and grilled, stewed in sweet soy sauce, or wrapped in kombu (seaweed) and boiled are all superb choices. Give it a try!

[Pickle Steak]
Japanese-style pickles made from red turnip or Chinese cabbage are grilled with egg on an iron plate as a home-style dish. You can get it butter-flavored as well.

[Hida Beef]
Hida beef can be eaten as steak or Korean barbecue, and it can be grilled with Hoba miso in a manner unique to the Hida region, or used to make simple croquettes, among other dishes.

[Soba]
Hida is the ideal place for cultivating buckwheat due to its extreme temperature swings. Despite its general obscurity, it is popular among soba fans for the excellent buckwheat it produces.

[Tonchan]
This hearty dish consists of beef innards marinated with homemade sauce made with soy sauce or miso and grilled together with cabbage and other vegetables.