

# 秋川渓谷 Akigawa Keikoku Valley



Tokyo Tokyo

## Flower Viewing Spots

**Late March to Mid-April**  
The Best Season

Akigawa Keikoku Valley's cherry blossoms bloom in late March. This is quickly followed by colorful and bright rhododendron. The contrast of pink at the nearby Otsu Hana-no-sato Flower Garden and wild cherry at Kogon-ji Temple are just a few of the local places where you can feel the touch of spring.

**Spring Flowers Walking Course** 10.7km, about 2.5 hours  
START Musashi Itsukaichi Station → Cherry blossoms by Akigawa River → Kotoku-ji Temple → Tokura Shiroyama Terrace → Kogon-ji Temple → Tokuan-in Temple → GOAL Otsu Hana-no-sato Flower Garden → Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu Spa

**Cherry blossoms by Akigawa River** (MAP/B-4)  
Yoshino cherry trees line the walking paths along the Akigawa River.  
15 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

**Kotoku-ji Temple** (MAP/B-3) A beautiful weeping cherry blooms in this designated metropolitan historical site.  
30 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

**Tokura Shiroyama Terrace** (MAP/B-2) The park and Mt. Konpirasan rise 280m above sea level and is covered in flowering cherries and mitsuba azaleas and affords a grand view of the Akuru plain from the peak.  
40 minutes walk from Musashi Masuko Station

**Kogon-ji Temple** (MAP/B-2) The large cherry tree is a Metropolitan Designated Natural Memorial and reaches full bloom from mid to late April bringing joy to all who see it. Since there is the possibility of collapsing earth, it must be viewed from a distance.  
10 minutes walk from Tokura bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

**Tokuun-in Temple** (MAP/B-1) The hilly trail that starts here is pink with cherry petals.  
Immediately from Fudatate bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
60 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

### Otsu Hana-no-Sato Flower Garden (MAP/B-1)

From early to mid-April, surround yourself with weeping cherries and azaleas.  
5 minutes walk from Nitago bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
Check this out!  
Mid-June to early July The Best Season

**Komine Park** (MAP/B-4) Komine Park is famed for its cherry blossoms and idyllic rice paddies and streams. There are many experiences for you to participate in.  
25 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

**Mt. Bentenyama** (MAP/B-5) Mt. Bentenyama rises 280m above sea level and is covered in flowering cherries and mitsuba azaleas and affords a grand view of the Akuru plain from the peak.  
40 minutes walk from Musashi Masuko Station

**Kaiko-in Temple** (MAP/B-3) An ancient temple at the base of Mt. Konpirasan. There is a weeping cherry tree near the bell tower.  
18 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

**Konpirasan Park** (MAP/B-3) The park and Mt. Konpirasan rise 280m above sea level and is covered in flowering cherries and mitsuba azaleas. If the weather is agreeable, you can see all of the metropolitan core.  
60 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

Colorful hydrangeas bloom during the monsoon season in Akigawa Keikoku Valley. Generally alkaline soil causes red flowers and acidic soil causes blue flowers to flourish. Annubellies are not affected by the pH of the soil and have white petals.  
Mid-June to early July The Best Season

**Minamizawa Ajsaiyama (Hydrangea Woods)** (MAP/B-3) About 10,000 hydrangeas bloom with vibrant myriad colors of pink and blue stretching along a half-kilometer of this forest path. Best enjoyed from June to early July.  
40 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

## Rest Area

Relax in the natural woodland hills!  
**Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu Spa** (MAP/B-2) From this hot spring's outdoor baths one can hear the murmuring of the Akigawa river. It is also known as a fount of beautiful skin and there are cottages as lodging facilities, cafes and free foot baths.  
Otsu565 042-595-2614  
Get off at Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station To Kami-Yozawa via Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu. 10 minutes walk across the Ishibunobashi bridge from Jungri bus stop from Kami-yozawa, Fujikura, Kazama bus route.  
135 parking spots

**Tokura Shiroyama Terrace** (MAP/B-2) The old Tokura Elementary School has been renovated for use as a group lodging and tourism facility. Even persons not lodging can enjoy lunch at the restaurant "Shokunshitsu" and enjoy a menu reminiscent of school lunches.  
Tokura 325 042-595-1234  
7 minutes walk from Tokura bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
28 parking spots

## A Cool Escape from Summer Heat

The azure river flow and emerald wooden hills are the background for refreshing fun times in the water in Akigawa Keikoku Valley. There's so much outdoors to explore with places for barbecues, valley river fishing and getting wet under the sun in the Akigawa river bed.  
May to August The Best Season

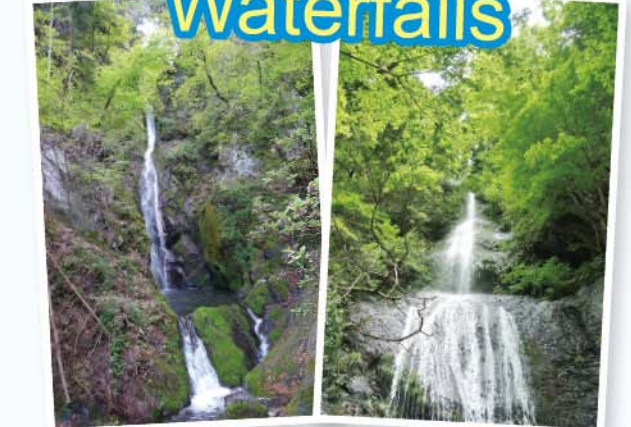
**River** Recommended Spots for River Fun  
Kowadabashi Bridge, Kagetsukyo Bridge, Sawadobashi Bridge  
**River Fun** The many relatively shallow sections of the Akigawa river afford many places for fun in the river. Pay attention to your health, the weather and the water level for a safe time.  
Ishibunobashi Bridge, Akigawabashi Bridge, Nishiakoidairabashi Bridge

**Barbecue** Akigawa Keikoku Valley is famous for BBQ. There are many places for enjoying nature easily accessed from the train and rental sets available in the slowly flowing middle and downstream sections of the Akigawa river.  
Rentals are available for rods, ball and barbecue sets so you can come without bringing any extra equipment.  
Akigawa International Trout Fishing Park

**Akigawa bashi-kasen koen (Riverside Park)** (MAP/B-4) Recommended BBQ Spots  
Todorhara 813 042-596-5122  
5 minutes walk from Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
**Akigawa International Trout Fishing Park** (MAP/A-2) Yozawa 1311 042-596-0568  
Walk from Akigawa Kokusai Trout-fishing Park bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station.  
**Riverside Park Ichinotani** (MAP/B-6) Hikida 776 042-550-3789  
15 minutes drive from Ken-o Expressway Akiruno IC  
**Akigawa Fureai Land (Riverside Park)** (MAP/C-2) Ogawa 1343-101 042-550-4980  
10 minutes drive from Ken-o Expressway Akiruno IC

**Check this out! Tokyo Summerland** (MAP/B-5) Attractions include indoor pools for playing in any season or weather and outdoor flowing pools with giant waterslides, and roller coasters in amusement areas for a great time all day.  
\*Outdoor pool only open in summer  
Take a bus from Akigawa Sta. (Kitaguchi) bus stop and get off at Summerland

## Waterfalls



**Otaki Falls** (MAP/A-1) The beautiful Otaki falls along the hiking trail to Mt. Otake have a 30m drop. Kotaki falls have a lower flow but fill out in splendor after a rain.  
**Kotaki Falls** (MAP/A-1)

## Limestone Caves

**Otake Limestone Cave** (MAP/A-1) Total length about 300m. A Metropolitan Natural Monument.  
30 minutes walk from Otake syonyudo iriguchi bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station To Kami-Yozawa. Please inquire in advance.

**Check this out! Yamadaki-no-Okashi (Great Oak of Fukasawa)** (MAP/B-3) This large Japanese oak is said to be more than three hundred years old. The broad branches reach to the sky and powerful roots stretch over a large limestone base. This extraordinary specimen of life is worth the view.  
50 minutes walk from JR Musashi Itsukaichi Station

## Access 60 minutes from central Tokyo by car or train!



**Train**  
JR Shinjuku Station, JR Tachikawa Station, JR Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
60 minutes on Chuo Line Rapid, Oume Line or Itsukaichi Line from JR Shinjuku Station  
On Saturdays and holidays there is also the "Holiday Rapid Akigawa"

**Car**  
Chuo Expressway, Ken-o Expressway, Akiruno IC  
About 60 minutes by Chuo Expressway, Shin-Takiyama Kaido Avenue, or Itsukaichi Kaido Avenue from central Tokyo  
About 20 minutes by Itsukaichi Kaido Avenue from Akiruno IC

**Guide to traffic in front of Musashi Itsukaichi Station**

**Major Bus Routes**  
Otsu Hana-no-Sato Flower Garden/along Akigawa Keikoku Valley → No. 1 Depot For Kazama, Hossawa no Taki Inguchi, Fujikura  
Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu Spa/Ishibunobashi Bridge → No. 1 Depot To Kami-Yozawa, Kazama, Fujikura (Get off at Jungri Bus Stop)  
Tokuan-in Temple/Akigawa International Trout Fishing Park → No. 1 Depot To Kami-Yozawa  
To Komine Park → No. 2 Depot JR/Keio Hachioji Station

**Realtime status of Nishi Tokyo Bus**  
Find out how many minutes until the next bus arrives  
You can search by timetable as well  
You can search all Nishi Tokyo Bus Lines (except expressway busses)  
\*Contact: Nishi Tokyo Bus Itsukaichi Office 042-596-1611

**Akigawa Keikoku Valley Tourism Information Corner**  
Located outside the wicket at JR Musashi Itsukaichi Station. Find out information about places to see and seasonal events in Akigawa Keikoku Valley.  
Enjoy Akigawa Keikoku Valley while keeping manners!

## Enjoy Hiking

Akigawa Keikoku Valley has ancient paths connecting mountain passes with ridges and hillside fortresses, making easily accessible hiking for all. From the peaks of Mt. Shiroyama, Mt. Konpirasan and Mt. Bentenyama which face each other across the Akigawa river north and south, it is possible to look out over both the cityscape of Musashi Itsukaichi and on to the metropolitan core.  
October to March The Best Season

**Konpira Park** (MAP/B-3) Altitude 468m; the viewpoint in Konpira Park offers views the metropolitan core on days with good weather.



**Mt. Konpirasan Course** 7.8km, about 2.5 hours  
START Musashi Itsukaichi Station  
1 Itsukaichi Branch Office  
2 Konpira Park  
3 Ochiaibashi Bus Stop  
GOAL Seoto-no-Yu Spa

**Mt. Bentenyama** (MAP/B-5) Altitude 280m. The Mt. Bentenyama area is well known for its mitsuba azalea.



**Mt. Bentenyama Course** 4.9 km, about 2 hours  
START Musashi Masuko Station  
1 Yuhibashi Bridge  
2 Mt. Bentenyama  
3 Airo Shiroyama  
4 Maeyama Tunnel  
GOAL Komine Park

## Fall Leaves Viewing Spots

Akigawa Keikoku Valley is a spot richly blessed with untouched wooded hills. The contrast of pure azure waters and bright red leaves moves the heart. The leaves of Akigawa Keikoku Valley reach their peak in most years from mid-November to early December. The Akigawa river has many locations for different ways of enjoying fall leaves including the gentle flow and river shores near Musashi Itsukaichi Station, stones large and small forming the Iwasekyo Gorge, and deep mountain views around Ishibunobashi Bridge and Nishiakoidairabashi Bridge.  
Mid-November to early December The Best Season

**Nishiakoidairabashi Bridge Area** (MAP/B-1) Cliffside Trees



**Ishibunobashi Bridge** (MAP/B-2) Suspension Bridge to Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu Spa

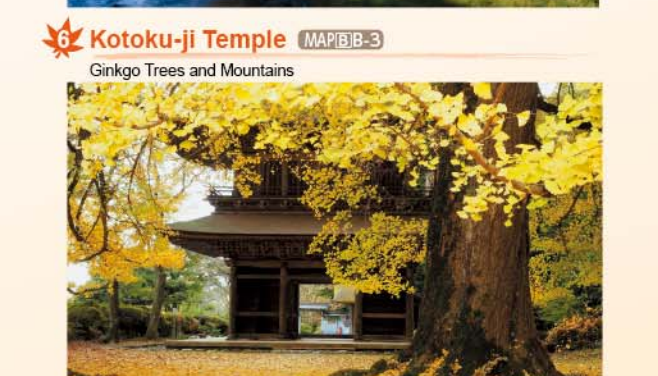


**Tokura Shiroyama Terrace** (MAP/B-2) **Sawadobashi Bridge** (MAP/B-3)



## Iwasekyo Gorge (MAP/B-3)

Fall Leaves along the River  
Ginkgo Trees and Mountains  
Kotoku-ji Temple (MAP/B-3)



**Komine Park** (MAP/B-4) **Yamada Ohashi Bridge** (MAP/B-5)



## Tips! Akiruno Furusato Kobo (MAP/B-1)

Enjoy one of Tokyo intangible cultural properties, "Gundogami" paper making through crafting experiences and sales.  
\*Contact in advance. 042-596-6000  
5 minutes walk from Nitago bus stop from Musashi Itsukaichi Station

## Famous Produce

Bring home souvenirs crafted by craftsmen using the blessings of nature!

**Corn** Ready to eat in June and July. Each kernel is large and sweet and there are many kinds to enjoy.  
**Sweetfish** The fish of these sweetfish was a favorite of the Tokugawa clan. Best eaten broiled with salt.

**Gundogami (Japanese Paper)** Handmade Japanese paper that is a designated Metropolitan Intangible Cultural Asset.  
**Konjac** Konjac potatoes grown with the waters of the Akigawa river are a natural flavor passed on through generations.

**Akigawa-gyu (Branded beef)** Japanese black beef raised in Tokyo, born in Iwate. Tender and delicious.  
**Soy Sauce** The traditional flavor with natural umami has a depth all its own and elegant fragrance enjoyed by many.

**Japanese Sake** Two brewers are located in Akiruno City using spring water from the mountains of Akigawa Keikoku Valley for shikomi-mizu.  
**Norabona (local greens)** A spring green rich in vitamins. Enjoy boiled or with sesame flavors!

**Famous Produce Vendors**  
**Akigawa Keikoku Seoto-no-Yu Spa Local Produce Store Asatsuyu** (MAP/B-2) Otsu 565 042-595-2614  
**Itsukaichi Farmer's Center Aina** (MAP/B-4) Takao 3-1 042-596-1280  
**Irodoriya** (MAP/C-1) Akigawa 1-8 Akiruno Rupia 1F 042-550-4552  
**Akigawa Farmer's Center** (MAP/C-2) Ninomiya 811 042-559-1600

## Events Calendar

- February 3 Setsubun @Daigang-ji Temple, Akuru Shrine, Ninomiya Shrine, etc.
- Early February to early March Akigawa Keikoku Valley Hira-meguri @Around Musashi Itsukaichi Station and Musashi Masuko Station
- Last Sunday of March Narabi Festival @Koyasu Jingu Shrine
- Late of March to mid-April Cherry viewing season @ Throughout the city
- Early June Fishing season opens @ Akigawa
- June Firefly @Kikake area, Komaya area, etc.
- Mid-June to early July Hydrangea viewing season @Minamizawa Ajsaiyama (hydrangea woods), etc.
- Early August Akiruno Summer Festival @Near Akigawa Station North Exit  
Periods subject to change in 2020.
- Mid-August Konada Fireworks Festival @Kowada area
- Mid-August Paper Lantern Festival @Kowada area
- Last Saturday of August Yonichi (Night Festival) @Hinokura-kaido Avenue (from Musashi Itsukaichi Station to Konakano intersection)
- Early to late September Three Major Festivals of Akiruno (Regular Festivals)  
@Ninomiya-jingu Shrine, Shiochi Iwabashi-jingu Shrine, Akuru-jingu Shrine
- Mid-to late September White bush clover season @Daigang-ji Temple
- Mid-November to early December Fall leaves @Throughout the city
- Late November to early January Akiruno Winter Festival @Akigawa Station area
- January 1 to 3 Musashi Itsukaichi Shichifukujin (Tour of the Seven Lucky Gods)  
@Shichifukujin Rejo
- January 10 Dharma Doll Festival @Itsukaichi/along the Hinokura Kaido Avenue
- Mid-January Dondo-yaki @Akigawa river, Hiraigawa river areas



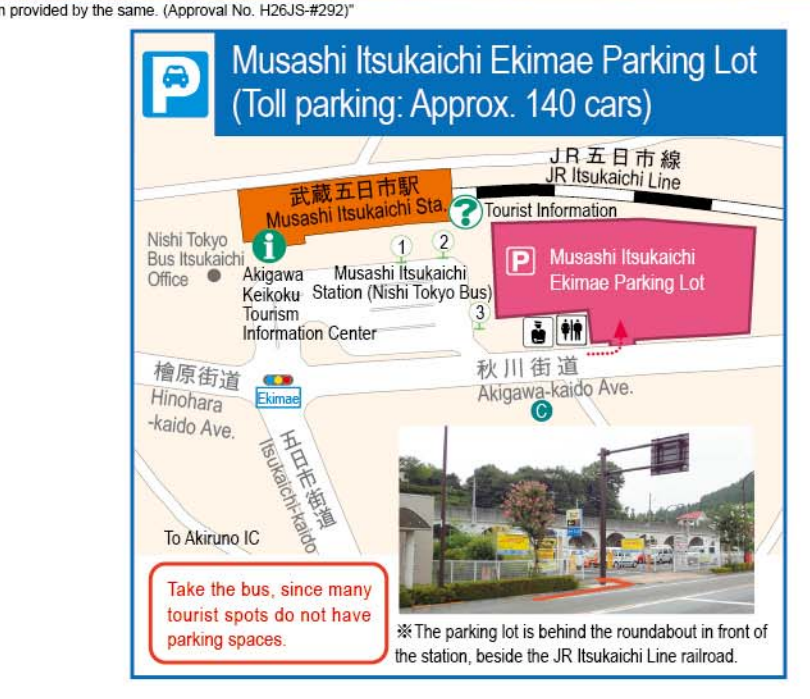
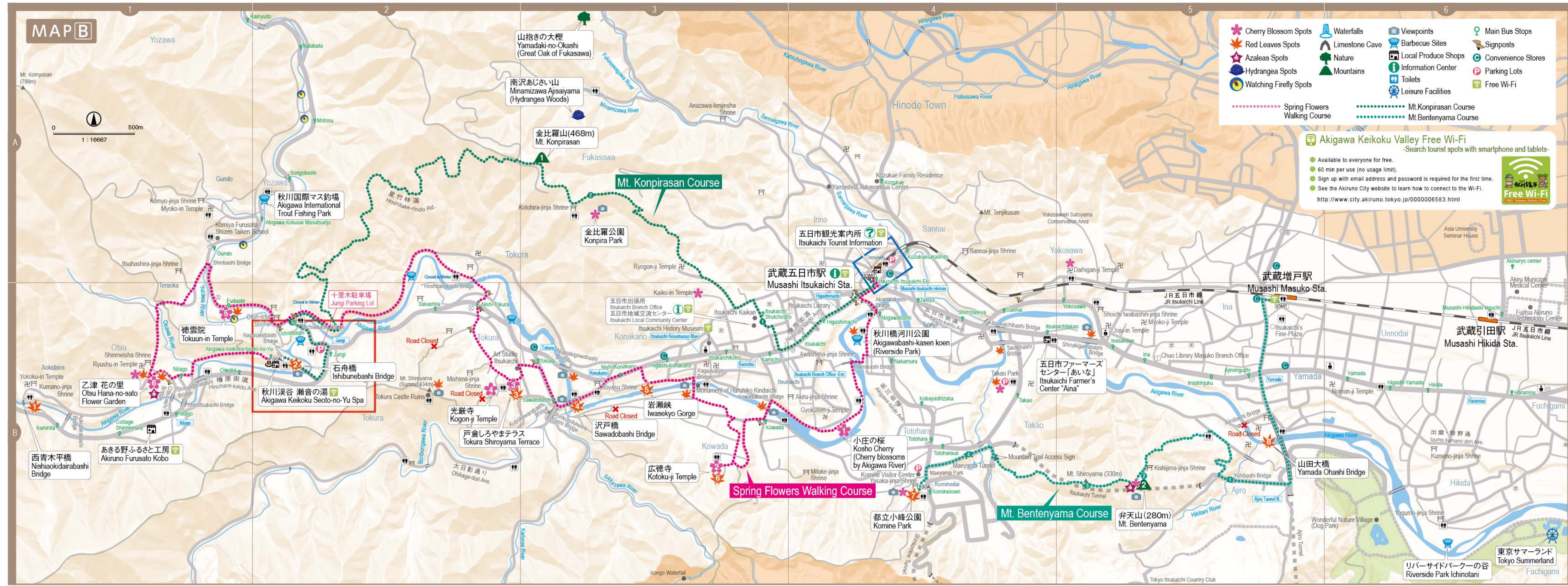
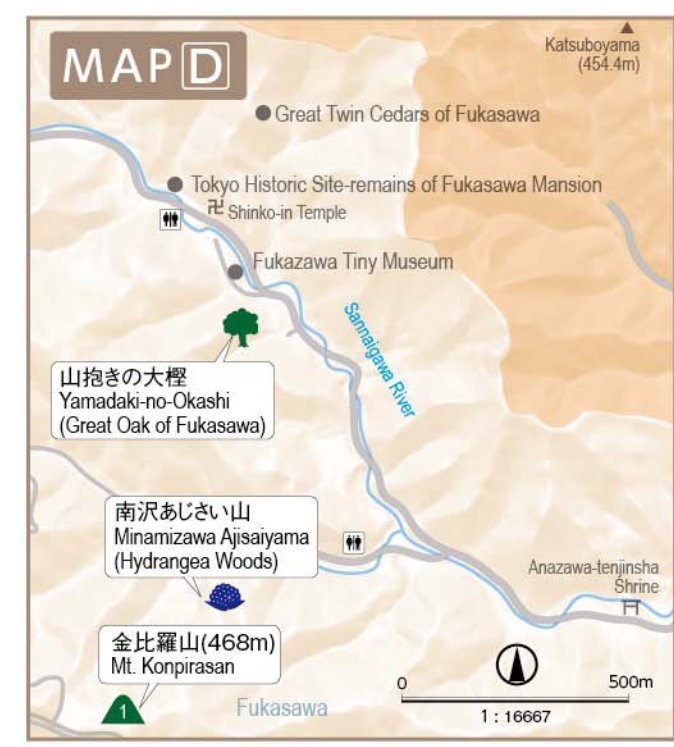
## Tips! Musashi Itsukaichi Shichifukujin (Tour of the Seven Lucky Gods)

Musashi Itsukaichi Shichifukujin is a pilgrimage of prayer for comprehensive blessing at five temples and two statues located in the hills of Itsukaichi. Gokaicho is held on the three days of New Year's with lucky colored paper and sealed wards available to buy in front of Musashi Itsukaichi Station and each reijo shrine. These charms can be got at each temple until the end of January.

- Shichifukujin (Seven Lucky Gods)**
- Benzaiten..... Shoko-ji Temple
  - Daikokuten..... Daigang-ji Temple
  - Ebisuten..... Shimocho jizodo
  - Bishamonten..... Banba Jizodo
  - Fukurokuju..... Gyokurin-ji Temple
  - Hotetison..... Kogon-ji Temple
  - Jurojin..... Tokuan-in Temple



# Akigawa Keikoku Valley MAP



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