

Nighttime Cherry Blossoms at Nagano Park (Oku-Kawachi Sakura Park)

Wide area map : C-2

At Nagano Park, which overlooks the town, the coming of spring causes a host of more than 250 cherry trees to come into full bloom. Visitors are especially fond of the gorgeous view of the cherry blossoms at night: the illuminated blossoms have a wonderful, mystical energy that truly captures the spirit of Japan. You can enjoy an aspect of Japanese cherry blossoms entirely different from that during the day.

Access 7 minutes on foot from Kawachinagano Station



Oku-Kawachi Ajisai Park

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Climbing up the sloping road that you see right as you get off the bus, you will come upon the "Ajisai Park" wherein grow some 5,000 hydrangeas (*ajisai* in Japanese). At the height of their beauty in mid-June, the flowers paint the park every color from blue to purple to pink. There is a viewing platform in the park, from which you can look out on all the rich beauty of the hydrangeas!

Access 15 minutes on foot from Kawachinagano Station, or right beside "Kawaidera" bus stop



The Four Seasons of Kawachinagano

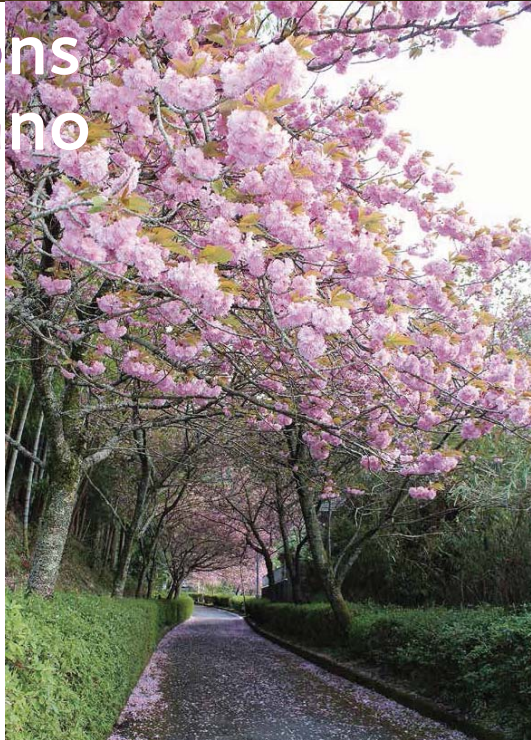
Spring

The Eightfold Cherry Trees of Amami

Wide area map : D-4

As you exit the ticket gate of the Nankai Koya Line's Amami Station and turn left, you are greeted by a beautiful promenade of *yae-zakura* ("eightfold cherry") trees. Colored a deeper pink still than the famous Yoshino cherries, the blossoms' petals appear to be multilayered, giving them the name "eightfold cherry". The trees have an elegant and beautiful atmosphere. The saplings, gifts from the people of Kawachinagano, were planted by hand, and this promenade is the pride and joy of the city.

Access Immediately accessible on foot from Amami Station



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Summer



The 48 Waterfalls of Takihata

Wide area map : A-5

Around the area of Takihata, famous for its dam, are a large number of waterfalls, great and small, such as "Otaki", and "Arataki" (pictured), which show beautiful facets of the running water all over this forested area. Why not take a stroll surrounded by the gorgeous nature of this rich forest with its many wonderful waterfalls? There are also places where you can camp or have a barbecue.

Access 40 minutes on foot from "Takahata" bus stop

