The Autumn Leaves of Emmei-ji Temple

Wide area map : D-3

The trees of Emmei-ji (see page 11) are painted a brilliant variety of colors when the autumn rolls around. At this famous spot for viewing the autumn leaves, the path leading to the temple is transformed into a tunnel of red and yellow, and the fallen leaves that carpet the ground create an amazing atmosphere. The giant 1,000-year-old maple is particularly famous, and is designated a natural monument by Osaka Prefecture.

Access 12 minutes on foot from "Kamigaoka-guchi" bus stop

The Four Seasons of Kawachinagano

The Winter Scenery of Kongo-ji Temple

Kongo-ji (see page 7) is one of the most famous temples in Kawachinagano, having been used for a time during the Nanbokucho Period (1336-1392) as the political capital of the Southern Court emperor. Its beauty can be appreciated during any of the four seasons, but it is particularly gorgeous in the winter. The cold winds will bring upon you a purified and austere mood. Access 1 minute on foot from "Amano-san" bus stop

The Pampas Grass of Mt. Iwawaki Wide area map : B-5

Kawachinagano has made a name for itself as home to Mt. Iwawaki, with its elevation of roughly 900 meters. There are several hiking routes, and it is a recommended trial for novice climbers. It is known for the pampas grass that covers its peak, and in autumn it turns a wonderful golden color that you really can't afford to miss!

Access 2 hours, 45 minutes on foot from "Kono" bus stop, or 1 hour, 45 minutes on foot from "Takihata dam" bus stop



* If you are walking from Kono, you can get information on the hiking trail from the lwawakinomori Shikisaikan (rest place and information center, tel. 0721-63-5986) on your way there.



The Four Seasons of Kawachinagano Winter

Takihata Dam in the Wintertime

Wide area map : B-4

Takihata Dam, which was completed in 1982, is famous as a place to which migratory birds fly. From late October to early March you can spot the mandarin duck, famous for the beautiful patterns of its feathers, here.

Access Immediately accessible on foot from "Takihata Dam Site" bus stop