



Chichibu in Spring is adorned with flowers

Shibazakura Hill is located in a corner of the south side of Hitsujiyama Park at the foot of Mt. Buko, symbol of Chichibu. In mid-April, the 17,600 m² area bursts alive with a beautiful carpet of white, pink and pale blue flowers.



Akane



Amazing Grace

CHICHIBU HITSUJIYAMA PARK SHIBAZAKURA HILL

Mid-April to early May



Emerald Cushion



Oakington Blue Eye



Autumn Rose



Scarlet Flame



Mac Daniel's Cushion



Mont Blanc



Shirasagi



Tamanonagare



Ten cultivars
400,000 plants
Shibazakura



Hitsujiyama Park overlooks Chichibu City and is famous for its cherry blossoms. Approximately 1000 trees including Yoshino cherry trees, weeping cherry trees and double-flowered cherry trees (Yaezakura) have been planted around the park. When they come into full bloom in early to mid-April, the park comes alive with visitors having picnics under the gorgeous trees.



Fureai pasture

Fureai pasture is home to a small number of sheep (hitsuji in Japanese). The park was named Hitsujiyama as it was previously the location of a sheep farm.



Wanpaku Kids' Park

An adventure play park for young children, with swings and climbing frames.



Bokusui-no-taki Waterfall

Waterfall and waterwheel named after the poet Wakayama Bokusui with a monument to the poet and his wife Kishiko.



Miharashi-no-oka

A lookout with a good view of the city. In the distance behind the Muse Park you can glimpse Mt. Ryokami, one of the "100 famous mountains of Japan".



Mt. Buko Museum

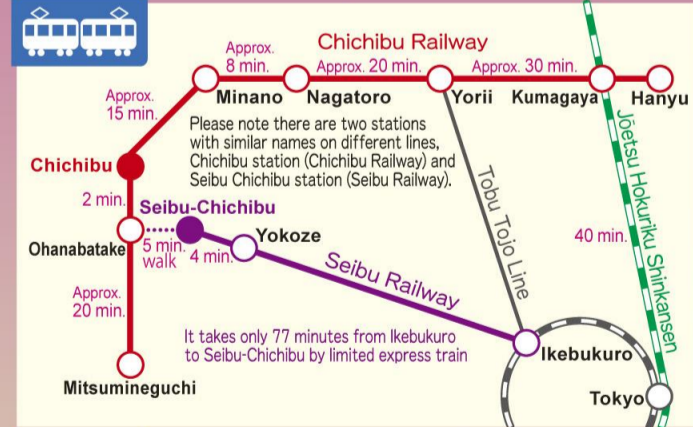
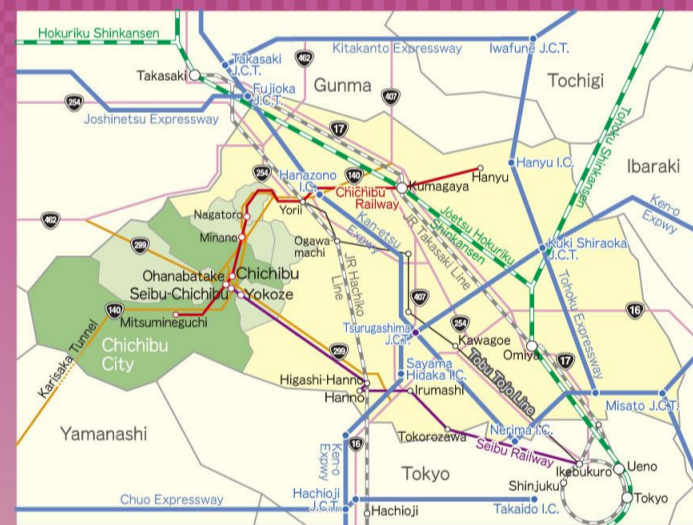
Learn all about the symbol of Chichibu, Mt. Buko, its geographical features and geology, flora and fauna, and the mining and use of limestone.



Yamato Art Museum

Yamato Art Museum is home to one of the best collections in Japan of the works of Munakata Shiko, the internationally renowned woodblock print artist

ACCESS



Enjoy a day in Chichibu!

Shibazakura Hill START

Chichibu Meisen (Silk) Museum

Chichibu Meisen silk was once well-known all around Japan. See the colorful silk displays and learn about the history of silk production, or check out the shop. How about taking a weaving class? A seven minute walk from Seibu Chichibu station or 15 minutes from Shibazakura Hill.

- Admission fee: Adults 210 yen (9:00 - 16:00)
- Telephone: 81-494-21-2112

Walking downtown

Retro shopping street

Many buildings built during a period of prosperity in the silk industry between the 1880's and the 1950's remain to give the downtown area a retro vibe. Many of the buildings are listed as national tangible cultural assets.

Kaitsugisho Street, once bustling with Chichibu Meisen silk traders ▲

Banba street, lined with buildings built in the Showa period (1926-1989)

Chichibu-jinja Shrine

Boasting a history stretching back 2100 years, Chichibu shrine is one of the most important shrines in the Chichibu region. Nestled in a grove of trees, the main hall boasts many intricate carvings. Among these, the Tsunaginoryu (chained dragon) and Kodakara-kosodate-tora (child-rearing tiger) are considered to be the work of the legendary, although possibly fictitious, Hidari Jingoro.

Chichibu Matsuri (Festival) Hall

See colorful displays evoking the Chichibu Night Festival held on December 2nd and 3rd every year. Get a close look at gorgeous floats built by the craftsman Sakamoto Saiichiro, including the Kasaboko (flower parasol) float and a float with intricate carving and curtains. Enjoy the projection mapping which recreates the light and sound of the Chichibu Night Festival.

- Admission fee: Adults 500 yen (9:00-17:00)
- Telephone 81-494-23-1110

Return route

Chichibu Muse Park in spring (end of April to beginning of May)

Hijiri-jinja shrine

Home to the Wado Kaichin copper coin, long considered to be the first currency minted in Japan, this power spot is the place to worship the "Gods of money."

Yokoze Hanasakiyama Park

This park on a hill offers a lovely view of Mt. Buko and the Chichibu mountain range.

Chichibu City MAP

Plenty of places to see in Chichibu! Please stop by the many sightseeing spots in Chichibu after enjoying the Shibazakura!

Chichibu gourmet foods

Chichibu is proud of its many local specialties. Keep a lookout for local specialty foods as you stroll around town after enjoying Shibazakura Hill.



Chichibu strawberry picking

Sweet Chichibu strawberries! If you visit between January and mid-June, how about picking your own strawberries?



Chichibu Tourism Agriculture and Forestry Association

and more... Check your smartphone for information on events in Chichibu ▶



Legend

- 1 Chichibu Fudasho (Temples numbered)
- C Convenience Store
- G Gas Station
- P1 Hitsujiyama Park parking (1-8)
- P Coin Parking
- Route from one station to another

Chichibu Fudasho

Among the 34 temples or Fudasho on the Chichibu 34 Kannon temple circuit, temples 11 to 16 are situated downtown. In particular, the gardens of temple 12, (Nosakaji) and temple 15 (Shorinji) are beautiful.



No.12 Fudasho Nosaka-ji Temple

Chichibu Sightseeing Navi

Find information on sightseeing in Chichibu here. Updated daily during the moss phlox flowering season with information on how much the phlox have bloomed.

Yado Net Chichibu

Official website of the Chichibu Ryokan Business Cooperative. Please take time to stay overnight and enjoy Chichibu! See the website for information on accommodation facilities.

Buratto Chichibu

Chichibu Tourist Association website with not only sightseeing information but also information on camping, hiking and other attractions, as well as where and what to buy for omiyage.