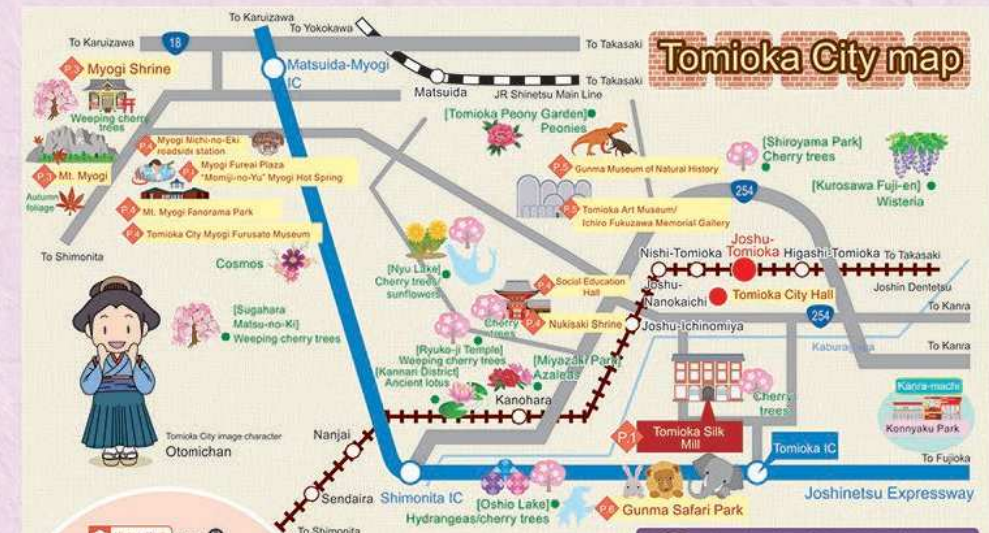


## Tomioka City map



**History Walk** By car

Tomioka Silk Mill → 10 min by car → Nukisaki Shrine  
→ 20 min by car → Myogi Shrine

**Nature Walk** By car

Tomioka Silk Mill → 30 min by car  
→ Mt. Myogi Panorama Park/Momiji-no-Yu Hot Spring

**Art Walk** By car By foot

Tomioka Silk Mill → 10 min by car → Gunma Museum of Natural History  
→ 5 min walk → Tomioka Art Museum

**For Families** By car

Tomioka Silk Mill → 15 min by car  
→ Gunma Safari Park

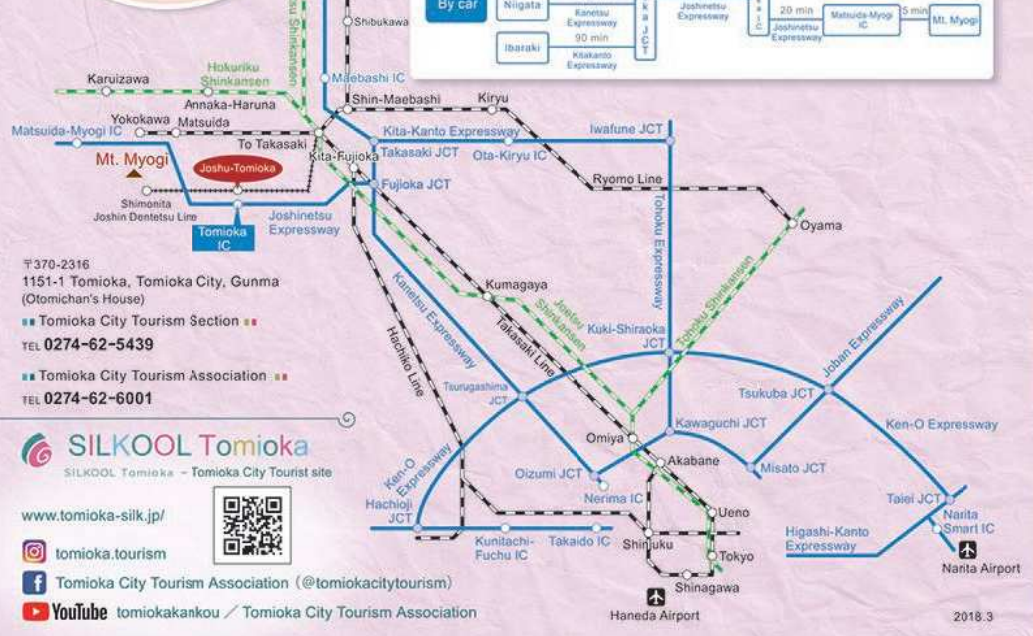
**Transportation routes**

**By train**

Tokyo	Tokasaki Line (limited express) 85 min	Takasaki	40 min	Joshu-Tomioka	15 min	Tomioka Silk Mill
Niigata	Joetsu/Shinkansen 55 min	Joetsu-Dentetsu	25 min	Matsuda	10 min	Mt. Myogi
Kanazawa	Joetsu/Shinkansen 130 min	JR Shinkansen Main Line	25 min	Matsuda	10 min	Mt. Myogi

**By car**

Tokyo	60 min	Joetsu Expressway	15 min	Tomioka Silk Mill
Niigata	120 min	Joetsu Expressway	20 min	Matsuda IC
Ibaraki	90 min	Joetsu Expressway	5 min	Mt. Myogi



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World Heritage Site Tomioka Silk Mill and the Mt. Myogi area

# Tomioka Tour

Tomioka City tourism pamphlet





# World Heritage & National Treasure Tomioka Silk Mill

The same atmosphere  
today as back in time.  
See the dawn of modernization.



Inside the silk  
reeling plant

"Joshu Tomioka Silk Mill" color woodblock print  
Collection of the Tomioka Art Museum

## Dawn of modern Japan

The Tomioka Silk Mill is a model silk-reeling factory established by the Meiji government in 1872 for Japan's modernization. After the Meiji Restoration, the government promoted modernization of industries and technologies to achieve equal status with Western countries. As a way to collect the funds for this modernization, the government focused on exporting raw silk. The government decided to build government-run model factories with Western silk-reeling machines to improve the quality of the raw silk, increase production, and train engineers. This is how the Tomioka Silk Mill was built, and the buildings remain almost unchanged even today.

### Admission fee

Visitor type	Individual	Group with reservation
Adult	1,000yen	900yen
High school/university student	250yen	200yen
Elementary/jr. high school student	150yen	100yen

**Hours** 9:00-17:00  
※ Last entry 16:30

**Closed** 12/29-12/31  
※ May be temporarily closed at other times.

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※ Free admission for children younger than elementary school age.  
※ Free admission for persons with a disability certificate and one caregiver.  
※ High school and university students are requested to show school ID.  
※ Free admission for Tomioka City residents. Please show proof of address (driver's license or other ID).

### Individual guided tours & audio tours

Take a guided tour or use an audio guide to learn more about the World Heritage site.

**Fees** Duration: 40 min  
Adult: 200 yen, elementary/jr. high school student: 100 yen

**Tour times** 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30  
12:00, 13:00, 13:30, 14:00, 14:30  
15:00, 15:30 (also 16:00 Apr.-Oct.)

**Rent at the ticket booth** / Press the exhibit number on the mobile phone-type audio guide to hear the explanation.  
Audio guide (200 yen/listener)

**[Available languages]**  
Japanese, English, French, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese, Korean

### Group admission (by reservation)

Group admission available by reservation.  
Make reservations online or by telephone at least 2 days in advance.

**Guided tours** 3,500 yen with 1 guide (40-50 min tour)  
※ 1 guide can provide a tour for up to 45 visitors.

**Bus parking lot (by reservation)** 2,000 yen per bus  
☎ 0274-67-0088 (Tomioka Silk Mill Group Reservations Center)  
<https://www.matidukuri-t.net/reserves/>



Add this option to guided group tours! /

### Tomioka Silk Mill VR guided tour (by reservation)

Get a guided tour of the silk mill while watching computer graphics on smart glasses. Virtual reality recreates the Tomioka Silk Mill back when it first opened and makes you feel like you're there.  
Narration available in English and Japanese.

**No. of people** Up to 30 people per group (groups of 21+ are split into 2 groups)

**Duration** Morning (9:00-12:00) and afternoon (13:00-14:00)  
Once each (approx. 1 hour duration)

**Fees** 1,500 yen/1 group ※ 2,500 yen/2 groups (21+ people)

**Guided tour reservations** Tomioka Silk Mill Group Reservations Center  
☎ 0274-67-0088

※ During rainy weather, tour guides provide information without using smart glasses.

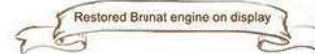


Restored Brunat engine on display

Restored Brunat steam engine used when the Tomioka Silk Mill opened.

### Moving exhibit

Saturdays, Sundays, Holidays  
10:30 - 14:30  
※ See it move during these hours.



Director's House (Brunat Hall)



This building was constructed in 1873 for Paul Brunat and his family to live in.

Heart-shaped roof of Brunat Hall



Free Wi-Fi available at Tomioka Silk Mill!



One of three famous scenic spots in Japan

# Mt. Myogi

The breathtaking scenery is listed in 100 Landscapes of Japan.

Mt. Myogi is known as one of the three mountains of Jomo (the old name for Gunma) along with Mt. Akagi and Mt. Haruna. The area of Mt. Myogi called Omote-Myogi on the northwest side comprises Hakuun-zan, Kondo-san and Kinkai-san, while Ura-Myogi on the southeast side includes Yakyu-san, Chosu-no-kashira and Otake. Collectively the area is known as one of the three famous scenic spots for its unusual rock formations and craggy peaks. Rock arches, spires and other unusual natural formations create an amazing landscape, especially in spring when the mountain comes alive with new green foliage and cherry blossoms, and in fall when the fiery fall colors paint the mountainsides.



Popular power spot Tour



Mt. Myogi stone arch



Mt. Myogi sunset scenery

## Myogi Shrine

Designated national treasure



The shrine has around 1,500 years of history and sits on the side of Hakuun-zan, the main peak of Mt. Myogi. Behind the brightly colored vermillion outer gate and the embellished gabled gate lies an ornate main hall painted in black lacquer and featuring the gongen-zukuri architectural style of connected buildings. The beautiful weeping cherry trees along the path to the main shrine and on the shrine grounds are more than 200 years old. The shrine has become popular as a "power spot," or place of special energy.

6 Myogi, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City 0274-73-2119

### Origin of the "dai" character...

The character for "big" (dai/大) can be seen in white on the side of Hakuun-zan. The character dai represents Myogi Dai Gongen, the title of an abbot who was deified after his death. The character has served as a landmark for people travelling along the Nakasendo road since the Edo Period.

### Trip filled with history and culture

Directions from Tomioka Silk Mill



## Mt. Myogi Panorama Park

The area is popular for its 360-degree panoramic views of Mt. Myogi (Hakuun-zan, Kondo-san and Kinkai-san) as well as the Kanto Plain to the east and Mt. Tsukuba in the distance. Many fun family activities are available in the park, including the Tomioka City Myogi Furusato Museum, which exhibits many works of art using the motif of Mt. Myogi, and Momiji-no-Yu, a hot spring offering stunning views from its outdoor baths.

**Tomioka City Myogi Furusato Museum**

**Hours** 9:30-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30)

**Closed** Mondays (the following day if Monday is a public holiday), New Year's period (12/27 - 1/4)

**Admission** General admission: 310 yen, High school/university student: 150 yen, Jr. high school student and younger: free, Senior citizen (65+): 150 yen

1-5 Myogi, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City 0274-73-2585

Open since 1983, the museum exhibits award-winning works from a Mt. Myogi painting contest. The museum enjoys popularity for the rare opportunity it gives visitors to enjoy nature and art together by admiring paintings of Mt. Myogi while also looking at the actual Mt. Myogi.

**Myogi Fureai Plaza**

**Myogi Hot Spring**

**Momiji-no-Yu**

Visitors can make a one-day trip to enjoy hot spring with stunning views of the Kanto Plain spreading out in front and Mt. Myogi at the back. The hot spring features outdoor baths and a sauna. Meals are also available at Miyama-tei, a restaurant inside the hot spring facility.

**Hours** 10:00-20:00 (Until 19:00 Dec. 1 - end of Feb.)  
9: Last entry 30 min before closing

**Closed** Mondays (the following day if Monday is a public holiday), Dec. 31

**Admission** Adult (jr. high school student and older): 510 yen, Child: 300 yen, Child not yet in elementary school: Free

1-1 Myogi, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City 0274-60-7600

**MYOGI HOT SPRING**

**Michi-no-Eki roadside rest area Myogi**

Konnyaku, Shimorita leek, maitake mushrooms, handmade miso and other local specialties are available. In the dining hall, rice with maitake mushrooms and soft-serve ice cream in seasonal flavors are popular.

**Hours** 9:00-17:00 (Until 16:00 Dec. 1 - end of Feb.)

**Closed** Third Wednesday (Not closed in April, May, October, November, New Year's period)

Open hours and days closed change according to the season.

322-7 Myogi-machitake, Tomioka City 0274-73-3991

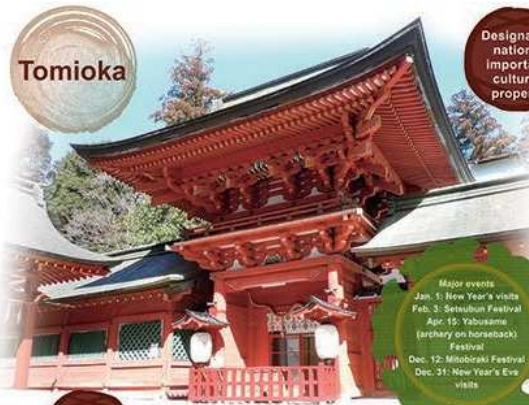
**MYOGI GOURMET**

An unusual shrine lies at the bottom of the stone steps

## Ichinomiya Nukisaki Shrine

Enveloped by ancient forest with trees over 1,000 years old, the area has a sublime and majestic atmosphere. The important shrine is given the highest rank in the register of Japanese shrines. In 531, Futsunushi no Kami, the god of war, and Hime Okami, the goddess of agriculture and weaving, were enshrined here. The shrine has an unusual construction for Japan, with a down-sloping entrance path descending to the main building. It is one of three major shrines to feature this construction. The main building, worship hall and two-story gate were rebuilt by the third shogun Tokugawa Iemitsu in 1635 and extensively repaired by the fifth shogun Tokugawa Tsunayoshi. They are still standing today.

1535 Ichinomiya, Tomioka City 0274-62-2009



**Social Education Hall**

These modern Japanese buildings are made entirely of cypress and were built in 1936 as the Togoku Keishin Dojo, the predecessor to the Social Education Hall. Their simple yet elegant atmosphere creates a tranquil feel when the buildings host special seasonal exhibits, tea ceremony, and other events. The buildings were registered as a Tangible Cultural Property of Japan on July 8, 2008 in recognition of their historical, cultural and architectural values.

**Hours** 9:00-18:00

**Closed** Mondays (the following day if Monday is a public holiday), public holidays, national holidays, New Year's period

1465-1 Ichinomiya, Tomioka City 0274-62-2033

**Registered Tangible Cultural Property**





Directions from Tomioka Silk Mill



Art Walk

Experience art in the natural world created over the eons.  
**Gunma Museum of Natural History**

**Incredible life-size animatronic T-Rex!**

Have fun while learning the history of the earth, the evolution of the natural world and its creatures, and Gunma Prefecture's natural environment. One of the few museums in Japan exhibiting precious dinosaur specimens.

The dinosaur is moving!



**Hours** 9:30-17:00 (last entry 16:30)

**Closed** Mondays (following day if Monday is a public holiday), New Year's period, other special closures

**Admission** General admission: 510 yen for adult, 300 yen for high school and university student, free for jr. high school student and younger  
Groups: 410 yen for adult, 240 yen for high school and university student, free for jr. high school student and younger

※Separate fee during special exhibits.

※Free admission for persons with a physical disability certificate, intellectual disability certificate, or mental disability certificate and one caregiver.

1674-1 Kamikuroiwa, Tomioka City ☎0274-60-1200

Charming museum featuring local works

**Tomioka City Art Museum  
Ichiro Fukuzawa  
memorial gallery**

Exhibits include important works by modern artists, works by local artists, archeological artifacts, and historical and folk materials. The museum is also home to a gallery featuring a collection of works by Ichiro Fukuzawa, a painter from Tomioka.



**Hours** 9:30-17:00 (last entry 16:30)

**Closed** Mondays (following day if Monday is a public holiday), New Year's period, other special closures

**Admission** General admission: 210 yen Senior 65+: university/high school student: 100 yen, Child up to jr. high school: Free  
Groups of 20+ receive a 20% discount (General admission: 160 yen)  
※Separate fee during special exhibits.

※Free admission for persons with a physical disability certificate, intellectual disability certificate, or mental disability certificate and one caregiver.

351-1 Kurokawa, Tomioka City ☎0274-62-6200

Fukuzawa exhibit hall



Folk materials exhibit hall



Momijidaira Sogo Park

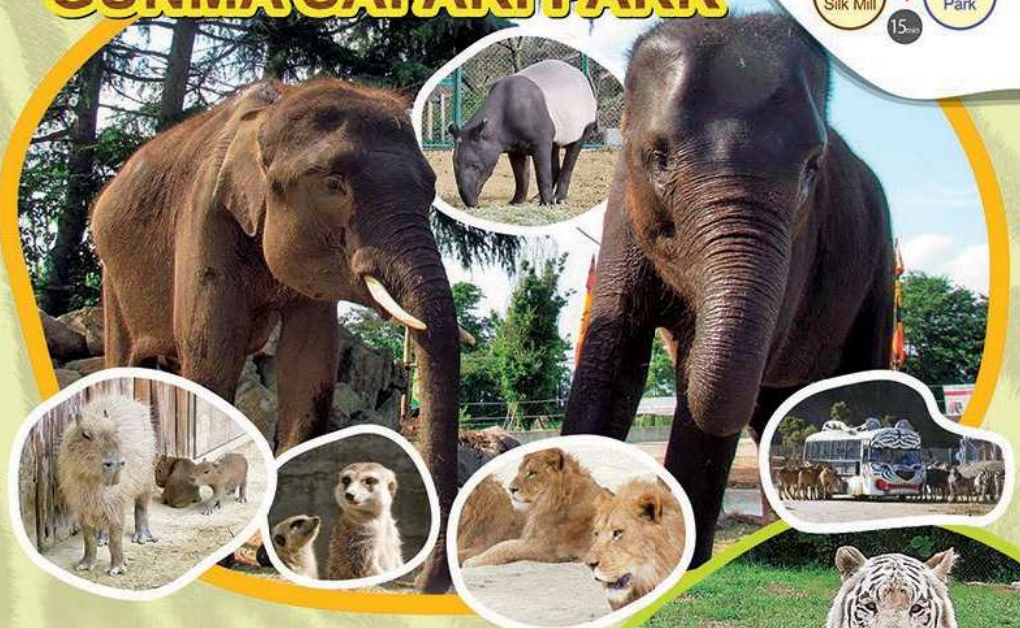
The Gunma Museum of Natural History and the Tomioka Art Museum are located within the park, where visitors can also enjoy fiery red maple trees in the fall. The park attracts families to the children's play area as well as people coming to walk and jog around the grounds. On clear days, you can enjoy views of Mt. Akagi, Mt. Haruna and Mt. Myogi.

For Families

Wild kingdom

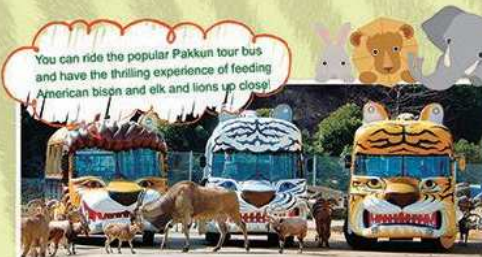
**GUNMA SAFARI PARK**

Directions from Tomioka Silk Mill



**Wild nature before your eyes brings excitement.**

Wild animals are free to roam the spacious grounds in an environment similar to their natural habitat. Only the window glass separates you from lions, tigers, zebras, elephants and more. See the animals up close right before your eyes. You can drive around the park in your car and watch around 100 special of wild animals including lions and tigers as well as wild birds in their natural state.



Kids



As the amusement park located within Gunma Safari Park has rides for small children, the whole family can enjoy spending a day there.

**Hours** Mar. 1 - Oct. 31: 9:30-16:00 (park closes at 17:00)

Nov. 1 - end of Feb. 9:30-15:30 (park closes at 16:30)

※Last entry: 1 hour before close

**Closed** Wednesdays

(Except at special periods. Open on Wednesdays that are public holidays.)

**Admission** Adult (high school student and older): 2,700 yen,

Child (3 to jr. high school student): 1,400 yen

Senior 65+: 1,900 yen

※Half-price general admission for persons with a disability certificate.

※Seniors age 65+ are requested to show proof of age.

1 Okamoto, Tomioka City ☎0274-64-2111



Extensive menus to choose from



Restaurant Savanna



The African lunch set is very popular! Enjoy unusual delicacies of rare game, including grilled ostrich and deep-fried alligator.

Spacious dining area with individual seating for 200, and a group dining area with seating for 350. Barbecue facilities are available on the terrace.





### Time travel back to the Meiji Period Walk about town dressed as a female millworker

Vintage formal Japanese dress goes well with the retro atmosphere of the city, which still contains vestiges of the Meiji Period. You can dress up with your friends and family in the attire of female millworkers and stroll around Tomioka with its retro atmosphere as well as visit the Tomioka Silk Mill, which is now a World Heritage site.

<b>Days</b>	Year-round (reservation required)
<b>Time</b>	10:00-17:00 (except Wednesdays)
<b>Fare</b>	3,000 yen (including help with dressing)
<b>Inquiries</b>	Tomioka City Tourism Association ☎ 0274-62-6001



### Craft with cocoons and feel their warmth Silk cocoon and fiber craft workshop

Craft workshop using silk cocoons and fiber. You can make your own bookmark or original silk cocoon craft. Staff will show you how to work with the silk cocoons and fiber. Fun for adults and children alike!

<b>Days</b>	Workshops held every day (except Dec. 29, 30, 31)
<b>Hours</b>	9:30-15:30 (last admission at 15:00)
<b>Fare</b>	300 yen per craft Machinaka Tourist Information Center (Otomichan's House)
<b>Location</b>	1151-1 Tomioka, Tomioka City
<b>Inquiries</b>	Machizukuri Tomioka S.A. ☎ 0274-67-0103

※Dress-up may not be available during busy times, when dressing instructors are unavailable, or during lunch breaks. Thank you for your understanding.



### Perfect for sightseeing around the Silk Mill! Tourist transportation info

#### Town Loop Sightseeing Bus

Convenient bus for travelling from the train station to the Tomioka Silk Mill. The loop route allows you to get on and off wherever you like, and a tour guide provides information on popular spots around town.

**Hours of operation** 9:00-16:00  
Duration: approx. 40 min. (one loop)

**1 bus** Departs Tomioka Station East Parking Lot at 9:00 am  
Bus comes around once about every 40 minutes  
(10 loops per day)

**Fare** 100 yen guide fee (free for children not yet in elementary school)  
Show the 1-Day Free Guide ticket you receive when you pay the fare for  
for unlimited rides all day

**Inquiries** Machizukuri Tomioka S.A. ☎ 0274-67-0103



#### Popular!

#### Free rental "Raku-Raku Otomi" city sightseeing bicycles

Otomichan recommends riding a Raku-Raku Otomi city sightseeing bicycle. The bicycles have an electric motor to make it easy to go up hills. Rent a bicycle if you want to get a little exercise or get around the city quickly and conveniently.

**Hours** 9:00-16:30 (last rental at 15:00)

**Fare** Free

**Rider age** Bicycles are adult size and for riders in jr. high school and older.  
However, elementary school students may also rent bicycles if their parent or guardian decides it is safe and gives permission. (A parent or guardian is requested to accompany the child rider.)

**How to use** Fill out the application form at the Tourist Information Center (Otomichan's House) and show your ID (driver's license, etc.)

**Inquiries** Tomioka City Tourism Association ☎ 0274-62-6001



#### Quick!

### Eat your way through TOMIOKA GOURMET delicious Tomioka!



Deep-fried pig innards



Sauce pork cutlet on rice



Tomioka silk crepe



Noodle soup

Many restaurants are located near the Tomioka Silk Mill, including restaurants serving local specialties and retro-style cafes.

## TOMIOKA SILK BRAND

Imbued with history and tradition  
Silk products developed in Tomioka



Tomioka silk brands are managed under two types of quality

#### Tomioka silk platinum logo

This logo certifies that the product is a wholly Japanese-made silk product made with 100% select Tomioka silk and features outstanding design and originality recognized by the Tomioka Silk Brand Certification Committee.

#### Tomioka silk logo

Products with this logo are silk products made in Japan using select 100% Tomioka silk cocoons as the raw material.



Shops selling Tomioka silk products  
**Tomioka Silk Gallery**  
(inside Tomioka Silk Mill)

### Tomioka souvenirs with mulberry





Cherry blossoms at  
Tomioka Silk Mill

# Tomioka Flower Calendar

Dazzling natural beauty throughout the year

Apr.

## City flower Cherry blossom

There are many famous spots for viewing the cherry blossoms in Tomioka, including the Tomioka Silk Mill and Nukisaki Shrine. In spring, you can find cherry trees blooming around the city at parks, lakes, shrines, schools and many other places.

- Weeping cherry trees  
Myogi Shrine  
Ryuko-j Temple,  
Matsu-no-Ki (Myogi)
- Yoshino cherry trees  
Tomioka Silk Mill, Shioyama,  
Nukisaki Shrine, Oshio Lake,  
Nyu Lake

Cherry blossoms  
at Nukisaki ShrineMyogi Shrine  
Weeping cherry tree  
on the shrine grounds

May.

Azaleas at  
Miyazaki ParkTomioka Peony  
Garden's peonies

Jun.

Hydrangeas at  
Oshio Lake

Jul.

Ancient lotuses in  
Kannari District

Aug.

Sunflowers at  
Nyu Lake

Oct.

Cosmos at Mt. Myogi  
Panorama Park

Nov.

## City tree: Maple

Many maple trees are planted along the city streets, and maple (momiji) is part of the name of Momijidaira Sogo Park. Poems have been composed about the fiery fall colors that set Mt. Myogi ablaze in the fall and make a breathtaking sight.

Fall colors  
at Mt. MyogiKurosawa Fuji-en's  
"Niagara Falls" wisteria

## Traditions connecting the past to the present and weaving memories.

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## Oshima Fire Festival

The Oshima Fire Festival is a summer tradition of lighting a Japanese character on the mountain in fire. The festival started from the ritual of lighting 108 torches to guide the souls of ancestors returning to their homes for the Obon festival. A kanji character is chosen each year to reflect local residents' feelings and burned on the mountainside white fireworks also light up the sky, creating an amazing spectacle.

## Seasonal Calendar

Jan.	1st	New Year's shrine visits (Nukisaki Shrine, Myogi Shrine and others)
	2nd Sunday	Kitamuki Kannon Festival (Oshima District)
	Mid-month	Donda Yaki (bonfire festival)
Feb.	3rd Sunday	Kokuzo Festival (Hoshida District)
	3rd	Setsubun Festival (Nukisaki Shrine and others)
	Last Sunday	Tamemaru Festival (Nanjo District)
Mar.	Last Sunday (even-numbered years)	Dosojin Float Festival (Ichinomiya District)
	Sunday late in the month	Sugahara Shrine festival for 1st-grade students
	Early in the month	Cherry blossom viewing (Tomioka Silk Mill)
Apr.	1st Sunday	Suwa Shrine Festival (Tomioka District)
	2nd Sunday	Oshio Shrine Festival
	8th	Danichison Festival (Kamikurowa District)
		Tokujo-j Temple Festival (Ainoda District)
	15th	Jagu Shrine Festival (Nandakuchi District)
		Myogi Shrine Festival (Myogi District)
		Yabusame Festival (Nukisaki Shrine)
	22nd	Kokuwa Kannon Festival (Kokuwabara District)

## Tomioka Donto Festival

The biggest festival in Tomioka. Twenty-one floats are pulled along the parade route with around 2,000 dancers, including taiko drum performances and children's floats.

May.	Mid-month	Mt. Myogi View Ride
	24th	Magagoto Nagashi (ritual to ward off misfortune, Takase Shrine)
Jul.	Late in the month	Tomioka Summer Festival (in town)
	16th	Oshima Fire Festival (Oshima District)
Aug.		Fireworks festival (Wago Sports Park)
	27th, 28th	Narusawa Fudosen Festival (Kammyu District)
Sept.	1st Sunday	Sekoban Festival (Nanjo District)
Oct.	Mid-month (even-numbered years)	Tomioka Donto Festival (in town)
	Sunday late in the month	Sugahara Shrine fall festival and lion dance
	3rd	Mt. Myogi Fall Color Festival (Myogi Shrine and others)
Nov.	12th	Kishibojin (Hongo-j Temple)
	14th	Oyaya (Ryuko-j Temple)
	12th	Maobaki Festival (Nukisaki Shrine)
Dec.	2nd Sunday	Gunma Safari Tomioka Marathon
	30th - 31st	Hibuse Fudosen (ritual to protect against fire, Eishin-j Temple)
	31st	New Year's Eve visits (Nukisaki Shrine, Myogi Shrine and others)

## Overnight accommodations

## Tomioka City Lodging information

**Tomioka area** Conveniently located close to the Tomioka Silk Mill (World Heritage site), museums, retro cafes and more

1 Oshima Mineral Spring	148 Oshima, Tomioka City	0274-62-1490	5 min. by car from Tomioka IC
2 Matsuya Hotel	48 Tomioka, Tomioka City	0274-62-0077	5 min. by car from Tomioka IC, 10 min. walk from Joshu-Tomioka Station
3 Hotel Amuse Tomioka	245-1 Tomioka, Tomioka City	0274-64-3636	3 min. by car from Tomioka IC, 15 min. walk from Joshu-Tomioka Station
4 Yukifumi Inn	457-3 Shimonyu, Tomioka City	0274-67-3875	15 min. by car from Tomioka IC

**Myogi area** Views of Mt. Myogi, one of Japan's top three scenic spots for rugged beauty, and its seasonal glory

5 Tounkan	28 Myogi, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City	0274-73-2221	5 min. by car from Matsuda-Myogi IC
6 Hishiya Ryokan	42 Myogi, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City	0274-73-2311	5 min. by car from Matsuda-Myogi IC
7 Myogi Green Hotel	2676 Sugahara, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City	0274-73-4111	15 min. by car from Matsuda-Myogi IC
8 Myogi no Yado Yuraku Guest House	1185-3 Moroto, Myogi-machi, Tomioka City	0274-73-3792	10 min. by car from Matsuda-Myogi IC

