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North Course Circuit Course

1 Jakuchikyo Tourist Information Center

The Tourist Information Center at the entrance of Jakuchikyo Valley, an area known for the Goryu Waterfalls and the Jakuchi River. The Jakuchi River was chosen as one of the best 100 natural water sources in Japan. A lot of tourists visit here, especially during the beautiful autumn foliage season.

1039 Nishikimachi Usa, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-74-0776 8:00~17:00 From December 1 to March 31 Tourism, accommodation facilities, camping site management.



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3 Souzukyo Onsen (Hot spring) Nishiki Palace

A natural radon hot spring with water directly drawn from the hot spring source. Coffee made using hot spring water is popular as well. Day-service and overnight-stay plans with meals, hot spring bathing, and travel rest stops are available.

3213-2 Nishikimachi Fukagawa, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-73-0211 8:00~20:00 Open all year round. Accommodation, food, cafe, hot spring http://palace-hotel.jp/



Circuit Course

5 Aka Fureai Sato no Eki

You can try making soba noodles, konnyaku, and tofu, pounding mochi, and processing miso. Reservations are required one week in advance by phone.

1039 Miwamachi Aka, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-97-0010 9:00~17:00 Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays Lesson and exchange facility http://fureai-aka.com/



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7 Lake Plaza Yasaka

A tourism facility next to Lake Yasaka. There is a restaurant with a variety of meals on the menu and a wide selection of local specialty items is available. Also, you can enjoy leisure activities at the lake such as boat renting, etc.

10281-2 Miwamachi Yuritani, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-96-0569 8:30~17:30 Tuesdays Restaurant, cafe, souvenir shop, rest area http://www.sea.icn-tv.ne.jp/~yasakac/



Note that biking is not recommended due to traffic.

9 Mendokoro Kinmeiji

Popular for its Kurakake soba noodles, a local Kuga specialty. Udon noodles and onigiri rice balls are available as well. Located along Kinmeiji street with heavy traffic, so come by car.

1577-2 Kinmeiji, Iwakuni City 11:00~14:00 Sundays Soba noodles, onigiri rice balls, etc.



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11 Yuu Onsen (Hot spring)

A facility equipped with a hot spring (with an open air bath) popular for its curative properties, a sauna, and a bedrock bath. Enjoy a soothing hot spring and relax with meals and a rest area.

777 Yuumachi, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-63-0755 10:00~21:00 Tuesdays (Open on national holidays) Hot spring facility, restaurant http://onsen.yuukenzai.com/



What is a Sato no Eki?

At Sato no Eki, various types of information about the local area is available, from tourism to household living. They are operated by community residents. You may also use them as free rest spaces.

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2 Fukadanikyo Onsen (Hot spring) Seiryu no Sato

Located by the side of the Fukadani River, a limpid stream that is famous as a spot for "sawa" alpine climbing. Enjoy a relaxing hot bath and delicious local food. Cottage accommodation is available as well.

1075 Nishikimachi Usago, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-74-5100 10:00~20:00 (Opens at 9:00 on Sundays and national holidays), Restaurant is open 11:00~13:30 Wednesdays (Open on national holidays) Hot spring, accommodation, restaurant, food, parties http://www.go-rakan.jp/



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4 Nishiki Specialty Item station

Items handmade by locals, like wasabi pickled products, konnyaku, and sushi, are popular here. Also, there are plenty of seasonal products such as autumn matsutake mushrooms and various kinds of fruits.

Nishikimachi Hirose, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-72-3180 9:00~17:00 The second and the fourth Tuesday of each month Local product sale, tourism information



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6 Furusato Market

Specialty fresh vegetables and processed food made in Miwa are sold here. In the autumn, you will find the local specialty product, Ganne chestnuts. Also, you can enjoy delicious udon noodles and onigiri rice balls.

619-4 Miwamachi Shibukuma, Iwakuni City TEL 080-1942-5632 8:30~17:30 Mondays Agricultural Produce Market



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8 Hashi no Eki Kintaikyo Tenbo-Ichiba

Enjoy local food such as Iwakuni sushi and refreshments while looking out at the Kintaikyo Bridge. You can also get tourist information for the Kintaikyo Bridge area.

1-1-42 Iwakuni, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-43-3630 9:30~18:00 (Closes at 17:00 from September to March) Open all year round. General tourist center, restaurant http://www.tenboichiba.com/



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10 Marutamura

A facility popular for woodcraft workshops, barbecue, and lodge resting and overnight accommodations. Also, depending on the season, there are plenty of events such as shiitake mushroom planting lessons and moss ball making.

137-2 Shutomachi Youda, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-84-1213 9:00~17:00 The New Year holiday season and Wednesdays (Open every day in July and August) Accommodation, barbecue, woodcraft workshop http://yeforest.org/maruta/



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12 Shiokaze Park Minato Oasis Yuu

A facility that overlooks a beach popular among sea-goers in the summer. Enjoy the dining area, local specialty shops, and the Micro-Life Museum (a microorganism exhibit). This is a popular spot for numerous tourists all year round.

8500-6 Yuumachi, Iwakuni City TEL 0827-62-0155 9:30~18:00 (Closes at 18:30 in July and August and 17:30 from December to February) Tuesdays (the sales shop is open every day in July and August) General communication terminal http://shiokaze-kouen.net/



Recommended Areas to See

There are lots of areas to see in the four courses. Out of all great places, here are some highlighted areas you should check out. Get off your bike, relax, and enjoy yourself.



A. Fresh-flow Usa River

One of the best limpid streams in the western Japan. The proof of that is that the ayu caught in this river has won the grand prix twice at the national contest for ayu tasting. You should try ayu dishes, too.



C. Myojinbara Nagomi Park

This park is best visited during the cherry blossom season. Resting with cherry blossoms around you is out of this world. Of course, this park can be a very relaxing place in other seasons as well.



E. Cherry Tunnel

A line of cherry trees near Kintaikyo Bridge is popular as a "Cherry Tunnel". The refreshing feeling when cycling on this street is a completely unique experience.



G. Hiroshima Toyo Carp Yuu Practice Field

How about watching a professional baseball match while cycling? You can enter without any charge for a public Western League match. A parking fee of 800 yen applies when you come by car.



B. Fresh-flow Nishiki River

The Nishiki river presents a different scenic atmosphere for each area and season. Lower-water crossing (a bridge that sinks downward when the water rises) is one of them. Cycling at eye sight level close to the surface of the water is refreshing.



D. Lake Yasaka & Yasaka Dam

This dam is one of the best 100 dam lakes in Japan. Yasaka Ohashi Bridge is the longest artificial lake bridge in western Japan. There are a lot of leisure activities such as boat rental and park golf, as well as many places to eat.



F. Lake Nakayama & Nakayamagawa Dam

A calm dam lake where canoe competitions take place. Especially during the autumn leaf season, it is very colorful. Explore the area, enjoy the view, and feel the forest air.



H. Shiokaze Park

A multi-purpose facility with a beautiful sand beach, good meals, and a full bevy of conveniences including restrooms. Especially in the summer this park has the atmosphere of a southern island with a throng of beach-goers.

Iwakuni Cycling Map

Let's bike in Iwakuni!

Visiting Sato no Eki



Cycling Manners

- Form one line and ride on the left side of the road.
- On pedestrian sidewalks (where bikes can be ridden), yield for pedestrians and ride slowly.
- Follow the traffic lights and signs.
- You are required to perform two-stage right turns at the intersections.
- Step off the bike and walk with the bike when there is no bicycle crossing zone sign on crosswalks.
- Riding intoxicated is prohibited.
- Don't ride a bicycle while also doing other things.
 - Riding a bicycle while listening to music with earphones on, etc.
 - Riding a bicycle while operating a cell phone or a smartphone.
 - Riding a bicycle while using an umbrella.
- Wear a helmet.
- Use the headlight and taillight (or reflection material) inside a tunnel or when it gets dark outside.
- Do not ride at high speeds.

Cautionary Items

- Check with each Sato no Eki respectively for the climate circumstances for snow and ice on the road in the winter, etc. beforehand.
- Ride cautiously on narrow streets such as National Route 187.
- The information on this sheet is current as of January 2019.

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Sato no Eki with this symbol have a friend shop with the mont-bell. Members receive special complimentary services.

Iwakuni Circuit Course "Two Days Full of Fun in Iwakuni"

First Day

89 km

This is a course in which you depart from Kintaikyō Bridge, go through Shiokaze Park, go up north along the Nishiki River, and arrive at the Souzūkyō Onsen (hot spring). There are long up-hill stretches and other challenges along the way, so this course is for advanced cyclists. The course is very scenic with a beautiful seashore, the fresh-flow Nishiki River, and two lower-water crossing bridges (bridges that sink downwards when the water rises). A Onsen (hot spring) and a good meal end the first day of travel.

- Maximum elevation difference: 229m
- Average inclination: 3.5% uphill, 2.8% downhill

Legend

- Sato no Eki
- Restroom
- Vending machine
- Restaurant
- Viewpoint
- Onsen (Hot spring)
- Specialty item store
- Accommodation facility
- Activities, leisure
- Cycle Aid
- mont-bell friend shop
- Pass with care
- Uphill slope (8%~)
- Uphill slope (3~8%)
- Downhill slope (8%~)
- Downhill slope (3~8%)

Second Day

Depart from Souzūkyō Onsen (hot spring) and go up north to the Jakuchikyō Valley. After that, take a rest at the Fukadaniyō Onsen (hot spring), eat delicious soft served ice cream, go south to Hongo and Miwa, run along the border of Otake and Waki, and go back to Kintaikyō Bridge. Enjoy seeing the fresh-flow stream, taking in the forest air, and the lake view. Afterwards, reminisce over the trip with refreshments at the Hashi no Eki.

- Maximum elevation difference: 459m
- Average inclination: 4.2% uphill, 4.4% downhill

Cycle shop
Cycle shop Yamada/shuto (0827)84-0215

TAXI (0827)
Futaba Taxi/Kawanishi/Tsuzo 41-1111
Tsuzo Taxi/Tsuzo 38-0626
Yuu Taxi/Yuu 63-0321
Takamori Taxi/Shuto 84-0506
Kuga Station Konai Taxi 82-2311
Hirose Taxi/Nishiki 72-2529
Miwa Taxi/Miwa 96-0048

MAP 3
Aka Fureai Center, Unshouji Temple, Hayata Shrine

MAP 4
Oze River, Kauchi Shrine, Shingu Shrine, Elementary School remains

MAP 5
Oze Elementary School, Oze Post Office, Otake Post Office, Yoshida Shrine, Haiku inscription

MAP 6
Sekido, Confectionery Nishikarou, Chery Tunnel, Iwakuni Castle, Kintaikyō Bridge, Hashi no Eki Tenbo-ichiba

North course "Enjoy the fresh-flow stream"

53 km

Shimane Prefecture

Includes up-down hills, narrow streets, and scenic views of the fresh-flow stream.

- Maximum elevation difference: 395m
- Average inclination: 4.1% uphill, 4.1% downhill

This is a course in which you enjoy one of the best fresh-flow streams in the Chugoku region, "Usa River". It is an easy to ride course since there is not much traffic. In the winter you have to be cautious about the snow. After you depart from the Michi no Eki, you go up north along the Usa River. You go up the gentle upward slope for a while and when you get close to the Jakuchikyō Valley, you experience a rather hard upward slope. You roam through Jakuchikyō Valley and go back. After you eat at the Fukadaniyō Onsen (hot spring), you go through the old town area in Nishikicho at the end and enjoy tasting the home made specialty items at "Nishiki Specialty Item Station".

Elevation Graph

Central course "Enjoy cherry blossoms and lakes"

78 km

Hiroshima Prefecture

Includes up-down hills, narrow streets, and scenic views of cherry blossoms and lakes.

- Maximum elevation difference: 183m
- Average inclination: 4% uphill, 4% downhill

This course has two dam lakes and it is especially recommended to visit during the cherry blossom season. There are up-down hills on the way, but it is relatively smooth. When you start from near Kintaikyō Bridge, there is a "Cherry Tunnel". And, the area around the Ikimigawa Dam is a great spot since there are not many visitors. Myojinbara Nagomi Park is a famous cherry blossom spot and a great place to rest. After reaching the goal, you should enjoy some café time at the Hashi no Eki Tenbo-ichiba while enjoying the view of cherry blossoms at the Kintaikyō Bridge.

Elevation Graph

MAP 13
Nakayamagawa Dam, Shuto Meat Processing Center, Iwakuni Civil Engineering and Construction Office

MAP 12
Ikachi Elementary School, Ikachi Post Office

Enjoy the changing views of the ocean, country area, and lakes. This course is relatively smooth and refreshing. After you take off from Shiokaze Park at a beautiful beach, you go to the Yuu Onsen (hot spring) on the way and make your way to Yanai City Ikachi. Enjoy the pastoral countryside expanse. At Lake Nakayama, viewing the autumn leaves is highly recommended. You can enjoy woodcrafts and barbecue (reservations required) at the goal area "Marutamura". On the way back, you can circle around Lake Nakayama and enjoy the view. Afterwards, you can refresh yourself at Yuu Onsen (hot spring).

- Maximum elevation difference: 171m
- Average inclination: 3.1% uphill, 3.1% downhill

Elevation Graph

South course "Enjoy the ocean, country view, and lakes"

58 km

Shunan City

Includes scenic views of the ocean, country area, and lakes.

- Maximum elevation difference: 171m
- Average inclination: 3.1% uphill, 3.1% downhill

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