Nagara River

GIFU KAIZU Downstream Area



Five Rules for Safe Cycling

No. 1 Bicycles in general ride on the road, and only in special cases on the sidewalk

According to the Road Traffic Law, bicycles are light vehicles. Where there is differentiation between the pedestrian sidewalk and the road for cars, in general bicycles must use the road for cars. lowever, where there is signage indicating so, or when the person riding the bicycle is younger than 13 years old, 70 years old or older, has a physical disability or where the conditions or the road or traffic make it inescapable, bicycles may ride on the pedestrian sidewalk.

No. 2 Stay to the left of the road

When riding on the road for cars, ride on the left edge of the road.

No. 3 Give priority to pedestrians on the sidewalk, and bicycles must ride slowly on the side closest to the road

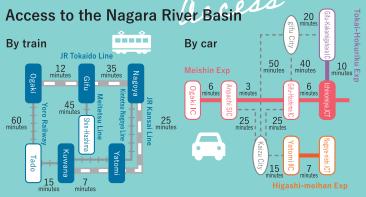
Bicycles may, as an exception travel on the pedestrian sidewalk in places designated by signage or in unavoidable cases such as where the road is exceptionally narrow. When travelling on the sidewalk, bicycles should travel slowly (at a speed where stopping immediately is possible) on the side closest to the road. You must not interfere with the walking of pedestrians. When dismounted from the bicycle and pushing it, you are treated as a pedestrian.

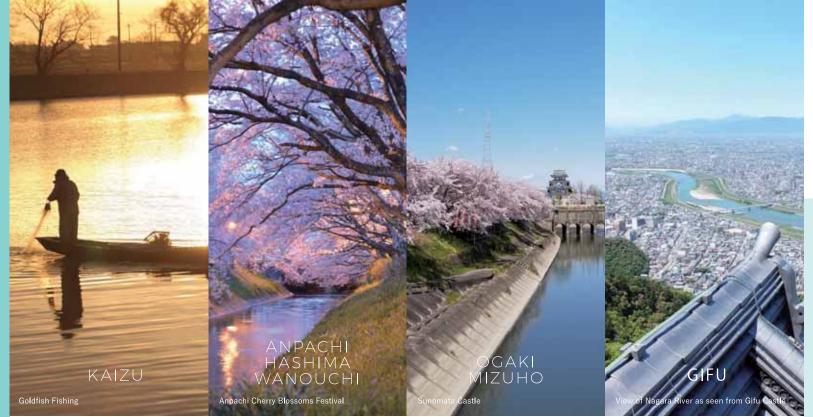
It is forbidden to cycle drunk or to have two people on the same bicycle. It is also forbidden for two or more biycycles to cycle side by side, other than in places where allowed by signage. Please also turn on your lights in tunnels and at night. When at an intersection without traffic lights. iake a temporary stop and check safety before proceeding

No. 6 Children wear helmets

A helmet is a very important item for protecting the head. In particular, guardians of children below 13 years of age or who are carrying infants or small children in a child seat should ensure that they wear a helmet when riding.







What are the special features of this route?

Gifu City

Price / From 300 yen per day

Hall is closed.)

Price / Free

Place / JR Station South Entrance, Main City

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Wanouchi Town

Place / Wanouchi Town Eco Dome (Procedures

done at the Town Hall Industry Division.

Procedures done on site when Town

Hall Building, Ukai Museum, Gifu

Media Cosmos, Nagara River Disaster

A gentle course going from residential areas to farming landscapes. Being an area surrounded by the confluence of different rivers, there are many river banks and waterways with an abundance of cherry blossom and hydrangea. You can also enjoy local cuisine, fostered by the abundant water of the area. Start from Gifu City, famous for ukai cormorant fishing, and cross through the area of Mizuho City alongside the main road (where bicycle parts are abundantly available) and head to Ogaki City's Sunomata Castle. While enjoying Anpachi Town, the water village, Wanouchi Town and then Hashima City (on the opposite side of the river), you can head to the Kiso Sansen National Government Park to rest your feet surrounded by flowers.

Travel to the mountain-top Gifu Castle by cable car. The castle was a base for both Oda Nobunaga and Saito Dosan. Enjoy a panoramic view of beautiful scenery from the Nagara River Cycling Model Route Downstream Section Total Length 40.5km viewpoint on the top. _____ Address: 18 Kinkazan Tenshukaku, Gifu City Open: 8:30 - 17:30 (March 16th - May 11th: 9:30 - 17:30, October 17th - March 15th: 9:30 - 16:30, New Years Day: 6:30 - 16:30) Closed: Never Price: Adults 200 yen & Children 100 yen MAP B-1

Address: 2-18-10omiyacho, Gifu City (Inside Gifu Park) Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (Entry until 16:30) Closed: Mondays (Or the next day if Monday is a holiday), days after holidays December 28th - January 3rd, Price: Senior High School Student or Older 310 yen, Junior High or Elementary School Student 150 yen MAP B-1

Clear Waters of the

Recommended places to stop by

during your cycling tour

1) Obeni-no-watashi,

2 Gifu Castle

Kagashima-kobo (Osshinji)

A boat across the Nagara River. If

space is available, bicycles can ride

too. The temple on the south bank

is lively on the 21st of every month.

Gifu City Museum of History

A museum located at the foot of Mt. Kinka

traditional crafts. You can learn while enjoying

covering the Warring Sates Period, which

eatures a life-size depiction of a market from

4 Gifu City Nagaragawa Disaster

Convenient base for cycling with

changing rooms, coin lockers and

and exercise space (requires indoor

shoes) for cooldowns also available.

5 'Minna no Mori'

Gifu Media Cosmos

Famous library with beautiful

architecture. Convenience stores and

relaxation spaces where eating and

for rental bicycles and as a place to

6 Takakuwa-hoshizakura

Yoshino cherry trees and 10 other

Address: Tsukasamachi, Gifu City TEL: 058-265-4101

Dpen: 9:00 - 20:00 (Library) – Člosed: Final Tuesday in each month 🛛 📭

(Next day if this day is a holiday, first Tuesday around New Years Holiday), December 31st - January 3rd. MAP B-1

drinking are allowed. Recommend

relax between cycling.

shower facilities (paid). Rental bicycles

Address: Soden North Bank, Gifu City TEL: 058-215-0605

Thursday is a holiday), December 29th - January 3rd

Open: 7:30 - 21:00 Closed: Thursday (Another day instead if

Prevention and Health Station

vourself in the general exhibition room wide

the age when Nobunaga ruled.

·Kagashima-kobo (Osshinji) Temple Address: 2-8-1 Kagashimanaka, Gifu City

peni-no-watashi Open: 8:00 - 17:00 (October - March: 16:30)

Closed: Mondays (Or the next weekday if Monday is a holiday or the 21st),

Dec. 29th - 31st, bad weather and high-water days, Price: Free MAP A-2

Rental Bicycles in Cities & Towns

distances, how about trying shorter distances with public bicycles first? (Limited number of bicycles available, Please consult official web pages for how-to-use.)

For those concerned about cycling long

Ogaki City Place / Sunomata Castle, Sunomata Cherry Blossom Hall, Ogaki Eki-mae Super Hotel, Yoro Railway Nish-ogaki Station etc (12 in total)

Place / Hashima Tourism Exchange Center Hashima Kouka East Parking Lot

Hashima City



Price / 300 yen per day



Station / Tado, Komano, Yoro, Nishi-Ogaki, Ibi, Ikeno and Hirogodo Station Price / Tado, Komano, Yoro, Ibi Station 100 yen per day. Nishi-Ogaki Station Free, etc.

types of cherry blossom can be enjoyed for about a month changing with time. The cherry blossom are white with a star-shape and are best viewed around mid-April.

Address: 5 Yanaizucho Takakuwa Sakai River Right Bank, Gifu City

Nagara River Cycling Spots

Sunomata Castle. Saigawa-Embankment (Cherry Blossoms, Cluster Amaryllis, Hydrangea)

A castle keep museum built on the remains of the "overnight" Sunomata Castle built by Toyotomi Hideyoshi. In the museum, drinks such as "Ogaki Ramune" are sold. The nearby river bank has lines of cherry blossom and hydrangea trees.

Address: 1742-1 Sunomatacho Sunomata, Ogaki City TEL: 0584-62-3322 Open: 9:00 - 17:00 (Entry until 16:30) Closed: Mondays, days after holidays (If a holiday, then the next weekday), Dec. 29th - Jan. 3rd Price: Adult 200 yen, under-18s free MAP A-3

8 Kojuji Temple (Weeping plum)

Every year, the "tsuribina small towr walking" event is held from late February to early March in temples and stores where many tsuribina are used to decorate. Admist that, the plum plossom within the grounds of th temple are particularly beautiful.

Address: 211 Sunomatacho Sunomata, Ogaki City TEL: 0584-62-5722 MAP A-3

9 Anpachi Hyakubaien The amount of variety stands out

nationally with over 100 varieties and 1,200 plum trees. They can be enjoyed for a long time from late January to late March in an average year, with the scene changing with time.

Address: 3208 Sotozenko, Anpachi Town TEL: 0584-64-7113 Open: Free entry Closed: Never Price: Free MAP A-4

10 Musubu Shrine

A shrine for one known as a god of romance, Oda Nobunaga famously visited to wish for success in battle. Charms with red threads and wishboards with heart-shaped cutouts are cute and popular.

Address: 584-1 Nishimusubu, Anpachi Town TEL: 0584-62-5414 MAP A-3

11 Life Learning Center "Heartopia Anpachi"

Many facilities including a library and planetarium are available making it a great point for a rest point midway through cycling. Natural water from 150m underground is available.

Address: 30 Koritori, Anpachi Town TEL: 0584-63-1515 Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (Varies by facility) Closed: Mondays, Dec. 29th - Jan. 3rd MAP A-3

12 Anpachi Onsen (Hot Springs)

Enjoy natural hot spring water in a facility run by Anpachi Town. Interior and exterior baths and relaxation spaces are available. Soap, etc. must be brought from home.

Address: 202 Nakasu, Anpachi Town TEL: 0584-64-b533
Open: 9:30 - 21:00 (Reception until 20:30) Closed: 1st and 15th of every
Closed day if Sunday and holiday), August 15th, 2nd Sunday in October,
MAP A-3

13 Hondo Embankment (Hydrangea, Cherry Blossoms)

A river bank with 6,000 hydrangea plants and cherry blossom trees over a 1km length. During the hydrangea season you can also enjoy the largest-scale rice paddy art in the Prefecture.

Address: Hondo Area Taisho Pond Area, Wanouchi Town MAP A-4

14 Itonukigawa River

(Hydrangea, Cherry Blossoms) Hydrangea and cherry blossom are the lowers of Mizuho City, with several famous spots. Hydrangeas bloom for over 1.5km of the Itonuki River, and drooping cherry blossoms can also be

seen in the nearby grounds. Address: Namazu (Hozumi-kita Junior High School area) until the convergence point with the Nagara River, Mizuho City MAP A-2 convergence point with the Nagara River, Mizuho City MAP A-2

15 Nakagawa Embankment (Forsythia)

Yellow forsythia plants bloom on the river bank over 1km in length where the Naka River meets the Nagara River. Best in March - April.

Address: Sofue Naka River, Mizuho City MAP A-3

16 Ichinoeda (Cosmos, Sunflower)

At Hashima City Purification Center North, 3 ha of fields are used, with sunflowers in late July and cosmos flower fields in late October. You can walk amongst them.

Address: 6 Shimonakacho Ichinoeda, Hashima City 🛮 Open: Depends 🔝 🙀 on flower blooming Price: Free MAP A-5

🌃 Takehana-betsuin Temple (Wisteria Flowers)

A 300 year-old wysteria flower is wrapped around and has become a natural symbol for the Prefecture. At its best in late April - early May. A festival is held on May 3rd.

Address: 2802 Takehanacho, Hashima City TEL: 058-322-2303 MAP A-4

💶 Oga-hasu (Lotus root)

Based on the area's history as a production center for renkon (lotus root), a lotus garden is operated by the City, which has recreated Jomon period varieties amongst others Best to view in July

Address: Kuwabaracho Maeno, Hashima City (Near Hashima Hot Springs East) Open: Flower blooming varies by year MAP A-5

19 Hashima Onsen (Hot Springs)

A natural hot spring facility operated by the City for elderly welfare. Known for helping with hip and joint pain as a salt-water hot spring. Soap, etc. must be brought from home.

Address: 1038-1 Kuwabaracho Umaminami, Hashima City TEL: 058-398-8868 Open: 10:30 - 20:50 Price: Hashima City TEL: 058-398-8868 Open: 10:30 - 20:50 Price: Hashima City
Resident 200 yen 65 Years or Older, or JHS Student or Younger 100
yen Non-resident 400 yen MAP 4-5 yen, Non-resident 400 yen MAP A-5

n Kiso Sansen National Government Park

Sakurazutsumi Sub Center Approximately 250 cherry blossom trees expand for over 2km between the Kiso and Nagara Rivers, (Along a path fo cyclists and pedestrians). At the cherry blossom bank sub center on the north side there are play areas and water play areas.

Address: Kuwabaracho Koyabu, Hashima City TEL: 0587-97-8722 (Wild Nature Plaza) Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (-18:00 in July & August, -16:30 in Dec. -February) Closed: 2nd Monday of the month (Next weekday if this is a holiday, 4th Monday in August, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st) Price: Free MAP A-6



21 Kiso Sansen National **Government Park**

Tulips in spring, illuminations in winte and the views from the viewing platform are popular. Inside the grounds is a restaurant where you can eat namazu fry.

Address: 255-3 Kaizucho Aburajima, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-54-5531 Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (Varies seasonally) Closed: 2nd Monday of the month (Next weekday if this is a holiday, no closures in April, August or December) Price: Free (Observation tower costs 630 yen for adults and 300 yen for ES/JHS students, with discounts for groups) MAP A-8

Roadside Station "Claire Hirata"

Farmers' morning vegetables are sold at a reasonable price. Sweets using the locally-famous yomogi and local desserts are available for takeaway great to eat by the river.

Address: 2357-2 Hiratacho Nodera, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-67-3988 Open: Store: 8:00 - 17:00 (8:00 - 18:00 from April to October), Restaurant: 8:00 - 17:00 Closed: Dec. 31st - Jan. 2nd, restaurant is closed on Tuesdays MAP A-5

23 Hirata Riverside Plaza

A green park spanning 2.3km next to the river. Pleasant pathes allow cycling through the forest. Families can also enjoy it, with a barbecue area and interesting rental bicycles for children.

Address: 2266-3 Hiratacho Nodera, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-66-4815 Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (-18:00 from April to October and -16:30 from October to February) Closed: 3rd Monday of the month (Next day if this is a holiday) and Dec. 31st -Jan. 1st (Interesting bicycle rentals available on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays). Price: Free (Interesting bicycle rentals require separate fee) MAP A-5

24 Nagaragawa-River Service Center

A base for enjoyment of various forms of exercise, including canoeing tennis and soccer, with training rooms and outside areas available Along the river a course for road cycling competitions is also available.

Address: 1202-2 Kaizucho Fukueiikakuvama, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-54-2075 Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (-18:00 in July & August -16:30 in Dec. - February) Closed: 2nd Monday of the month (Next weekday if this day is a holiday, 4th Monday in August, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st) Price: Free (Fees required for event participation) MAP A-8

🛂 Aqua World Suigo Park Center

A park, rich with greenery, facing a large pond. Enjoy the seasons her including spring dandelions and autumn foilage

Address: 566 Kaizucho Fukue, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-53-7200 Open: 9:30 - 17:00 (-18:00 in July & August, -16:30 in Dec. - February) Closed: 2nd Monday of the month (Next weekday if this day is a holiday, 4th Monday in August, Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st) Price: Free MAP A-7

26 Kaizu Onsen (Hot Springs)

A natural hot spring with lots of water and great quality. You can enjoy "box saunas" and "utasetsu bath" amongst others. There is a road bike station within the grounds

Address: 560-1 Kaizucho Fukue, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-54-5220 Open: 10:00 - 21:30 Closed: 10th of the month Price: Adult (12 or above) 580 yen (various discounts available) Child (3 - 11) 200 yen MAP A-7

27 Chiyoho Inari Shrine

Known locally as "ochobosan approximately 2 million visitors come to wish for luck in commerce and family safety throughout the year. You can also enjoy the approximately 120 stores lined up and buy food to eat while walking.

Address: 1980 Hiratacho Sango, Kaizu City TEL: 0584-66-2613 MAP A-5

Must-eats! Gourmet food of the Nagara River

waters, and the wisdom of making the most of that water. After sweating amidst the river winds, treat your body to the food of the Nagara River!

Renkon

(lotus root) Renkon has been grown in larg quantities in the fertile lands of Hashima City, making the most of the river, from long ago. The differen restaurants of the city use differen





Gourmet food around the Ochobosan area

The gourmet cuisine on the path to the Chiyohoinari Shrine offers a warm and nostalgic flavour. Freshly fried kushikatsu and dotekushi covered in sweet mi Many foods draw the eye, from sweets such as kusamochi, dango (dumplings) & daigaku imo to simmered river fish and pickles

Yomogi Dorayaki



Yomogi &

Kusamochi Much yomogi grows along the banks of the Nagara River and its tributaries. The natural yomogi c Kaizu City is famous and is used not only in traditional kusa-moch



River Fish Cuisine

The downstream area has had a tradition of eating delicious rive fish since long ago. Dishes such as moroko, funa & river shrimp often accompany rice. Long treasured as a source of protein in feasts, namazu is delicious as a main dish served as kabayaki or a fry.







