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Chichibu and Nagatoro offer various highlights over the seasons, from the moss pink (shibazakura) blooming in Hitsujiyama Park and river boating rides on the Arakawa River to miracle-working Mitsumine-jinja Shrine and the stirring, magnificent Chichibu Yomatsuri (Night Festival) in winter. Enjoy the attractions of each season by train, bus, and rental bicycle.





## 12 SL PALEO EXPRESS



### 1 Hitsujiyama Park

The park located on a hill overlooking the town. 400,000 or more moss pink plants in ten different varieties are in full bloom each year from mid-April to early May, creating a spectacular sight.

● 680 Onya, Chichibu City ☎0494-25-5209 (Tourism Division, Chichibu City) ▼Admission fee: ¥300 charged during moss pink season. Free for junior high school students or younger. Admission fee not required during other seasons. ☎10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Admission fee is charged to Shizukawa Hill / Open 365 days

### 2 Chichibu Geo Gravity Park

A park in the majestic Arakawa Canyon where you can enjoy high-adrenaline activities. Try some of the many activities offered for the first time in Japan!

● 730-4 Arakawagawaga, Chichibu City ☎050-5305-6176 ▼Activities from ¥3,000 ☎10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Last admission: 4:00 p.m.) / None scheduled

● 1868 Yokozaka, Yokozaka-machi ☎0494-25-0450 (Yokozaka-machi Boku-on Tourist Information Center) ☎Open to the public & free of charge

### 3 Terasaka-Tanada (Rice Terrace)

One of the largest rice terraces in the prefecture. Facing towards Mt. Buko, the foothill location is popular with camera enthusiasts in autumn for its unspoiled Japanese landscape when over 2 million spider lilies bloom on the paths between the rice fields and the rice grain gleam gold.

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### 4 Nagatoro River Boating

Cruise down the Nagatoro area of Arakawa River aboard a traditional Japanese boat. Splendid sceneries such as wadattani (successive layers of tataru-like rocks) and steep cliffs unfold before your eyes along the way. Shooting the rapids is thrilling.

● 489-2 Nagatoro, Nagatoro-machi (Nagatoro Line Kudan Main Office) ☎0494-66-0550 (Nagatoro Line Kudan Main Office) ☎Course A or B ¥1,800 ☎Around 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. / Closed from early Dec. to early Mar.

### 5 Komatsuzawa Leisure Farm

Enjoy seasonal tastes at the largest tourist farm in Chichibu. Visitors can enjoy grape-picking, trout-catching, shikake-picking, sweet potato-picking, and other activities in autumn.

● 1408 Yokozaka, Yokozaka-machi ☎0494-24-0412 ▼Free admission, all-you-can-eat grape-picking for 30 min. (¥1,500), all-you-can-eat Shine Muscat deal for 40 min. (¥2,800), shikake-picking (From ¥600 / 200g), etc. ☎10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Last admission: 3:00 p.m.) / None scheduled

### 6 Nagatoro Cherry Blossoms (Kizakura-dori, cherry blossom passage)

Nagatoro has been selected as one of the 100 best spots for cherry blossoms in Japan. Kizakura-dori road becomes a tunnel of cherry trees featuring 400 cherry trees stretching for about 2.5 km. "Toonike-no-sakura," a garden full of Yaezakura, is also beautiful. The best time to see it is mid-Apr.

● Nagatoro, Nagatoro-machi ☎0494-66-0307 (Nagatoro Town Tourist Information Center) ▼Kizakura-dori: Open to the public & free of charge. Toonike-no-sakura: Admission charged during peak times ☎Best time for viewing: Kizakura-dori, early Apr.; Toonike-no-sakura, mid-late Apr.

### 9 Chichibu Yumoto Boku Onsen (Hot Spring)

Hot spring facility for day visitors located at the foot of Mt. Buko. As well as the spacious open-air bath, visitors can relax soaking in the indoor carbonated spring bath with its fatigue-relieving and skin-beautifying effects.

● 4628-3 Yokozaka, Yokozaka-machi ☎0494-25-5151 ▼Weekdays: ¥700 (Adult), ¥400 (Child) Sat., Sun., & Hol.: ¥900 (Adult), ¥500 (Child) ☎10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. (for the time being due to COVID-19) / Open 365 days

### 10 Saitama Museum of Natural History

The museum exhibits materials related to nature in Saitama prefecture with a particular focus on the Chichibu area which is a treasure-house of plants and animals and is known as the birthplace of Japanese geology.

● 1417-1 Nagatoro, Nagatoro-machi ☎0494-66-0404 ▼Admission fee: ¥200, ¥100 (Student) ☎9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. "Closes at 5:00 p.m. (admission until 4:30 p.m.) in Jul. and Aug. / Closed on Mon. (Open on Hol., Substitute Hol., Golden Week, Jul. and Aug.)

### 11 Chichibu Meisenkan

Chichibu Meisen is a silk fabric that has been designated as one of Japan's traditional arts and crafts products. The hall has exhibits and materials about the history of the fabric industry, and provides many opportunities for visitors to use the looms and to experience the making and dyeing of Chichibu Meisen.

● 28-1 Kumaki-machi, Chichibu City ☎0494-21-2112 ▼Admission fee: ¥210 (Adult), ¥100 (Junior high and elementary school students) ☎8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. / Closed from Dec. 29-Jan. 3 for operating dates

### 12 SL PALEO EXPRESS

Take a ride on a good old steam locomotive, popularly known by the nickname "SL". The approximately 167m-long Arakawa Bridge between Kami-nagatoro Sta. and Oyahara Sta. is a must-see.

● 048-580-6363 (Transportation Division of Chichibu Railway) ▼Regular passenger ticket + steam locomotive reserved seat ¥740 (same price for adults and children) ☎1 service/day between Kunigaya to Mitsumineguchi mainly during Sat. and Hol.; Confirmation required for operating dates



## Shrine

★--Address ☎--Tel. ☎--Fee/Price ☎--Hours

### Rent a bicycle Cychutto Chichibu

A cycle station in the Chichibu area. Visitors can also enjoy going round the 34 pilgrimage sites in Chichibu by bicycle.

● Various locations within Chichibu City ☎0494-26-6280 (Chichibu Area Tourism Organization) ▼Short-time rental (within one hour) from ¥300 ☎9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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