

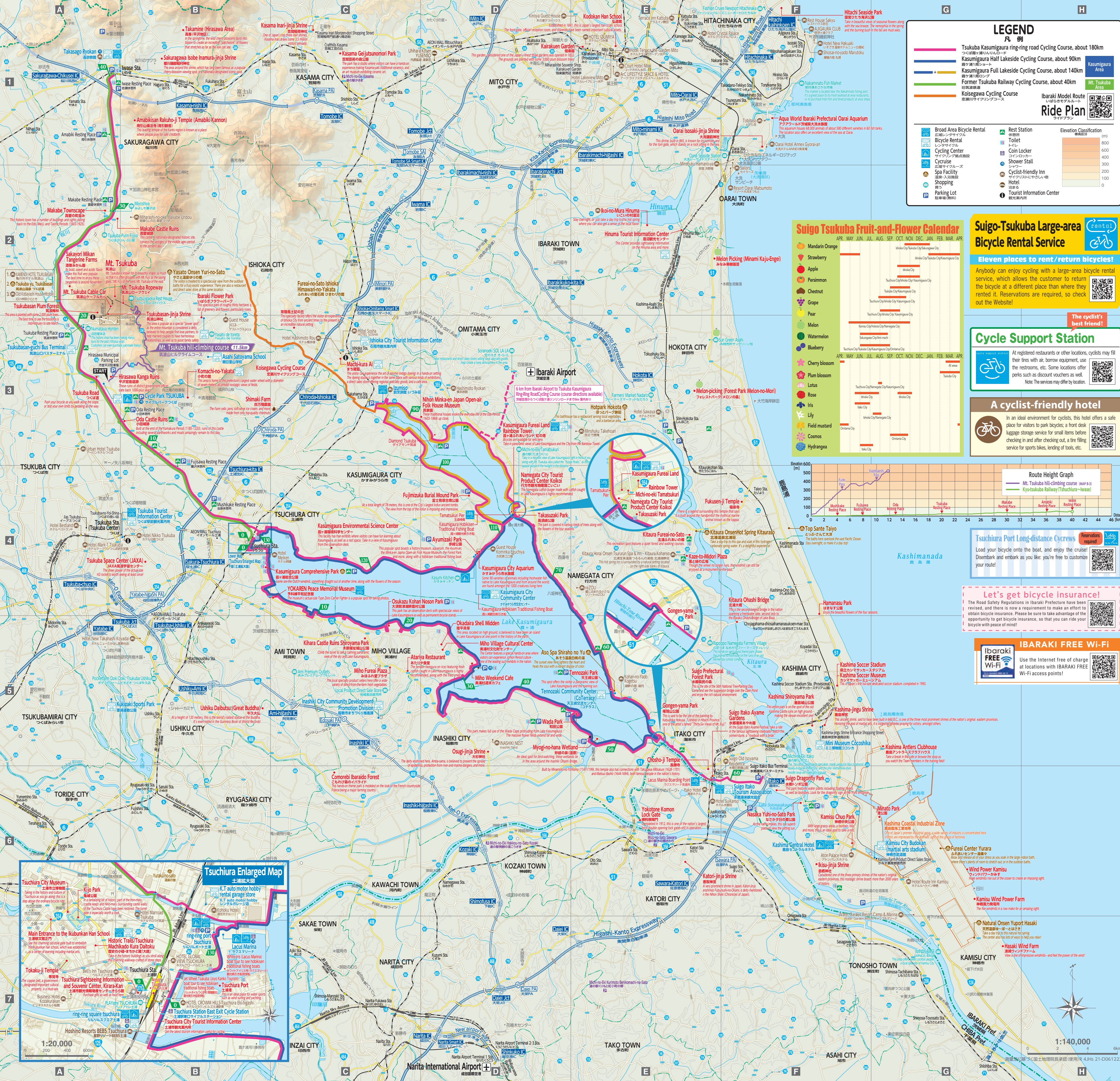
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ring-ring road  
ibaraki japan



This cycling road offers something for cycling enthusiasts of every style!

The map illustrates the Tama River's path through the Tokyo subway area. The river is shown in blue, flowing from the north (top) towards the south (bottom). Key districts shown include Musashino, Tohchoji, Ibaraki, Maebashi, and Tokyo. The Tama River is labeled 'Tama River' and 'Tama River (Tama River)'. The map also shows the Tama River's course through the districts, with labels for 'Tama River' and 'Tama River (Tama River)'. The map includes a scale bar for 20km and a compass rose indicating North (N).




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## Signal

For automobiles and bicycles	For pedestrians	Color	Meaning
		Green	Proceed
		Yellow	Stop
		Red	Stop

You will notice numerous signs along the road. Follow the rules as noted on the signs for a safe cycling experience.

Do Not Enter		<b>Road closed to vehicles</b> Road closed to automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles
		<b>Vehicles prohibited</b> No automobiles, motorcycles or bicycles beyond this point.
		<b>Road closed to bicycles</b> The road is closed to bicycles.

**Slow down**  
Automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles:  
drive slowly from this point onward.

**One-way**  
Automobiles, motorcycles and bicycles may proceed only as directed.

**Road open to pedestrians and bicycles only**  
Bicycles and pedestrians only.

**Bicycle-exclusive road**  
Indicates road is exclusively for bicycles.

 **Cycle crossing zone**  
Indicates bicycle crossing lane.

	Keep left	Pedestrian property
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Single file	Drinking and driving is prohibited	Do not ride double
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Do not use headphones or

	talk on the phone while riding		an umbrella



Put your lights on promptly at dusk



At intersections, obey traffic lights, stop, and check for safety.

1 When crossing an intersection, use the bicycle crossing lane if one is available.

For accidents or injuries dial	119
For incidents including theft dial	110







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# Tsukuba Kasumigaura ring ring road Cycling Course Overview

## Basic Course

Tsukuba Kasumigaura ring ring road is an extensive cycling course stretching approximately 180 kilometers along the old Tsukuba railway line and the coastal roads of Kasumigaura. Cyclists are treated to the area's magnificent nature, scenic views, historic and cultural ruins, and much more.

Key Icons

Parking lot

Toilet

Coin-operated lockers

Showers

Hot springs / bathing facilities

Restaurants

Address

Opening hours

Closed

Cost

Mt. Tsukuba Area

This course runs along the old Tsukuba railway line, offering grand views of the peaks of Mt. Tsukuba. The majority of the route is geared toward bicycles and pedestrians. Designed for all cyclists including beginners, the course also features a number of rest areas using the remnants of old station buildings. There is also the Tsukuba hilly course along the railway line—making the experience incredibly rich-and-varied! It should be noted that cycling in springtime amongst the cherry trees is a truly magical experience.

### Mt. Tsukuba area recommended sightseeing spots

#### Cherry blossom viewing spots along the Cycling Road

Visitors can enjoy the double pleasure of viewing cherry trees while biking along the Cycling Road, as well as the sight of the special cherry trees of Sakuragawa City, which have been named natural national treasures.

#### Makabe townscape

Located near the Makabe rest area, the look and layout of this area—populated with historic buildings and structures including warehouses and gates—has remained largely unchanged since the Edo Period (1603–1867). There are also old-fashioned Japanese-style confectionaries and restaurants, making this a combination of nostalgic townscapes and delicious food!

911 Iitsuka, Makabe-cho, Sakuragawa

#### Ibaraki Flower Park

The Ibaraki Flower Park was established in 1985 and was renovated in April 2021. It reopened under the concept of not being only a visual experience, but being an experience where one can enjoy the scenic beauty of this spot using all five senses. The park features 900 types of roses and a wide range of flowers from each season. There are also a variety of activities that take advantage of the rich natural environment of the land, meals featuring ingredients from the local Yasato area.

200 Shimo-Aoyagi, Ishioka 9:00–17:00 (January to February: 9:00–16:00)\*Park hours differ depending on the season. Tuesdays (the next weekday where a national holiday falls on a Tuesday), December 31–January 3 (Regular Season) Adults: ¥900, Children: ¥300, Pre-school-age children: admission free, Pets: ¥200 (Rose Season) Adults: ¥1200–¥1500, Children: ¥400–¥500, Pre-school children: admission free, Pets: ¥200 \*Pets refers to all accompanying animals

#### Mt. Tsukuba

Mt. Tsukuba, regarded as a symbol of Ibaraki Prefecture, is known for its twin peaks, called the "male" (Nantai, 871 meters) and "female" (Nyotai, 877 meters). Visitors are treated in early spring to the plum blossoms, and to the colored leaves in the fall—and at all times to the spectacular view of the Kanto Plain from the summit accessible by ropeway and cable car. The hotel at Mt. Tsukuba Hot Springs offers different types of hot springs as well as baths with breathtaking outdoor views.

**Mt. Tsukuba Ropeway** 9:20–16:40 (depends on the day of week and the season) Open daily year-round One-way: ¥750, Child one-way: ¥380, Round-trip: ¥1300, Child round-trip: ¥650

**Mt. Tsukuba Cable Car** 9:20–16:40 (depends on the day of week and season) Open daily year-round One-way: ¥500, Child one-way: ¥300, Round-trip: ¥1070, Child round-trip: ¥540

A cyclist-friendly hotel

Hotel Sosha  
1-10-11 Fuchu, Ishioka

Hotel Hashimoto Rou  
2-1-29 Fuchu, Ishioka

Guest House Kojima  
392-1 Kayunou, Ishioka

Hotel Mark-1 Tsukuba  
13-5 Kenkyugakuen, Tsukuba

Hotel Bestland  
5-8-4 Kenkyugakuen, Tsukuba

Old Kobayashi House Hitotoki  
937 Tsukuba, Tsukuba

KAMENOI HOTEL TSUKUBASAN  
1050-1 Tsukuba, Tsukuba

Hotel Nikko Tsukuba  
1-1364-1 Azuma, Tsukuba

Urban Hotel Tsukuba  
2-1-2 Tsukuhou, Tsukuba

Takasago Ryokan  
74 Iwase, Sakuragawa

Miharashi-no-oka Makabe Uribou  
1074-26 Makabecho-sakurai, Sakuragawa

Kasumigaura Area

This cycling course stretches primarily along Lake Kasumigaura, which is the second biggest lake in Japan. Have fun cycling as you take in the blue skies and sparkling lakewaters. On a clear day, visitors can take in views of Mt. Tsukuba and the Ushiku Daibutsu (Great Buddha) from the opposite coast. There are also plenty of spots to view the sunset along the route, and lots of great local food as well.

Note: Because the distance is relatively long compared to the Mt. Tsukuba area, and there are fewer rest spots over some stretches, it is important to appropriately prepare and plan ahead of time.

### Recommended sightseeing spots in the Kasumigaura area

#### Ushiku Daibutsu (Great Buddha)

At 120 meters, this is one of the world's tallest bronze statue, the Guinness Book of world record holder. Inside of it, an elevator takes visitors up to 85 meters off the ground. And you can enjoy seasonal flowers in the nearby gardens. There is a special light show and fireworks display in summer and on the last day of the year.

2083 Kuno-cho, Ushiku March to September: 9:30–17:00 (Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: 9:30–17:30) / October to February: 9:30–16:30 Open daily year-round ¥800 (Children: ¥400) / Children 3 and under: admission free

#### Diamond Tsukuba

The "Diamond Tsukuba" sunset view happens when the sun goes down between the mountain's double peaks to create a magical scene on the surface of Lake Kasumigaura. Diamond Tsukuba can be seen twice a year, in mid-May and Mid-July.

Kasumigaura Lakeside, Omitama City (located near Shimo-Tamari) Twice annually in mid-May and mid-July, around 1800

#### Kashima-jingu Shrine

As the Headquarters of Kashima-jinja Shrine, which oversees about 600 shrines around the nation, this place is considered a power spot boasting a magnificent nostalgic atmosphere as well as the weight of history. There are many interesting places to see here, including the brilliant vermilion-painted two-story gate; striking decorations in the main building; the Mitarashi pond from which pure, clear water constantly flows; and the very photo-worthy Ichi-no-torii Gate—one of the largest such gates standing in the water in the nation.

2306-1 Kyuchu, Kashima

#### Suigo Itako Ayame Gardens

Approximately one million bulbs in 500 different varieties of iris—white, purple, and yellow—burst into bloom in season. During the annual Suigo-Itako Ayame Festival, which goes from late May–late June, numerous traditional events are also held including the yomeiri-bune "rowboat with a bride" and excursion rowboats.

1-5 Ayame, Itako 24 hours Open daily year round Admission free

A cyclist-friendly hotel

Hotel Meiken  
1-11-2 Komatsu, Tsuchiura

Bell's Inn Tsuchiura  
5-5 Yamato-cho, Tsuchiura

Hotel Marroad Tsukuba  
2-24 Johoku-machi, Tsuchiura

Kohoku Hotel  
1-1-8 Kohoku, Tsuchiura

Business Hotel Kozakurakan  
4-5-1 Sakura-machi, Tsuchiura

HOTEL GLOBAL VIEW TSUCHIURA  
1-4-26 Minato-machi, Tsuchiura

HOTEL CROWN HILLS Tsuchiura Eki-higashi  
1-5-5 Minato-machi, Tsuchiura

Hoshino Resorts BEB'S Tsuchiura  
PLAY atré Tsuchiura 3F, 1-30 Ariake-cho, Tsuchiura

Izumiso  
735 Takahama, Ishioka

Hotel New Takahashi Koyadai  
3-18-5, Koyadai, Tsukuba

Hotel Suikanso  
1-8-7 Ayame, Itako

Itako Hotel  
1-10-7 Ayame, Itako

Suigo Old Isoyama Residence  
591 Itako, Itako

Guest House Kominka Eguchiya  
895-1 Saka, Kasumigaura

Hotel Route Inn Kamisu  
1306-15 Shitte, Kamisu

Water Garden Resort Camp & Marina  
183-3 Nikkawa, Kamisu

Aton Palace Hotel  
1-12-1 Onohara, Kamisu

Kitaura Horai Onsen Tsururum Spa & Inn Kitaura Kohanso  
969 Yamada, Namegata

Guesthouse fU96  
131-1 Fujii, Namegata

Kohan-no-Yado Kogetsu  
194 Aso, Namegata

reZOU  
96-1 Hujii, Namegata

Minpaku Takehoan  
931-94 Serizawa, Namegata

Hotel Sawaya  
1583-2 Hokota, Hokota

Ikoi-no-Mura Hinuma  
3604 Minowa, Hokota

Hashimoto Ryokan  
Nakanobe, Omitama

INASHIKI NEST  
480 Shishika, Inashiki

Whole Area of the Tsukuba Kasumigaura ring ring road

On this route, cyclists can view both Kasumigaura and Mt. Tsukuba Take in the massive scale of the Kanto Plain, with its lakes and satoyama (traditional community-managed forest) landscapes.

### Take a little jaunt Recommended Area Sightseeing Spots

#### Hitachi Seaside Park

This spot is now famous, through SNS and other means, as one of the "breathtaking sights in the world that you want to see before you die." At Miharashi-no-oka inside the park, the blue nemophila ("baby blue eyes") bloom from mid-April through early May. In October, the burning bush creates a gorgeous red blanket over the area. It's a must-see! There is also a cycling road inside the park, where visitors can take their own bicycle or a rental.

605-4 Aza Onuma, Mawatari, Hitachinaka 9:30–17:00 (subject to change depending on the season) Depends on the month 15 years old and over: ¥450/65 years old and over: ¥210/15 years old and under: admission free (subject to change depending on the season)

#### Oarai Isosaki-jinja Shrine

This ancient shrine, built during the Heian Period (794–1185), is situated atop a hill facing the Pacific Ocean. The Kamiiso-no-Torii gate, the place where the deity of this shrine is believed to have descended, is popular as a photo opportunity spot at sunrise as well as on moonlit nights.

6890 Isohama-cho, Oarai-machi Open daily year-round

#### Aqua World Ibaraki Prefectural Oarai Aquarium

The aquarium has more different kinds of sharks than any other aquarium in Japan, as well as approximately 68,000 specimens of 580 different varieties of sea life including sunfish and penguin. In addition to exhibits such as a large tank housing approximately 20,000 fish belonging to 80 different varieties, the aquarium also holds live events featuring dolphins, sea lions, and much more.

8252-3 Isohama-cho, Oarai-machi 9:00–17:00 Open daily year round (closed on certain days in June and December) Adults: ¥2300 / Elementary and junior high school students: ¥1100 / Toddlers: ¥400 / Children 2 and under: admission free

## Direct Access from Tsuchiura Station! Check Out the Tsukuba Kasumigaura ring ring road Cycling Center ring-ring square tsuchiura

#### ring-ring square tsuchiura

PLAYatré TSUCHIURA, 1-30 Ariake-cho, Tsuchiura 10:00–20:00

Inquiries about Facilities 029-835-3000 10:00–18:00 (weekdays only)

Inquiries on bicycles available for rent at ring-ring square tsuchiura Cycle Spot Le Cyc Tsuchiura location 10:00–20:00 (Open daily Year round)

#### Ring! RING! RENTAL CYCLE

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1-11 Bike rental/return locations

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#### Kairakuen Garden

Considered one of Japan's three finest gardens, approximately 3,000 trees of about 100 different varieties make this a famous site for plum blossoms. Every year during the plum blossom period from late February to March, a large number of events are held including the open-air tea ceremony and plum wine festival.

1251 Migawa, Mito 6:00–19:00 (October 1st to mid-February: 7:00–18:00) Open daily year-round

A cyclist-friendly hotel

HOTEL IZUMIYA  
2-4-26 Tokwa-cho, Mito

Kinoya Guest House  
4-1-63 Kamimito, Mito

ArCLIFESTYLE SPACE & HOTEL  
2-5-28 Jyonan, Mito

Court Hotel Mito  
2-8-22 Jonan, Mito

Hotel Lakeview Mito  
6-1 Miyamachi, Mito

Hotel Terrace the Garden Mito  
7-20 Miyamachi, Mito

Hotel Crystal Palace  
22-1 Odaira, Hitachinaka

Shiosai-no-yado Marutoku  
318 Isozaki-cho, Hitachinaka

Hotel New Hakuaki  
4604 Isozaki-cho, Hitachinaka

Terrace Inn Katsuta  
1-3 Katsuta-cho, Hitachinaka

Rest House Sakyu  
2228-2 Ajigaura-cho, Hitachinaka

AJIGAURA CLUB  
Ajigaura-cho, Hitachinaka

Resort Oarai Matsumoto  
54-83 Onuki-cho, Oarai-machi

Minshuku Hamano-ya  
78 Onuki-cho, Oarai-machi

Sailors  
163-6 Onuki-cho, Oarai-machi

Oarai Hotel Annex Gyorai-an  
6885 Isohama-cho, Oarai-machi

Tobitaso  
8226-6 Isohama-cho, Oarai-machi

Uihara Kosen YUSENSO  
1105 Miyu-cho, Mito