

TOME CITY

MIYAGI



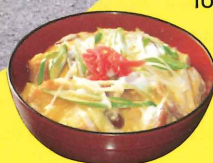
Slip into a different time period!



Enjoy the seasonal vistas



Savour the wonderful local foods



Naganuma Futopia Park

A park on the edge of Naganuma lake, marked by a Dutch windmill named the Hakucho (swan). The park has a long roller slide and a flower garden to entertain families.



Izunuma/Uchinuma (Ramsar Convention registered wetlands)

Izunuma and Uchinuma are internationally important destinations for migrating birds, and in winter, you can see many birds staying here, from swans to geese.



1. Yonekawa Mizukaburi (first Horse day of February on the old Japanese calendar)/ Wearing hats and braided ropes made of straw, with soot and ink on their faces, these men act as messengers of the gods. They run through town and splash water from pre-prepared buckets onto the roofs of houses to ward off fire. This is both a nationally designated important national intangible folk cultural property, and a UNESCO-registered intangible cultural property. **2. The Shotaro Ishinomori Memorial Museum/** A display of the works and personal effects of the famous manga artist Shotaro Ishinomori, responsible for many influential works such as Cyborg 009 and Kamen Rider. **3. Woodworks/** Located downstream of the great Kitakami river, Tome City is known as a collection point of lumber and base point for ships. Here you can see many original woodworks, primarily furniture made from Tsuyama cedar, in a beautiful fletching pattern. **4. Views of farmland/** Enjoy a beautiful view of the rice paddies that changes with each season. Rice growing has an old history here, producing the most rice in Miyagi prefecture.

5. Ishikoshi Sake Brewery/ A brewery representing Tome City, brewing with medium hardness water from its own well, and high-quality rice, perfectly suited for making sake. **6. Fresh eel/** The popular eel rice boxes, made with eel caught from the Kitakami River in front of you, can be eaten in eel stores along the river banks. The fish's meat has a dense, but fluffy taste to it. **7. Tome Beef/** Much care is taken every day to grow each cow and produce delicious beef, such as feeding them mochi rice and ground charcoal daily. **8. Environmentally friendly rice/** The environmentally friendly brand of rice that first began in Tome. This rice is grown with reduced pesticides and artificial fertiliser, to reduce strain on the environment.

Begin the journey to enrich your heart.



Turn back the clock, to Miyagi's Meiji village Educational Material Hall (Nationally designated important cultural property)

A building representing the western school-building style of the time. Made of pure wood in two storeys with long corridors, it conjures up nostalgic feelings of old-fashioned western construction.



Education Museum/Replica classroom. It's hard to see this in person without stopping and imagining the voices of teachers and students.

Let your heart fill with nostalgia, as if time has turned back.

Tome City is formerly the castle city belonging to the Tome-Date clan, one of the families of the old Sendai Date clan. The area around Tome is filled with Meiji era constructions, and is known as **Miyagi's Meiji village**. Tour the streets and take in the air of the Meiji days. The **Education Museum** was created as a primary-and-high-school in 1888 (Meiji 21). Step into the white balconies of its blended western-Japanese construction, and see its old-fashioned space spread out before you. Two minutes from here will take you to the **Mizusawa Prefectural Office Memorial**, built in 1871 (Meiji 4). This is a very important building representing the construction of prefectural offices of the time, where you can reach out and touch history directly.

Within walking range from it, you can find the fashionable construction of the **Police Museum**, as well as the **Tome Kaikokan** (moved and rebuilt according to architect Kengo Sumi's designs in Sept 2019), which houses many artifacts of the Date family.

At the **Mori Butai Noh Theatre and Museum**, built to showcase the Toyoma-Noh style passed down since the Edo era (17th century), you can see the origins of Noh theatre on display. Finally, one place you should be sure to visit is the **Katsuko Takakura Art Gallery Sakura Avenue**. Here you can enjoy Japanese and watercolour paintings depicting traditional farming villages. The six facilities can also be entered with a shared ticket between them.



Police Museum



Tome Kaikokan



Toyoma-noh

One place you should try to visit is the **Temple Cafe Muso-an**. Built within the Yanaizu-kokuzoson temple complex (which is considered a spot of mystical power), you can relax here while overlooking the temple gardens.

The **Byodo-numa Fureai Park** is perfect for enjoying cherry blossoms in spring. Many tourists visit for this in april, lending much life to the area. In autumn you can also enjoy the coloured autumn leaves as well. Meanwhile, in the Tome Fureai Forest, you can enjoy a sort of 'forest therapy' effect from exploring the woods. Let the forest soothe and refresh your body and heart.



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1 Byodo-numa Fureai Park/ The Fureai Bridge constructed across the middle of the wetland is 188 metres long. From it, you can overlook every cherry blossom in the wetlands. During the night, lights are lit up amid the trees, giving them a fantastical appearance. **2 Temple Cafe Muso-an/** A comfortable space where you can feel nature all around you. Offers ritually purified soba noodles, and parfaits made with Aburafu (a sort of fried gluten dish). **3 Toyoma Forest Park forest therapy/** The first forest certified as a forest therapy base in Miyagi prefecture. Explore the Therapeutic Road and bask in the forest therapy experience.

A taste you could only find locally Local dishes

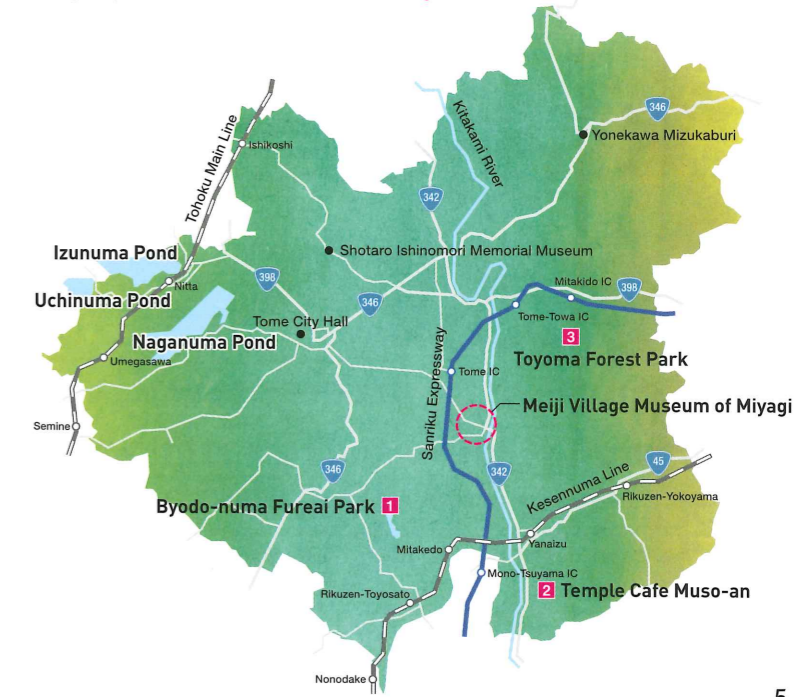


Hatto
Famous for its delicious noodles. Put it in the soy sauce-based soup, or wrap it up in sweet green or red bean paste.

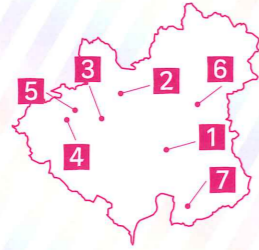


Aburafu Bowl
Sauce-soaked aburafu, onion and soft-cooked egg combine with Tome rice to make a wonderful taste that warms you from the inside out.

Aburafu is made from fermented gluten paste, which is turned into sticks and fried in vegetable oil.



Model course

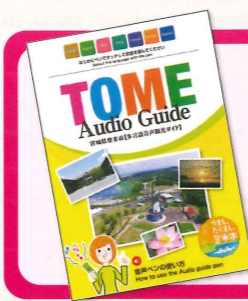


- 1** **Museum** **Meiji Village Museum of Miyagi**
 Filled with fashionable western-style construction and old-fashioned shop-houses to this day, the look of the town has caused it to be named the Miyagi Meiji Village.
 20 minutes by car
- 2** **Memorial Museum** **Shotaro Ishinomori Memorial Museum**
 A museum for the manga artist Shotaro Ishinomori, famous for works such as Kamen Rider. With video theatres and libraries, this facility has much to offer even for non-fans.
 15 minutes by car
- 3** **Lunch** **Restaurant Wakazushi**
 Eat Sendai beef sushi, roast beef bowls and more in Tome City, the home of Sendai beef.
 10 minutes by car
- 4** **Park** **Naganuma Futopia Park**
 Ride the impressive 111 metre roller slide from the hill with the Dutch windmill! Filled with athletic attractions as well.
 2 minutes by car
- 5** **Hot springs** **Naganuma Onsen Venus-no-Yu**
 A day trip bathing facility at the edge of Naganuma. From the bath, you can enjoy a view of Naganuma in all four seasons.
 30 minutes by car
- 6** **Souvenirs** **Roadside station Mitaki Hall**
 Here you can buy souvenirs, fresh vegetables and farm produce from Tome city. There's also a restaurant.
 25 minutes by car
- 7** **Cafe** **Temple Cafe Muso-an**
 Built within the Yanaizu-kokuzon temple complex, you can relax in this cafe while overlooking the temple gardens.

One touch from the stylus will give you an explanation!

Convenient for walking about town Multilingual voiced tourism guide

It handles Japanese, but also English, Chinese, Korean, French, German and Spanish, delivers guidance through earphones, and can be controlled by just touching the dedicated pamphlet with a stylus.



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Event information

Late April



Tohoku Marathon And Festival (Held simultaneously) Tome Food Festival

Miyagi Prefecture's first full marathon, where you run in between eating special dishes from around various parts of Tohoku and drinking pure water meant for brewing sake.

Location: Main Area/Naganuma Futopia Park Contact: Tome City Tourism And Produce Association TEL: 0220-52-4648

Late April to early May

Yoneyama Tulip Festival

100,000 blossoms across 60 varieties bloom across a 100 hectare field.

Location: Roadside Station Yoneyama (Furusato Centre Y.Y) West Side Contact: Roadside Station Yoneyama (Furusato Centre Y.Y) TEL: 0220-55-2747

Late July to August 31

Izunuma/Uchinuma - Naganuma Lotus Festival

Ride a small barge to see the lotus blossoms that fill the lake from close up.

(Izunuma/Uchinuma) Location: Wakayanagi Area: Tome City Izunuma/Uchinuma Sanctuary Centre Vicinity Contact: Tome City Commerce and Tourism Department TEL: 0220-34-2734

(Naganuma) Location: Naganuma/Hyoro-yama Park Contact: Tome City Tourism and Produce Association TEL: 0220-52-4648

Early August

YOSAKOI and Neputa in Toyosato

The best part of the Yosakoi dance is in the 'mai', the traditional whirling, lively movements of the dance. A team from both in and outside the prefecture will showcase their 'mai' to awe the crowd.

Location: JR Rikuzen-Toyosato Station Street Contact: Tome City Hall Toyosato Collective Branch TEL: 0225-76-4111

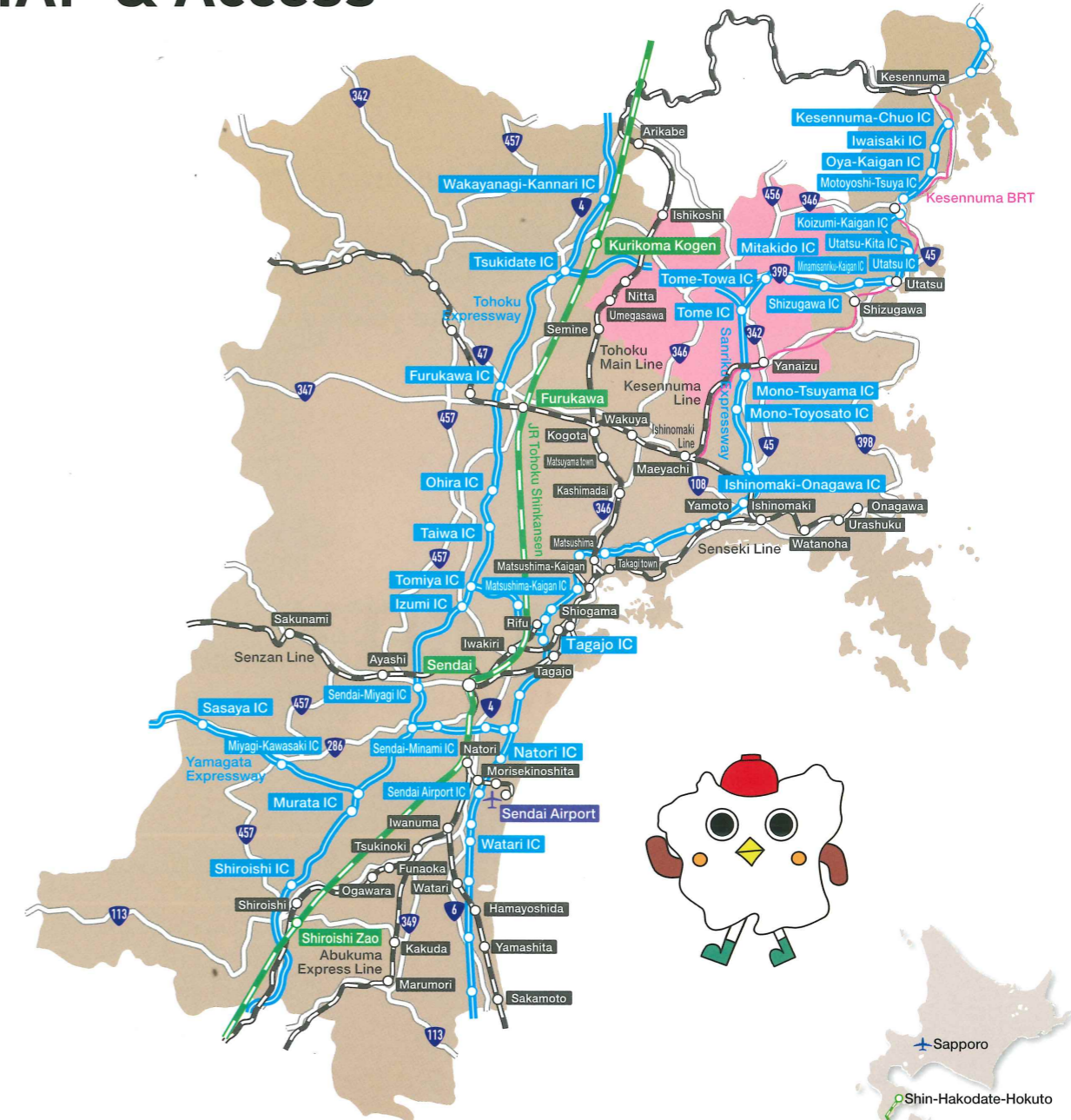
Early December

Japan #1 Hatto Festival

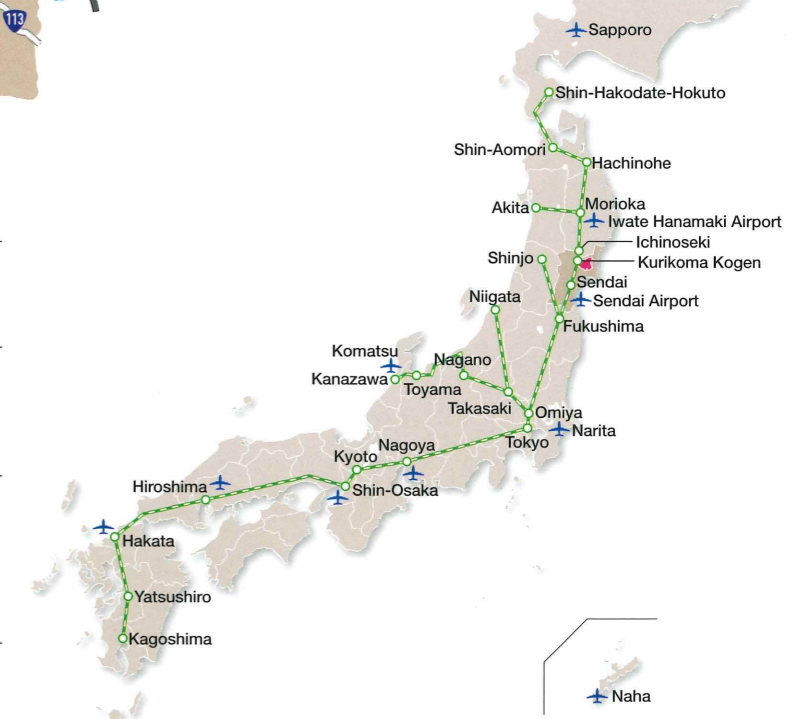
The 'hatto' is Tome's local dish. Here you'll see over 30 varieties, from classics to sweet versions.

Location: Nakae Central Park Contact: Tome City Tourism and Produce Association TEL: 0220-52-4648

MAP & Access



Mode	From	Approximate Time	To
JR Tohoku Shinkansen	Tokyo	About 2 hrs	Tome
	Sendai	About 25 min	Tome
Tohoku Main Line	Sendai	About 1 hr 15 min	Tome
	Sendai	About 1 hr	Tome
Highway Bus	Sendai	About 1 hr 40 min	Tome City Hall
	Sendai	About 1 hr 40 min	Toyoma General Branch Office
Tohoku Expressway	Kawaguchi	About 4 hr	Tome IC
	Sendai-Miyagi IC	About 1 hr	Tome IC
	Wakayanagi-Kannari IC	About 25 min	Tome IC
Airplane	Chubu Centrair International, Komatsu, Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Naha Airport	About 1 hr - 2 hr 35 min	Sendai Airport



The flow of time has made a rich culture and history here,
and its many produces come from earth bathed in pure water.

Your time here will soothe your heart.

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Summer in Naganuma.

When summer comes, lotus blooms cover the surface of the lake, creating a paradisaical world in Naganuma. Riding a barge through the blossoms is the defining view of summer. In August, you can also look forward to the Naganuma lotus festival.