

Nationally designated historic site.

Fukuyama Castle Ruins | MAP >> F-8 |

This castle is famous for being the main stage for the "Battle of Fukuyama", as recorded in "Taiheiki (Chronicle of Medieval Japan)". This battle was a preliminary skirmish to the "Battle of Minatogawa" where Kusunoki Masashige was killed. 3rd year of Kenmu (1336), Ashikaga Takauji rebelled against Emperor Godaigo's "Kenmu no Shinsei (Kenmu Restoration)". Even though Ashikaga Takauji lost his battle in Kyoto, his army regained strength and returned to Kyoto from land and sea. On the Emperor's side, Oida Ujitsune, a military commander under the flag of Nitta Yoshisada barricaded in Fukuyama-jo castle. Ashikaga Tadayoshi (brother to Takauji) was leading a large army consisting tens of thousands of soldiers through the Sanyodo road. Oida Ujitsune met this enemy force with merely 1,500 soldiers. Fierce battle lasted for three days and three nights. The battle ended when Oida Ujitsune was defeated at the Bizenmitsushijo castle. At altitude of 302m on the summit of Mt. Fukuyama, there was a temple named Fukuyama Temple, a mountain esoteric Buddhist temple built in the Heian period. Judging from the remains of the gate, earth mound, well, temple foundation stone and Kawara roof tile, we can presume this temple was abruptly converted into Fukuyama castle.



City designated historic site.

**Karube Shrine** | MAP >> Smale-scale Map |

Built in 1678, this shrine had a magnificent weeping cherry tree called "Tarachine Sakura." Tarachine means mother but it also has the character for breasts which is why the shrine became associated with breasts and because of this cherry tree, people worshiped this shrine as the Chichigamisama (Goddess of Breasts). Wishing for safe delivery and abundant production of breast milk, there are countless ema (votive tablets) representing female breasts. Ema package for offering is sold at Kibiji Motenashi no Yakata.

**Suntopia Okayama Soja** | MAP >> B-4 |

This is a resort & amusement park surrounded by nature. The park offers lodging, restaurant, wedding venue, glamping sites, and water park during the summer season.

- Check in / 15:00 ● Check out / 10:00
- Capacity / 185 people
- Accommodation fee (tax included) / 1 night without meals 8,690 yen ~, 1 night with breakfast 10,560yen ~, 1 night with 2 meals 13,860 yen ~
- Number of guest rooms / 17 western style rooms, 30 Japanese style rooms, 6 Western-Japanese style rooms
- Ancillary facilities / glamping area, conference room, banquet room, wedding hall, restaurant, large communal bath, futsal court, gymnasium, swimming pool (summer season only), camping ground and tennis court
- Access / 10 minutes by car from Soja station
- Parking space / 10 bus spaces, 500 car spaces
- Contact information/ Tel 0866-95-8811 Fax 0866-95-8381



Prefecturally designated historic site.

Hada Temple Ruins | MAP >> Smale-scale Map |

It is known as the oldest temple in the Chugoku region, built in the first half of the Asuka period (7th century) and the core cornerstone of the tower remains. From the patterns on the excavated tiles, it is believed that an immigrant clan, the Hata clan was involved in the construction of the temple.

**Mt. Masaki** | MAP >> Smale-scale Map |

There is a famous viewing point which has a magnificent view overlooking from the west of Soja plain and Takahashi river. At the altitude of 380 meters, Masaki Shrine, a shikinaisha (a grand shrine which is enlisted in Englishiki laws), is enshrined at the summit. Mt Masaki and the surrounding areas have various hiking courses and while hiking you can enjoy Ohno's cherry blossoms and the rich nature and spectacular scenery.

Taiheiki

This is a military chronicle depicting the 50 years of turmoil between the Northern and Southern Dynasties starting from end of Kamakura period to the beginning of Muromachi period. It is said that this chronicle was written around 1370. Familiar historical figures such as Emperor Godaigo, Kusunoki Masashige, Ashikaga Takauji and Nitta Yoshisada appear in this chronicle, however, there are many exaggerations and it is uncertain whether the historical facts are recorded or not.

**Kiyone Furusato Fureai Square** | MAP >> F-7 |

This is a multi-purpose sports park surrounded by water and greenery. There are areas where visitors can enjoy sports and where children can play with playground equipment and have fun in the water. This is a park where not only friends but also the whole family can have a great time the whole day. Facilities: tennis courts, ground golf fields, mini golf courses, petanque courts, outdoor cooking area, multi-purpose area.

- Open: 9:00 to 21:00
- Days closed: December 29th-January 3rd
- Fee: Varies by facility
- Location: Kiyone-Miyori1017-4

**Mahou Shrine** | MAP >> Smale-scale Map |

This shrine name means "Magical Shrine" in Japanese. This unique shrine has no torii nor the guardian dogs, komainu. As a guardian of cows and horses, it is said that people visited this shrine all the way from livestock markets located outside the city.

**Sun Road Kibiji Public Inn** | MAP >> G-6 |

This accommodation takes pride in its cuisine and the natural hot springs. You can enjoy dishes made with plenty of seasonal ingredients and local vegetables, as well as one-day bathing.

- Check in / 15:00 ● Check out / 10:00 ● Capacity / 113 people
- Accommodation fee (tax included) / 1 night with 2 meals 15,500 yen ~
- Number of guest rooms / 22 western style rooms, 16 Japanese style rooms, 1 Western-Japanese style rooms ● Adjoining facilities: Conference room, Banquet hall, Convention hall, Restaurant, Bakery, Large public bath, Open-air bath, Shop, Karaoke room
- Access: 10 minutes by car from Okayama Soja or Kurashiki highway exit
- Parking space / 280 car spaces
- Contact information/ Tel 0866-90-0550 Fax 0866-90-0711

Address: Misu 825-1, Soja city

**Kibiji Crane Village** | MAP >> G-6 |

The purpose of this facility is to preserve and breed red-crowned crane. Visitors are able to watch the beautiful cranes. In the 3ha site, there is an artificial lake and breeding cages. In the learning center in the site, there are panels and photos where visitors may learn about the crane.

- Open: every day 8:30 to 17:00
- Entrance: Free of charge
- Location: Misu 825-1

**Well of Kikusui** | MAP >> I-4 |

There are famous spring waters in Soja city called "Three Great Wells" for its clear water. They are namely "Well of Matsui," "Well of Usui" and "Well of Kikusui." Only the remains stand for "Well of Matsui" and "Well of Usui" however we can still draw water from "Well of Kikusui" and people travel from far to visit this well.

**Sunagawa Park** | MAP >> F-2 |

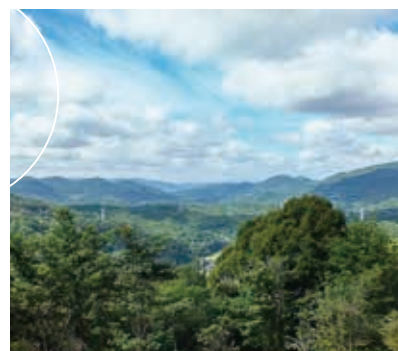
This is a riverside park built to take advantage of the nature along the Suna River that flows from Mt. Kinojo. There are water parks with waterslides and campsites and crowded with families during the season. "The waterslides use agricultural water, so the water flow may be low at times.

- Campsite fee: 1 night stay 2,000 yen per block / day use only 1,000 yen per block
- Days closed: December 29th-January 3rd
- Location: Kuroo 792

North

**Mt. Takataki** | MAP >> Smale-scale Map |

This scenic mountain with the elevation of 506 meters is located between Shitakura, Soja city and Yakage town. It is chosen as one of the 100 famous mountains in Okayama and has long been a land for mountain worship. Thus, many strangely shaped rocks and stone Buddha remain. There are currently 6 hike routes and numerous hikers visit this area to enjoy the beautiful scenery of each season.



South

West

East