

LIVING GUIDE MORIOKA

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Let's Enjoy Camping!

Did you know that there are low-cost campsites and accommodations available in the suburbs of Morioka? Let's enjoy the beautiful nature in Iwate, making use of these facilities.

◆ Morioka-shi Sotoyama Shinrin Koen

(Yabukawa, Tamayama Village)

This park has a camping area, walking trails in the woods, a charcoal kiln and a mushroom field where you can have hands-on experiences in forest industry. It also has an observation deck that offers a great view of the ocean of trees, an obstacle course in the woods, facilities to be used on rainy days, and a restaurant where you can taste delicious hand-made soba (buckwheat) noodles.



Open from 9:00 to 16:00 from April 29

through October 31, and closed on Tuesdays. If a Tuesday falls on a national holiday, the park is closed on the following Thursday instead.

The camping area is available from July 1 through August 31, during which period the park is open every day. Reservations for the camping area are handled on and after May 1.

【Rental Fees】 Tent for 8 people: ¥500 Tent for 5 people :¥300

Cooking utensils are also available to rent.

★ For more information contact the office of Morioka-shi Sotoyama Shinrin Koen at:
(phone) 019-681-5132 (fax) 019-681-5132

◆ Kuzakai Kogen Shonen Shizen-no Ie (2-111, Tashiro, Kawai Village)

Shonen Shizen-no Ie is located at the foot of Mt. Kabuto, 700 meters northeast of Kuzakai Station, JR Yamada Line. It was opened in 1945 and has been used for group outdoor activities such as hiking and camping. It accommodates 278 people in the tents and 200 in the lodge. Groups of school children, families and other groups can use the facilities. Accommodation is available for a group of three people or more, the restaurant for five people or more. Fee: ¥1,800 per person (overnight stay, three meals are provided). Other arrangements are available. Closed on Mondays. Make reservations by phone or other means one month before you come, giving information on your schedule and number of people.

★ For more information contact Kuzakai Kogen Shonen Shizen-no Ie at :
0193-77-2048 (phone) or 0193-77-2124 (fax) Email: sizennoie@city.morioka.iwate.jp
<http://www2.city.morioka.iwate.jp/14kyoiku/kuzakai/kuzakai/index.html>

◆ **Tonan Tusdoi no Mori** (1-88, Yuzawa, Morioka)

Located in the southwest part of Morioka, Tsudoi no Mori offers an attractive natural environment. It is also popular as a treasure house of wild birds. You can see pretty wild birds that are rarely seen. Tsudoi no Mori has a camping area, walking trails, bungalows, cabins, barbecue houses, tennis courts, gateball fields and a craft center (Shinrin Sousaku Jisshuu-kan) where you can make wooden crafts.

Open from 8:30 to 17:00 all year (The camping area is available from June 1 through September 30.) Reservations for the camping area are accepted on and after May 1.

【Fees】

Facilities	Period	Hours	Fees
Campsites (permanent tents)	June 1 ~ Sep. 30	14:00 ~ 10:00 of the following morning	Tent for 5 : ¥300 Tent for 8 : ¥500
Auto-camping sites	June 1 ~ Sep. 30	13:00 ~ 11:00 of the following morning	¥1,800/site
Bungalows	June 1 ~ Sep. 30	14:00 ~ 10:00 of the following morning	¥15,000/unit/ night
Cabins	June 1 ~ Sep. 30	14:00 ~ 10:00 of the following morning	¥1,000/unit/day (9:30 ~ 16:00)
Shinrin Sosaku Jisshu-kan (Craft Center)	All year	9:30 ~ 16:00	Free for the facility. Need to pay for the materials.
Tennis courts	All year	8:30 ~ 16:00	¥200 / hour
Gateball fields	All year	8:30 ~ 16:00	¥200 / hour

【Other Facilities】

Facilities	Period	Hours	Fees
Local History Museum	All year	9:00 ~ 16:30	Free
Tsudoi no Mori - Komorebi no Yado (Bike-cycling Terminal of Tonan, Morioka)	All year	Rest: 10:00 ~ 15:00 Stay overnight: 16:00 ~ 10:00 of the following morning	Information (phone:019-637-0876)

★ For more information:Call 019-638-2270 at Tonan Tsudoi-no Mori

UPCOMING EVENTS

Chagu Chagu Umakko	Sat. June 11	Sozen Shrine at Takizawa Village ~ Morioka Hachiman Shrine	A traditional early-summer event of Morioka. Horses dressed with colorful costume and bells march through the town to the Hachiman Shrine.
Kitakami River Rubber-boat Competition	Sun. July 24	Shijushida Dam ~ Kaiunbashi	Participants compete at the time race and the performance categories.
Goshoko Natsu Matsuri (Lake Gosho Summer Festival)	Sun. July 31	Lake Gosho	Boat race, carnival and fireworks display at night.
Morioka Sansa Odori (Sansa Dancing)	August 1, 2 and 3	Chuo-dori Street	A traditional summer event of Morioka, Sansa Odori is one of the five major summer festivals in Tohoku Region. A parade of 20,000 dancers, 10,000 drums and flute players march energetically through Chuo Dori.
Morioka Tanabata Matsuri (Tanabata Festival)	Thu. August 4 ~ Sun. August 7	Sakanacho Shopping Street	The whole shopping street is colored by the elaborate decorations made by the people of the shops and others in the neighborhood.
Morioka Hanabi no Saiten (Big Exhibition of Fireworks)	Sun. Aug 7	the river bed near Tonan Ohashi Bridge	The event features 6,000 fireworks and local performing artists.
Funakko Nagashi	Tue. Aug. 16	near Meijibashi Bridge	This is a traditional event to see off the souls of the ancestors who are said to visit their family at this time of year. People put fire on the boat with offerings to see their ancestors' spirits off as well as to pray for their good health.