

4. Yasumiya Area



1 Fortune Telling Area

Test your luck by throwing lucky *oyorigami* paper into the lake at this sacred site on the banks of Lake Towada. Your luck is decided by the way it either floats or sinks in the water. Originally there was a path to the area behind Towada-jinja Shrine that is now closed due to safety hazards. Please use one of the boating services to visit from the lake.

2 Towada-jinja Shrine

Towada-jinja Shrine is now popular as a power spot, but there has been a temple of pilgrimage here since ancient times. Nansobo, the priest who appears in the legend of Lake Towada, first came to Towada after a divine revelation in a dream during his ascetic training in Kumano in present-day Wakayama Prefecture. In it, he was told to set out on a journey and settle in the first place his sandal thong snapped. Armed with steel *waraji* sandals and a pewter staff, he made the trip from Kumano to Lake Towada. It is said that he journeyed throughout Japan on his ascetic journey until his thong broke on the shores of Lake Towada, where he settled.



4 Statue of Maidens

This statue was built in 1953 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of Lake Towada National Park and is now known as a symbol of Lake Towada. The creator is a sculptor and poet by the name of Kotaro Takamura. This bronze is modeled on a powerful feminine beauty that could rival the natural beauty of Tohoku and commands a dignified presence in perfect harmony with the natural scenery of Lake Towada.



3 Ebisu Daikoku Island

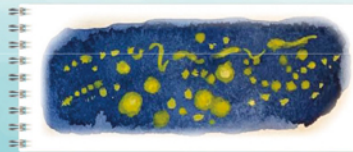
A small island off of Gozen-ga-hama Beach, which stretches out in front of the Statue of Maidens. This island was formed from the lava of Mt. Towada and is officially divided into the two smaller Ebisu and Daikoku Islands. It is said that if you throw a coin from the Gozen-ga-hama Beach and it lands on one of the islands, you will receive good news.



Himebotaru Fireflies

Around mid-July, *himebotaru* fireflies twinkle around Towada-jinja Shrine. This luminescent bug flashes for shorter times and at shorter intervals than its more commonly known *genjibotaru* cousin. In groups, they twinkle in orchestrated waves of light.

■ Lake Towada Nature Guide Club Office (Yoshizaki)
☎ 090-5181-7658



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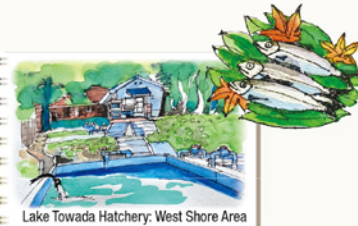
5 Yamaju

A co-working space and guesthouse for mid- to long-term travelers to Lake Towada, run by new arrivals to the lake. It is also a cafe and coffee shop, a gathering place for a young generation of people who want to revive the Lake Towada area.

7 Lake Towada Fisheries & Hatcheries Cooperative

This cooperative sells local Lake Towada *himemasu* (kokanee salmon) from Lake Towada as well as seasonal *wakasagi* smelt and cherry salmon. Please call the following number for information on the Lake Towada Hatchery TM or to inquire about fishing fees.

■ Lake Towada Fisheries & Hatcheries Cooperative
☎ 0176-75-2612
● Open 9:00 - 16:00 (Closed Saturdays, Sundays, and National Holidays)
* Lake Towada Hatchery: The hatchery carries on the business of Sadayuki Wainai who first released *himemasu* (kokanee salmon) into Lake Towada. Each year it oversees the egg collection, hatching, and release of kokanee salmon into the lake.



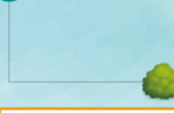
Lake Towada

Middle Lake

6 RIB Pioneer

See the sights up close from a military-grade RIB boat on a thrilling trip across the lake! Feel the wind on your face, but bring a jacket as it can get chilly even in the summer months.

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Kaiun no Komichi Course (Path of Good Luck)
There are six small caves in the cliffs along the path, each named for the gods they represent: wind (*Kaze-no-kami*), fire (*Hi-no-kami*), mountain (*Yama-no-kami*), money (*Kane-no-kami*), cave (*Ama-no-ivato*), and sun (*Hi-no-kami*). There are clear traces that the caves have been dug out by people and are said to have been used by practitioners of *shugendo* in their ascetic training.

Towadako Guidehouse KAI

Guided tour company on Lake Towada specializing in Canadian canoe trips and nature tours of the area. Enjoy the lake like never before from a swan's point of view and reach out to touch the trees on Lake Towada's pristine shores.

■ Towadako Guidehouse KAI
☎ 080-1681-1036 (located inside Café Ikoi)



From Katsura-ga-hama Beach to the Promenade

Enjoy an entirely different atmosphere from Gozen-ga-hama Beach, which tends to get crowded. The well-maintained promenade is a popular spot for locals and tourists alike, a place to relax and get away from it all.




The promenade to Towada-jinja Shrine was once lined with cedars. In recent years, thanks to the efforts of volunteers, the pilgrimage path has been restored with towering trees. Trade the asphalt for this cedar-lined avenue and relish in the thought of the pilgrims who came before.

8 Lake Towada Tourist Center "Pratt"

Lake Towada Tourist Center "Pratt" is a hub for tourist information as well as a fish tank full of the lake's own Lake Towada *himemasu* (kokanee salmon) and an exhibition space dedicated to early Towada pioneers.

■ Lake Towada Tourist Center "Pratt"
☎ 0176-75-1531
● Open daily 9:00 - 17:00



9 Towada Visitor Center

The Towada Visitor Center is run by the Ministry of the Environment to exhibit information on the Lake Towada and Mt. Hakkoda areas of Towada-Hachimantai National Park. A central diorama of the four seasons tells visitors all about the history of Lake Towada and its natural environment and ecosystems.

■ Towada Visitor Center
☎ 0176-75-1015 ● Open 9:00 - 16:30
Closed Wednesdays, December 29 - January 3
(open every day late April - late May, late July - late October)



Map Legend

- Tourist Information Center
- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Café
- Shop & Souvenirs
- Restroom
- Accessible Restroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Coin Locker
- Sightseeing Cruise / Rental Boats
- Gas Station
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- Shrine or Temple
- Rest Area
- Point of Interest
- Rental Bicycles
- View Point