



## Get in Touch with Nature



### ▲Gojo River

The Gojo River runs north-south right through the center of the city. There's a walking path right by the riverbank and benches for taking a nice break, with stairs that go right down to the surface of the water. A perfect place for walking or running. You can also see wildlife like wild birds and koi fish. All four seasons express themselves in many colors, and in the spring the river's approximately 1,400 cherry blossom trees are a magnificent sight to see when they are in full bloom. The road along the river is the Bihoku Nature Path, a 27.11 km-long path that begins at Lake Iruka in Inuyama City and well-known as a spot for nature walks.

### Seitai-en Nature Preserve

Making use of the forest of Tsuchima Shrine, this nature park has white oak trees more than 200 years old and up to 100 types of plant life. There are streams, ponds, and marshes inside the park, and it is inhabited by a range of wildlife such as insects, fish, and birds. A great place to get better acquainted with nature.



## Taste the Food

### Nagoya Cochin

Nagoya Cochin is a long-time specialty of Iwakura. The meat of free-range Nagoya Cochin is known for being quite flavorful and toothsome. It is also filled with plenty of umami and collagen, which is beneficial for beauty.

Nagoya Cochin have light golden-brown feathers with a red comb and gray feet.



### ◀Iwakura Yakisoba

The Iwakura Chamber of Commerce Youth Group developed Iwakura Yakisoba as a local delicacy. It has thick noodles and famous dark brown Owari miso sauce, and when eaten with a soft-boiled egg broken on top, it's addictively good. This dish can be found in both local eateries and at events.



### Chicchaina

Iwakura's new brand of vegetable. About the size of baby bok choy, this mini napa cabbage has more vitamin C, vitamin K, and fiber than either of the two.



### ▲Vegetable Market

This is a place for producers to sell their local crops directly to you. It is held in the east-west underground path at Iwakura Station every Wednesday and Saturday from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm.



### ◀Cauliflower

Iwakura City yields some of the highest volume of cauliflower in the entire country. It is shipped out all year round, except for July and August.

## Feel the History



### ▲Iwakura Floats

In Iwakura City, there are a total of three floats: one in Okami Ichiba, a second in Nakahonmachi, and the last in Shimohonmachi. The history of these floats is said to date back to the beginning of the Edo Period; on June 16th of the lunar calendar, the three floats would be united at Shinmei Daichi Shrine and brighten the Gion Festival, but because of factors such as the war, the pulling of the floats stopped completely around the late 1950s to early 60s. The pulling of the floats was revived at the cherry blossom festival the year after the city's 20th anniversary. Currently, the floats are preserved and managed by the preservation societies of each town, and with the passing down of the skills of the float steerers and the musical marionettes, the culture of the Iwakura floats is passed down to the next generation as well. Each of the three floats is approximately 8 meters tall, boasting some of the tallest in the Owari area. The pulling of the floats can be seen in the spring at the Iwakura cherry blossom festival.



### ◀Kusunoki no Ie Exhibition Room

On display, you'll find designated cultural property of the city discovered in the Nishide Tomb, pots from the Yayoi Period discovered at the Daichi ruins, photos from the excavation of the Iwakura Castle ruins, and tools related to the floats.

### Iwakura Castle Ruins ▶

The affects of the Onin War were felt in Owari, and internal conflict erupted within the ruling Oda clan. A fierce battle unfolded between Oda Toshisada and Oda Toshihiro in 1478, but after peace negotiations, the region was divided into two governments: Toshihiro would rule Northern Owari from Iwakura Castle, and Toshisada Southern Owari from Kiyosu Castle. Later, Oda Nobunaga became lord of Kiyosu Castle. He was at odds with the lords of Iwakura Castle during that time, Oda Nobuyasu and Nobukata, and they fought in the Battle of Ukino in 1558. In 1559, Iwakura Castle fell.



### ◀Historical Park (Daichi Ruins)

Designated by Aichi Prefecture as a historic site, the Daichi Ruins are an important site. Set upon a natural embankment made by the Kiso River, the ruins shed light on the Yayoi culture of the Owari Plain. These ruins have revealed the remains of pit dwellings and wide-mouth pots that are rare all across the country. Currently, the park has a replication of a pit dwelling, as well as the relocated structure of Toriide House, a designated cultural property of the city, which has been equipped as a space for relaxation.



### Hometown Reference Room (Library 3rd Floor)

Materials related to the history of Iwakura City and folk materials used in the city are on display here.



At this event, everyone is welcome to enjoy Iwakura's namesake Iwakura nabe (Japanese hot pot), and participants can vote on the best one. There are also other food and beverage booths set up.

### Winter Nabe Festival (Early to Mid December) ▶



### Summer



The highlight of this 10-day festival is the archway of cherry blossoms that covers the river when they are in full bloom. During this time there are events like evening cherry blossom illuminations, Nonbori-Arai (flag washing) performances, and a float parade.

### Iwakura Locals' Friendship Festival (Mid-November) ▶

This festival is a combination of various city organizations. Held at the Comprehensive Physical Education Center, there is a lot going on, including displays for each group, as well as refreshment stands and entertainment, both held indoors and outdoors.



### Spring

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# Ishibotoke Station Route



# City Hall Route



# Iwakura Station Route



# Taisanji Station Route



# Discover IWAKURA

## Iwakura Walking Map

IWAnt you to pick your favorite route and explore Iwakura!



## City Hall Route



Iwakura City Hall

## Hidden Spots



## Nagoya Cochon Gargoyles

On the roof of the Sekido House, where they raise the local specialty Nagoya Cochon, there are 12 rare chicken gargoyles.

## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Toridate House (Historical Park)

This precious cultural property is a farmhouse that has retained the structure from the Muromachi Period. There are also tea events that are held open to the public here.

## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Pit Dwelling (Historical Park)

See the recreations of a Yayoi Period pit dwelling uncovered at the Daichi Ruins (a Prefectural Designated Historic Site).

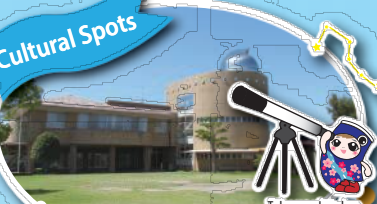
## Nature Spots



## Seitai-en Nature Preserve

Iwakura boasts a real biotope that offers experiences in nature and has a workshop house and a dragonfly lake.

## Cultural Spots



## House of Hope

This training facility has an astronomical telescope in the observation dome and can host overnight camps for youths.

## Hidden Spots



## Worship Hall Transom (Ikutamyou Shrine)

These carvings of sumo wrestlers and dragons that decorate the area around the worship hall are a must-see. There is also a giant stone that said to be the founding stone of the provincial government.

## Taisanji Station Route



Meitetsu Taisanji Station

There are four routes in total!

## Ishibotoke Station Route



Meitetsu Ishibotoke Station

## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Oda Isenokami Nobuyasu Family Grave (Seiganji Temple)

This is the grave of the Oda Isenokami Nobuyasu family, who ruled the four upper districts of Owari from Iwakura Castle.

## Cultural Spots



## Shimohonmachi Float (Shinmei Ikuta Shrine)

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## Nakahonmachi Float (Shinmei Daichi Shrine)

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## Okami Ichiba Float (Niimizo Shrine)

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## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Inoue Castle Ruins

From 1394 to 1441, this was the residential castle of Anima Tonomonokami, which held the majority of Iwakura City.

## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Iwakura Castle Ruins

Until the castle fell in 1559, this was the spot from where the Oda Isenokami clan ruled the four upper districts of Owari for approximately 80 years.

## Historic Sites and Ruins



## Yamauchi Kazutoyo Birthplace (Shinmei Ikuta Shrine)

This monument has been erected to mark the birthplace of the feudal warrior Yamauchi Kazutoyo, who was born in Iwakura in July 1545.

## Nature Spots



## Toyokuni Bridge West Embankment

Nonbori Arai flag washing (Tokai Lovely Villages Top 100) is tradition that heralds the start of spring in Iwakura and is practiced to this day.

## Hidden Spots



## Kusunoki no Ie Exhibition Room

On display are earthenware discovered in ruins and tombs, as well as materials related to the floats and marionettes that actually move.



## Niimizo Tomb (Niimizo Shrine)

A slightly elevated place below the shrine. Legend has it that the name Iwakura began after a giant stone was dug out from here.