

Konan Railway Owani Line

# Apple Orchard Train Guide Map



Between Matsukitai and Tsugaru-osawa (May)

## Gaze at apple blossoms from the train window.

"Apple Orchard Train" is the affectionate name for the Konan Railway Owani Line.

It comes from the fact that the trains run through apple orchards—a rare treat in Japan.

When the apple blossoms look beautiful from the train window...

and when the branches are heavy with ripe, red apples

the train will take you slowly through the places with the most apple trees.

Hirosaki Electric Railway was established in 1952.

It was transferred to Konan Tetsudo in 1970, and became today's Owani Line.

It's a total of 13.9 km long, and takes about 35 minutes to traverse.

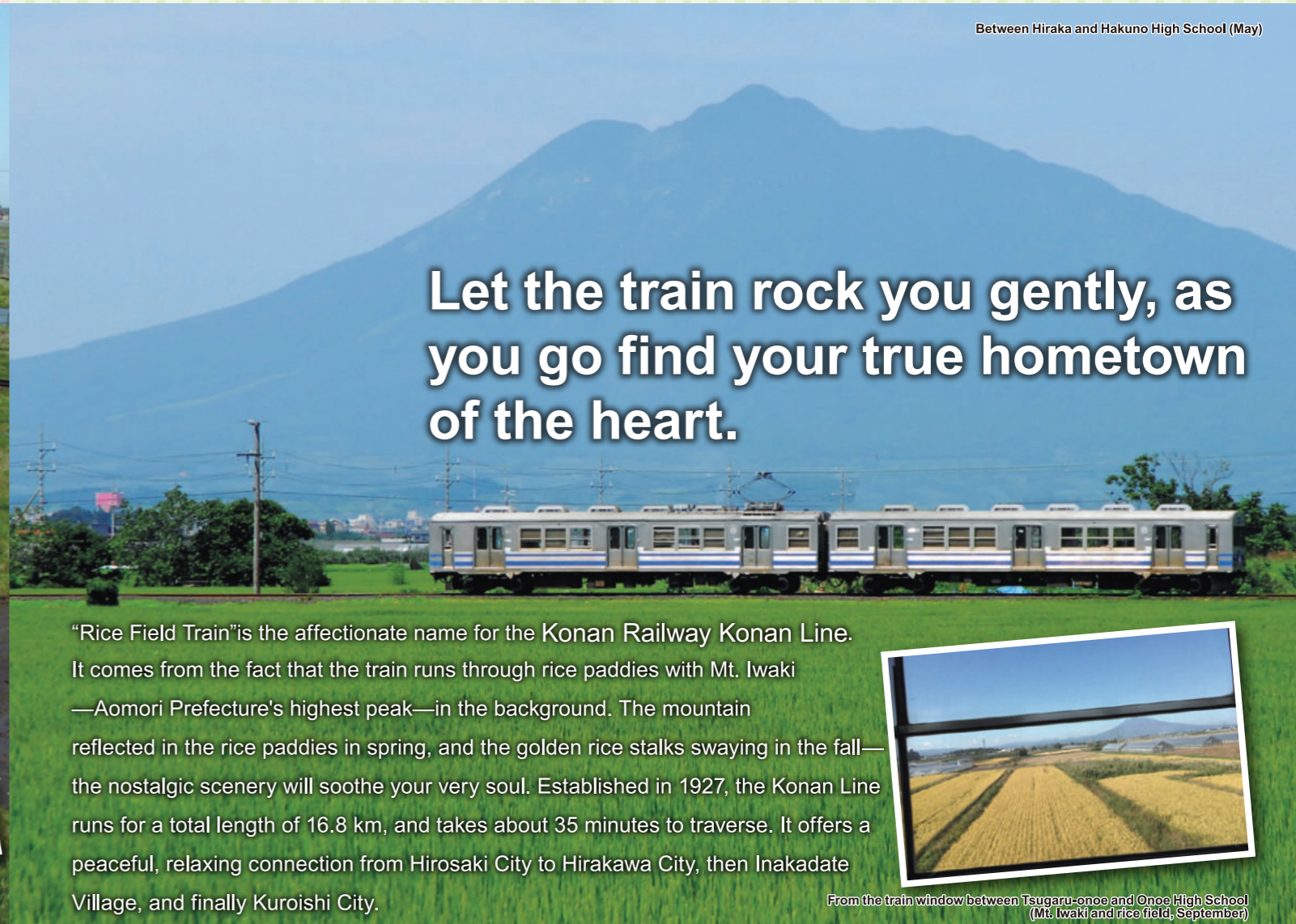
The trains run clickity-clack all the way from Hirosaki City to Owani Town.



Between Ishikawa Pool and Sabaishi (October)

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# Rice Field Train Guide Map



Between Hiraka and Hakuno High School (May)

## Let the train rock you gently, as you go find your true hometown of the heart.

"Rice Field Train" is the affectionate name for the Konan Railway Konan Line.

It comes from the fact that the train runs through rice paddies with Mt. Iwaki

—Aomori Prefecture's highest peak—in the background. The mountain

reflected in the rice paddies in spring, and the golden rice stalks swaying in the fall—

the nostalgic scenery will soothe your very soul. Established in 1927, the Konan Line

runs for a total length of 16.8 km, and takes about 35 minutes to traverse. It offers a

peaceful, relaxing connection from Hirosaki City to Hirakawa City, then Inakadate

Village, and finally Kuroishi City.



From the train window between Tsugaru-onoe and Onoe High School (Mt. Iwaki and rice field, September)

## Owani Line Cycle Train

Available at all stations, "cycle train" is a service that lets you take a bicycle on the train. Take your favorite bicycle on the train for an enjoyable outing of shopping or cycling.

Period available April 1 to November 30 (except for during the Cherry Blossom Festival and Neputa Festival)

Fees Free

## "SAPPASS"

Available from On the trains and at Chuo-hirosaki Sta. and Owani Sta. on the Owani Line, and from Wanicom (Owani Town)

SAPPASS costs 1,000 yen (including tax), and includes a round trip ticket between Chuo Hirosaki and Owani, a Wanicom bath ticket, and a shopping coupon (200 yen), which normally cost 1580 yen in total.

Notes: You can use the 200 yen shopping coupon to rent a towel. You'll also get a 10-minute extension ticket you can use either at Relaxation Salon Mori no Shizuku or for Kikuchi's home-visit chiropractic service.

## WANOPASS

Available from Hirosaki Sta., Hirosaki Higashi High School. Sta., Hiraka Sta. Tsugaru-onoe. Sta., and Kuroishi Sta. on the Konan Line

This is a one-day free pass you can use between Hirosaki and Kuroishi. It also includes an admission ticket to the famous national scenic spot Seibien (Hirakawa City), and for adults, a sake cup of the Narumi Sake Brewery (Kuroishi City) as a gift.

Adults (ages 12 (junior high school students) and over): 1,100 yen (including tax)

Children (ages 6 to 11 (elementary school students)): 500 yen (including tax)



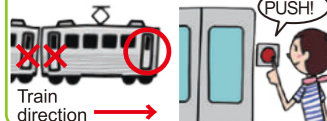
Note: The pictures are for illustrative purposes only.

## How to ride the Konan Railway

### For "one-man" operation trains at an unstaffed station

1 Use the door at front of the front carriage to get on.

Note: Press the button to open the door.



2 Take a Seiriken ticket and sit down.



3 Get off at your station.

When you get off at an unstaffed station

Drop your Seiriken ticket and fare in the fare box in the front carriage, then get off.



When you get off at a staffed station

After you get off the train, give your ticket and fare to the staff at the ticket gate.



## A leisurely train ride for hot spring in Fukuya Hirosaki or Kuroishi (Fukuya Ticket)

Available from Hirosaki Sta., Hiraka Sta., and Kuroishi Sta. on the Konan Line and Chuo-hirosaki Sta. on the Owani Line

Fukuya Kippu is a great-value ticket that includes a round trip ticket to Hakuno High School Sta., and either a bath ticket or hot spring cure ticket for Tsugaru Onoe Onsen Day-Trip Inn Fukuya (Hirakawa City).

The set consisting of a round trip ticket from Hirosaki Sta. or Kuroishi Sta. and a Fukuya bath ticket costs 1,000 yen (including tax).

The set consisting of a round trip ticket from Hirosaki Sta. or Kuroishi Sta. and a Fukuya hot spring cure ticket (including towel, yukata, and shampoo set) costs 1,500 yen (including tax).





### Tsugaru Natural Indigo Dyeing Kawasaki Dye Works

Tsugaru natural indigo dyeing began in the era when the region was governed by Lord Nobumasa, fourth feudal lord of the Hirosaki Domain. You can try natural indigo dyeing by yourself here at this restored Edo period dyeing works. Experience the beauty of seeing the dyed cloth turn indigo as soon as it's put into the water.



Address: Kamenokomachi 63, Hirosaki City. Tel: 0172-35-6552  
 Access: From Hirosaki Sta., on the Konan Line, take a 100-yen bus ride to Bunka Center-mae stop, and it's about a 10-minute walk from there. About a 20-minute walk from Chuo-hirosaki Sta., on the Owani Line.  
 Open: 9:00 to 17:00 (9:00 to 16:00 in winter)  
 Closed: Thu.  
 Reservations: Required for Hands-on workshop (Japanese only. Cost: from 1,000 yen including tax.)  
 URL: <https://kawasaki-somekojo.com/>

### Konan Railway Hiraka Rail Yard

A rarity in Japan: wheel maintenance done by the company itself. If you're lucky, you'll get to see highly experienced technicians skillfully perform work such as "shrink-fitting," a technique for changing the iron tires on the outer rims of the wheels that's been handed down from generation to generation in Konan Railway.



Address: Kitayanagida 23-5, Motomachi, Hirakawa City  
 Tel: 0172-44-3136  
 Access: Within the premises of Hiraka Sta., on the Konan Line  
 Open: 8:20 to 17:00 Open every day  
 Note: Reservation required at least one week in advance. (Japanese only.) Buy a one-day excursion ticket on the day, for 1,000 yen including tax.

### Sightseeing Strawberry farm Agri-na

You can pick your own strawberries all year round. There are three kinds of "summer strawberries" that grow from spring to fall, and two kinds of "winter strawberries" that are grown using heat from hot springs during the winter. It is recommended to compare them seasonally.



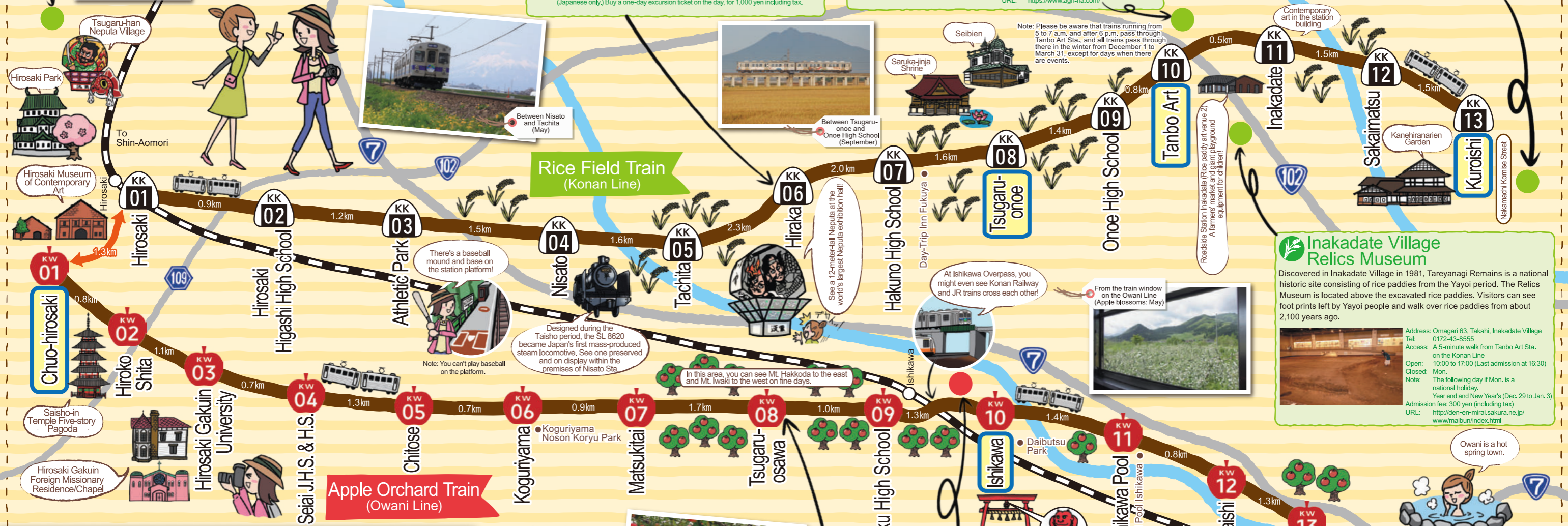
Address: Nakatsuji 10-1, Inakadate, Inakadate Village  
 Tel: 0172-55-6016  
 Access: About a 20-minute walk from Inakadate Sta., on the Konan Line  
 Open: Picking 10:00 to 12:30  
 Fresh market 10:00 to 12:30  
 Closed: Year end and New Year's, obon holidays  
 Note: Reservations can be made up to 2 weeks in advance. (Japanese only. All-you-can-eat: 1,500 yen including tax.)  
 URL: <https://www.agri-na.com/>

### Narumi Sake Brewery

Built by a merchant from Omi in 1806, this traditional building is full of atmosphere. You can also taste the brewery's sake, which is made by fresh water, local yeast and excellent rice in Aomori.



Address: Nakamachi 1-1, Kuroishi City Tel: 0172-52-3321  
 Access: About a 10-minute walk from Kuroishi Sta., on the Konan Line.  
 Open: 8:00 to 17:00 Closed: Unscheduled holidays  
 Brewery Tour: Check the official website. (Japanese only. Tour: free of charge.)  
 URL: <https://narumijozoten.com/>  
 Visiting the Oishi Bugaku-style garden: Available anytime



### Rice Field Train (Konan Line)

### Apple Orchard Train (Owani Line)

### Great value passes that offer more than tickets!

- One-day excursion ticket (Daikoku-sama Ticket)**  
 Available from: Hirosaki Sta., Hirosaki Higashi High School Sta., Hiraka Sta., Tsugaru-onoe Sta., and Kuroishi Sta., on the Konan Line, and Chuo-hirosaki Sta., on the Owani Line.  
 This one-day free pass can be used on both the Konan and Owani Lines, and lets you get on and off wherever you like.  
 Adults (ages 12 (junior high school students) and over): 2,100 yen (including tax)  
 Children (ages 6 to 11 (elementary school students))): 1,050 yen (including tax)
- Tsugaru Free Pass**  
 A two-day free pass for trains and buses within the free area. You can get on and off wherever you like, as many times as you like. (Available all year round)  
 Adults (ages 12 (junior high school students) and over): 2,100 yen (including tax)  
 Children (ages 6 to 11 (elementary school students))): 1,050 yen (including tax)

- Rental Bicycles**
- Aomori Navi (smartphone app)**

**Rental bicycles for sightseeing: Cycle Net HIROSAKI**  
 Rental bicycles are available at five places around the city, including Hirosaki City Tourist Information Center (JR Hirosaki Sta. 1F) and Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center. (Electric bicycles are only available at Hirosaki City Tourist Information Center and Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center.)  
 Reception hours: 9:00 to 16:00  
 Regular bicycle 500 yen/time (including tax)  
 Electric bicycle 1,000 yen/time (including tax)

**Scan the code for the model course along the Konan Railway!**

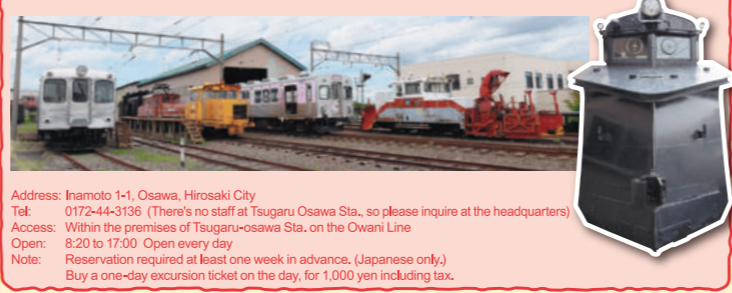
Model Course Set Stations: KK08 Tsugaru-onoe, KK10 Tanbo Art, KK13 Kuroishi, KW01 Chuo-hirosaki, KW10 Ishikawa, KW14 Owani

Scan the code for fares, timetables, and other information.

Konan Railway official website (English version)

### Konan Railway Osawa Train Inspection Center

This is where the Owani Line's trains are inspected and maintained. The place is full of rare vehicles, including Russell snowplow trains, electric locomotives, and the original Tokyo 6000 and 7000 trains that used to run through the center of Tokyo. With manual point changes and railroad tracks as well, this is a must-visit spot for railway enthusiasts.



Address: Inamoto 1-1, Osawa, Hirosaki City  
 Tel: 0172-44-3136 (There's no staff at Tsugaru Osawa Sta., so please inquire at the headquarters)  
 Access: Within the premises of Tsugaru-osawa Sta., on the Owani Line  
 Open: 8:20 to 17:00 Open every day  
 Note: Reservation required at least one week in advance. (Japanese only.) Buy a one-day excursion ticket on the day, for 1,000 yen including tax.

### Tsugaru Akatsuki no Kai

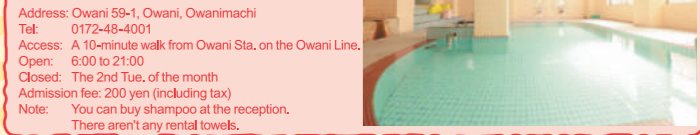
Vegetables harvested in the morning, cooked with stock made from kombu seaweed and dried sardines. Made with just a dash of oil and sugar and no chemical flavorings, this is traditional Tsugaru cuisine that's been passed down through the ages. You'll love the delightful hospitality of the "Kaccha" who've gathered together with a determination to keep the tradition going.



Address: Yagishi 44-13, Ishikawa, Hirosaki City  
 Tel/Fax: 0172-49-7002 (Chairman Yoshiko Kudo's home)  
 Access: A 7-minute walk from Ishikawa Sta., on the Owani Line  
 Open: 11:30 to 14:00 on Thu., Fri., Sat., and Sun.  
 Reservations: Required at least 3 days in advance  
 Note: Available for groups of 4 people or more. (Japanese only. From 1,500 yen including tax.)  
 URL: <https://tsugaruakatsuki.wixsite.com/tsugaru-akatsuki>

### Public Bath Wakamatsu Kaikan

This lovely old-fashioned public bath blends perfectly into the retro townscape of downtown Owani Onsen. A soak in the colorless, clear, rather hot spring water reputedly won't leave you feeling a post-bath chill.



Address: Owani 59-1, Owani, Owanimachi  
 Tel: 0172-48-4001  
 Access: A 10-minute walk from Owani Sta., on the Owani Line.  
 Open: 6:00 to 21:00  
 Closed: The 2nd Tue. of the month  
 Admission fee: 200 yen (including tax)  
 Note: You can buy shampoo at the reception. There aren't any rental towels.

### Inakadate Village Relics Museum

Discovered in Inakadate Village in 1981, Tareyanagi Remains is a national historic site consisting of rice paddies for the Yayoi period. The Relics Museum is located above the excavated rice paddies. Visitors can see foot prints left by Yayoi people and walk over rice paddies from about 2,100 years ago.



Address: Omagari 63, Takahi, Inakadate Village  
 Tel: 0172-43-8555  
 Access: A 5-minute walk from Tanbo Art Sta., on the Konan Line  
 Open: 10:00 to 17:00 (Last admission at 16:30)  
 Closed: Mon.  
 Note: The following day if Mon. is a national holiday. Year end and New Year's (Dec. 29 to Jan. 3)  
 Admission fee: 300 yen (including tax)  
 URL: <http://den-en-mirai.sakura.ne.jp/www/maibun/index.html>