



Wakayama

# KOZAGAWA

## Tourism Guide Map

Enjoy the fresh air and beauty of timeless nature in Kozagawa!

Ichimai-iwa Monolith in Kozagawa Town, like a symbol of timeless nature.

Oddly-shaped rocks and crags are dotted with the clear Kozagawa River that streams down from Mt. Otozan. The mountain was formed by movement of the earth's crust occurring in the ancient past, 14 million years ago. The wonders of the earth can be seen even today.

This grand nature not only delights your eyes, but also is a paradise of diversity in living creatures inhabiting the area.

Feel the gift of nature with your mind and body as you enjoy outdoor activities, culture, and simple dishes.



Kozagawa Town's mascot "Takinohai Taro"



### From Tokyo

**By plane:** From Haneda 75 min (JAL) Nanki-Shirahama Airport/Shirahama Station approx. 60 min (JR limited express) Kozagawa Station approx. 15 min (taxi) Kozagawa Town

**By JR:** From Tokyo 153 min (Shinkansen Nozomi) Shin-Osaka Station approx. 210 min (JR limited express) Kozagawa Station approx. 15 min (taxi) Kozagawa Town

### From Osaka

**By JR:** From Shin-Osaka Station approx. 210 min (JR limited express) Kozagawa Station approx. 15 min (taxi) Kozagawa Town

**By car:** From Osaka approx. 195 min (Kinki Expressway, Hanwa Expressway, Kisei Expressway, Route 42) Kozagawa, Kushimoto Town approx. 15 min Kozagawa Town

### From Nagoya

**By JR:** From Nagoya Station approx. 270 min (JR Kisei Main Line, limited express, transfer to a local train at Shingu) Kozagawa Station approx. 15 min (taxi) Kozagawa Town

**By car:** From Nagoya approx. 230 min (Tomei Expressway, Ise Expressway, Kisei Expressway, Route 42) Kozagawa, Kushimoto Town approx. 15 min Kozagawa Town

**Kozagawa Town Office Industrial Construction Division**

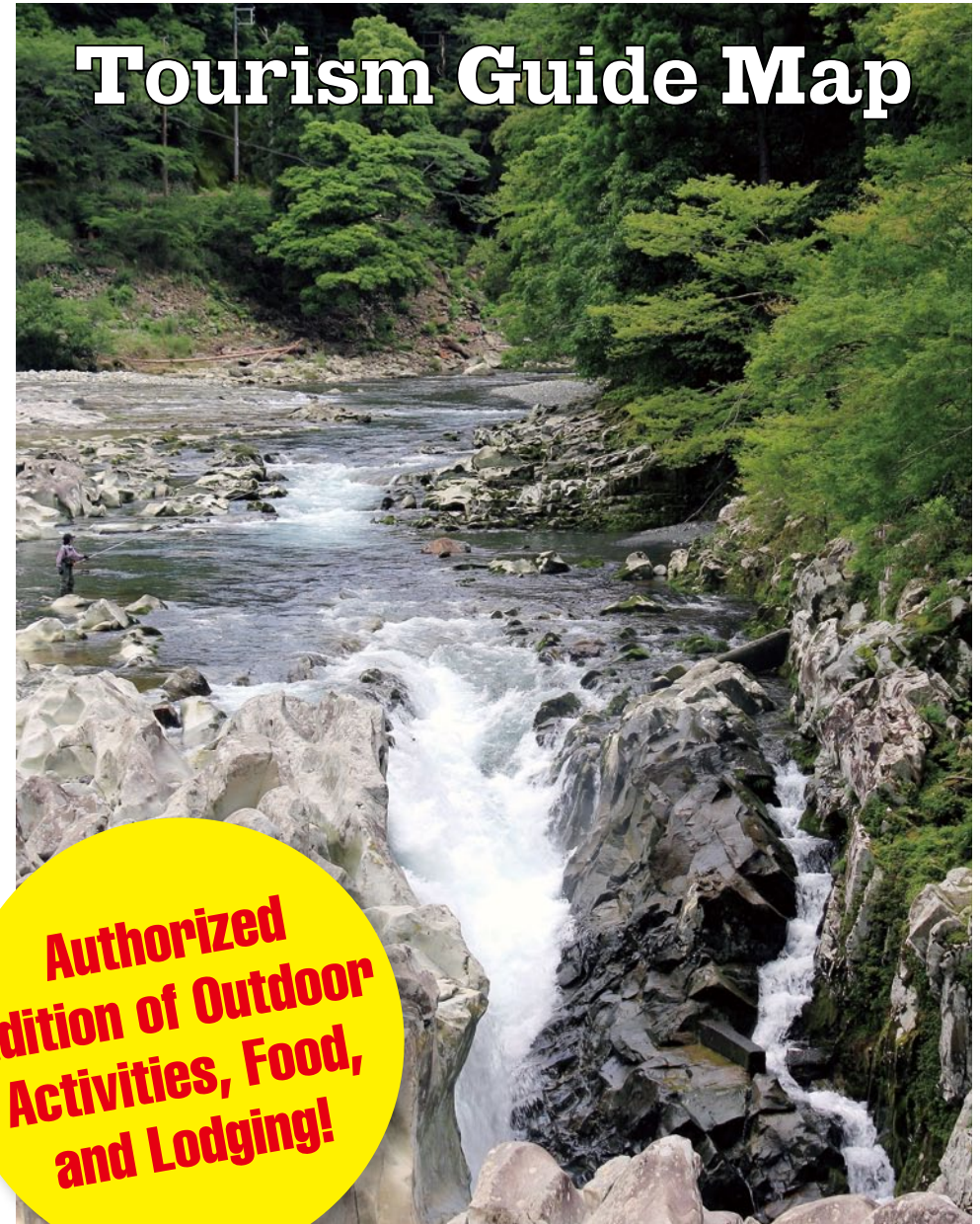
673-2 Takaike, Kozagawa Town, Higashimuro County, Wakayama Prefecture 649-4104

TEL 0735-72-0180 FAX 0735-72-1858

<http://www.town.kozagawa.wakayama.jp/>



**Authorized  
Edition of Outdoor  
Activities, Food,  
and Lodging!**

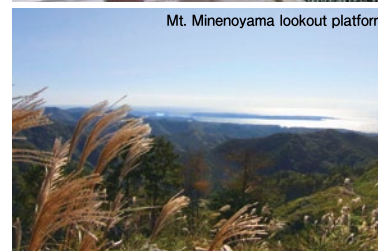






Crossover the suspension bridge and go for a walk!

Course time: approx. two hours  
 Distance: approx. 3.5km  
 Altitude: 391 m



Mt. Minenoyama lookout platform



# Trekking

## Mt. Minenoyama

### Beginner's tree course- introduction to giants and ancients

Mt. Minenoyama (391m) is the highest peak in the Mine Mountains, located between Kozagawa Town and Kushimoto Town. The mountaintop can be accessed by car. Going down the mountain is comparatively easy. From the top, there is a lookout platform where the Pacific Ocean can be seen. A stone statue called "Mine-no-mizunomi daishi" is worshipped on the mountainside, and water incessantly springs from its base.



Mt. Minenoyama walk

# Geopark



## Nanki-Kumano Geopark

A geopark is a "park of the earth", where people can get to know and learn from the blessings of the earth. Nanki-Kumano Geopark was certified as domestic geological heritage, Japan Geopark, in August 2014. In Kozagawa Town, eleven sites including Ichimai-iwa Monolith and other oddly-shaped rocks and crags belonging to the Kozagawa arcuate dike, and the heritage of culture and livelihood born from the nature of Kozagawa Town, are recognized as geosites.

### Geosites of Kozagawa Town

- 1 Mushikui-iwa Rock in Takaike
- 2 Utsugi-ishi Quarry Ruins
- 3 Kochijima Island
- 4 Botan-iwa Rock
- 5 Sensui-kyo Bridge over Koza-gawa River
- 6 Ichimai-iwa Monolith
- 7 Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama
- 8 Port Ruins in Manago
- 9 Koza-kaido Pass in Samoto Valley
- 10 Takinohai
- 11 Naru-ishi Stone



## Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama

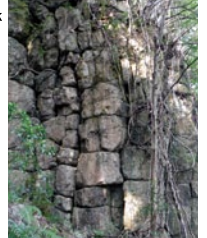
### Trekking course to the peak of Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama, one of one hundred top mountains in Kansai area

This is a full-scale trekking course to the peak of Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama (altitude: 376 m). Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama is part of the Kozagawa arcuate dike, along with Ichimai-iwa Monolith, and was formed as rhyolitic pyroclastic rocks thrust up from the earth's crust. Narrow cliffs and rocky areas can be seen along the mountain trail. A panoramic view of the surrounding mountains and the Pacific Ocean opens from the peak of Mt. Odake at Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama, with the giant rock wall called "Iwao-no-Giant" in front. It is said that if you can see Iwao-no-Giant smiling at you, you will find happiness.

Iwao-no-Giant stands right in front of the mountaintop



Tofu-iwa Rock



Course time: approx. two hours  
 Distance: approx. 4.5km  
 Altitude: 376 m



Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama walk starting point



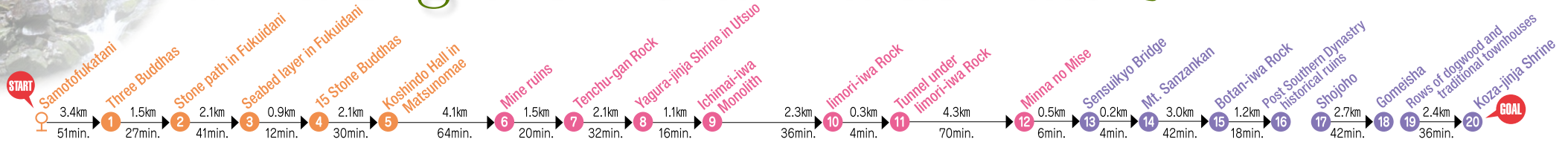


Certified as part of the New **100** Walking Courses series in Japan

# Walk along the Koza-Kaido Pass



The Koza-Kaido Pass is 80km long, running from Asso, Kamitonda to Koza, Kushimoto Town. Enjoy walking with a view of one of the cleanest rivers in Japan, scenic beauty of oddly-shaped rocks such as Ichimai-iwa Monolith, and the landscape of Satoyama.



## Route 1 Samoto valley → Kurozu approx. 9km

This course starts at the beautiful Samotofukatani, passing through Tazuru-yokote, finally exiting at the mainstream of Koza-gawa River at Kurozu. The course passes through Tazuru-daira of the Heike no Ochudo legend, and then goes to Fukuidani where a stone path and stonewalls ruins remain, passing the Three Buddhas and a statue of En no Gyoja. After visiting the seabed layer in Fukuidani and the 15 Stone Buddhas, the course goes from the mainstream, Koshindo Hall in Matsunomae, and then to Kurozu's multipurpose park.



## Route 2 Kurozu → Myojin approx. 11km

Oddly-shaped rocks and crags representative of scenic spots of Kozagawa Town such as the national natural treasure, "Ichimai-iwa Monolith in Kozagawa Town" continuously appear. Mine ruins and Tenchu-gan Rock can be seen as you leave Kurozu, and shrine-less Yagura-jinja Shrine in Utsuo can be visited. As you continue, Ichimai-iwa Monolith appears. Oddly-shaped rocks and crags such as limori-iwa Rock continue to appear as you make your way to the goal.



Ichimai-iwa Monolith has been designated as a national natural treasure, and is 100 meters tall and 500 meters wide.



## Route 3 Myojin → Kaido monument approx. 9km

This is the last course of the Koza-Kaido Pass. Highlights of this course are the scenic beauty of Kozagawa Town such as Mt. Sanzankan, Sensui-kyo Bridge, Botan-iwa Rock, Post Southern Dynasty historical ruins, etc. As you approach the mouth of the river, you can feel the history of Koza as you view Gomeisha in the Takaike lower district and streets lined with traditional townhouses. The goal is the 0 kilometer marker, which indicates the end of Koza-Kaido Pass.



The Post Southern Dynasty ruins mark the clan history spanning 15 generations, recorded by a descendant of the Asazato Clan who left Yoshino, crossed over mountains in Kumano, and escaped to the inner Kozagawa Town in the Northern and Southern Dynasty periods. The Asazato Clan is said to have descended from Emperor Gokameyama of the Southern Dynasty.



# Playing in the River



## The reason why Koza-gawa River is so clear

Koza-gawa River is rightly called "the Crystal River" as the crystal clear water makes the riverbed visible. The secret to the beauty of the river lies in the forest and the surrounding abundant nature. Mt. Oosan, source of the Koza-gawa River, is carefully protected as a storehouse of many plants and animals including plant communities comprised of beeches, firs, and hemlocks. This in turn protects the abundant water source.



Travel down the clear Koza-gawa River in southernmost of Honshu Island by canoe.

# CANOE



**Koza-gawa River flows down from Mt. Otozan, and has a basin of approx. 60km. The river is crystal clear and many living creatures freely swim about.**

## Creatures living in Koza-gawa River

The clear Koza-gawa River provides countless gifts, such as Ayu sweetfish, red-spotted trout, river shrimps, Japanese mitten crabs, prawns, etc. In the clear streams, you can see Japanese trout swimming in front of you. Every July, schools of five or six centimeter Bozu gobies (*Sicyopterus japonicus*) and Amur gobies (*Rhinogobius brunneus*), climb the surface of seven meter vertical rocks using suckers. You can view this unique scene of "Takinohai" (waterfall worship) of the Koza-gawa River tributary.



A prawn silently hiding among the water plants



Ayu sweetfish fishing is popular on the Koza-gawa River

## Canoe Experience

With Instructor

### [Fee]

Route and fee vary by season. Please inquire.

● For Single:  
From 6,500 yen

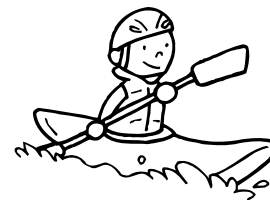
● For two:  
From 5,500 yen

### [Reception hours]

9:00 - 19:00

Have a good time on the clear Koza-gawa River by canoe.

A tourist highlight on is the riverside of Ichimai-iwa Monolith which is a popular spot for many canoe-lovers.



Paddling instructions



# Experience Programs

in Kozagawa Town

## Canoe Experience <Kozagawa Adventure Club>



Have a great time on the clear Koza-gawa River under the guidance of an instructor.

- Fee: Adults, from 6,000 yen (reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-72-3293 (Japanese only)



## Yuzu Product Making <Agricultural Union "Kozagawa Yuzu Hirai no Sato">

Hands on experience making konjac jelly and jam with yuzu produced in Kozagawa Town.

- Fee: From 2,000 yen/person (reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-77-0123 (Japanese only)
- <http://www4.ocn.ne.jp/~yuzusato/>



## River shrimp fishing <Ayu-no-Tanamiya>

Catch river shrimp attracted by a bonfire.

- Fee: Adults, from 3,500 yen (reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-72-2138 (Japanese only)

## Traditional Fire Torch Fishing <Ayu-no-Tanamiya>

Enjoy watching traditional fire torch fishing, and eating Ayu sweetfish and river shrimp.

- Fee: September 20 until the end of November Adults- from 4,000 yen (reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-72-2138 (Japanese only)



## Batik Indigo Dyeing <Takinohai dyeing workshop>

Enjoy making original works of indigo dyeing, according to the Batik dyeing technique.

- Fee: From 2,000 yen/person (reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-79-0194 (Japanese only)



## Koza-Kaido Pass Walk

Feel the history, culture, and life of Koza-gawa River as you walk along Koza-Kaido Pass, along with a guide.

- Fee: Adults- from 2,500 yen (including guide and insurance, reservations required)
- Contact: ☎0735-72-0376 Nanki Tsukinose Onsen, Botanso Hotel ● <http://www.botansou.jp> (Japanese only)



## Mt. Dake-no-Moriyama Trekking

Climb the lofty and beautiful mountain on the opposite side of Ichimai-iwa Monolith. Also enjoy rocky sites such as Nametoko-iwa Rock and Tofu-iwa Rock, the evergreen forest, and wild plants and flowers along the way.



## Mt. Minenoyama Trekking

Even inexperienced climbers can fully enjoy the course by starting at the top of Mt. Minenoyama and walking down to the Shimoji-bashi Bridge. Giant and old trees can be seen along this route.

# Folk tales and Legends

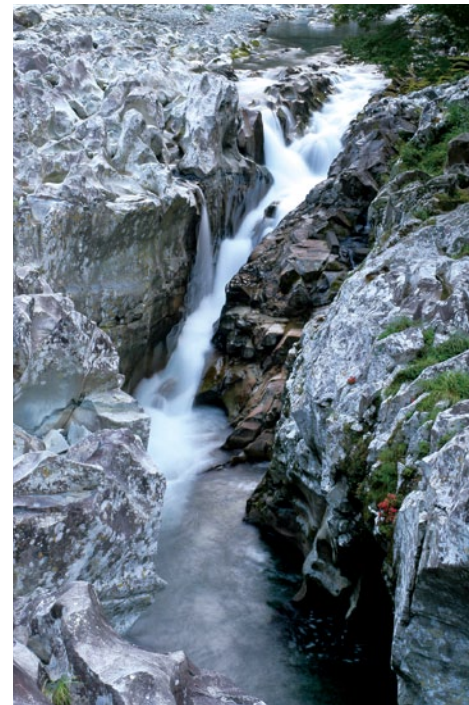


Shadow of the guard dog appearing on Ichimai-iwa Monolith

## Guard Dog of Ichimai-iwa Monolith

Once upon a time, an evil spirit who loved rocks lived in Taiji Town. The spirit came to Koza-gawa River where the rocks lie in a row and began eating the rocks, one after another. When the evil spirit was about to bite Ichimai-iwa Monolith, the village hunting dog attacked it. The evil spirit disliked dogs, and ran away as fast as it could. And Ichimai-

iwa Monolith was protected. There is a dent that runs down the center of Ichimai-iwa Monolith that is said to be the toothmarks of that evil spirit. After a long rain "Inyo no Taki Waterfall" flows like tears of pain. Around April 19 and August 25, a shadow in the shape of a dog appears on Ichimai-iwa Monolith around five in the evening as the legend returns. The town people still call that shadow, "the guard dog of Ichimai-iwa Monolith".



Takinohai



## Takinohai Taro

Once upon a time, a samurai named Taro lived in Takinohai. He prayed to the gods to answer his request, and dug holes in the rocks with his sword. When he was digging the 999th hole, he dropped his sword into the waterfall. He dove into the basin looking for his sword, but didn't come back for seven days. Taro's family and the village held a Buddhist memorial service, believing that he died. But then, Taro unexpectedly came back! He explained that there was a palace at the bottom of the waterfall, and he was warmly welcomed by the princess of the lord of the waterfall. When he was about to go home, the princess handed him the lost sword and a round stone as souvenirs. Since then, the grumbling sound at the bottom of the waterfall stopped. At the Konpira Shrine where the lord of the waterfall is deified, the round stone brought back by Taro can be found.



# Food

From the abundant blessings of nature, a wide variety of local dishes and specialty products can be tasted from the area. Enjoy the hospitality that embodies the wisdom and creativity of the people of Kozagawa Town.



Wild boar and deer descend from the mountains to the villages and damage crops. These animals are not only caught, but are also valuable food resources in Kozagawa Town. These gifts from mountains are low in calories, high in protein, and very tasty. Enjoy all the specialties of Kozagawa Town!

## Jibier Humberger

Jibier Humberger are made from 100% venison and yuzu sauce produced in Kozagawa Town. Its natural but mild flavor is popular. Available at the Ichimai-iwa Roadside Station (Ichimai-iwa Rokumeikan).



# Living

Kozagawa Town is blessed with clear air, clean water, and rich nature. Residents live their lives in harmony with nature. Yuzu and honey from local Japanese bees are specialty products, and traditional fishing methods are still practiced on Kozagawa river. Much of the accumulated wisdom and traditions of the town's ancestors is alive in the area today.



## Yuzu

The best yuzu comes from mountainous regions with an annual average air temperature between 12-15°C. These conditions are perfectly met in Kozagawa Town with its clean water and clear air. Yuzu is a specialty cultivated here since ancient times.

## Yuzu juice

Local, specially grown yuzu is used for this drink. Enjoy the refreshing flavor and fresh taste.



## Japanese bees

Honey of Japanese bees has high viscosity and quality and is also a specialty product of Kozagawa Town. The bees live in a beehive called "gora" which is a hollowed out cedar log. Honey is only harvested once a year.





## Restaurants

Name of facilities	Address	Main Menu	Map
Yu	188-7 Tsukinose	Tea, snacks, karaoke	D-4
Dacha Yamanba	150-2 Nakazaki	Yamanba tea, Darjeeling tea, milk tea, coffee, grape juice of Muscat Bailey A , etc.	D-4
Tsukushi	241 Ichiburi	Various kinds of ramen 600 yen~, Oden, Special chicken curry, natural grilled fish (ayu) (available in summer) about 800 yen, and more	C-4
Ichimai-iwa Rokumeikan	290-2 Aise	"Uzumi" plate from the Teramoto family 1,000 yen, Ichimai-iwa plate, soba, udon, dessert, various drinks, etc.	C-4
Experience and Interchange Facility Yuzu no Gakko	469 Hirai	"Uzumi" set plate (reservations required), yuzu chiffon cake, etc.	B-2
Tsukinose Onsen, Botanso Hotel	881-1 Tsukinose	Lunch plate with coffee 700 yen, natural fish grill (ayu) (available in summer) 1,050 yen, fried freshwater prawns (available in summer), various other snacks, teas.	D-4
Guest House "Maido"	937 Tsukinose	Eat in / Boxed lunch (reservations required) are available.	D-4
Yamasaki-ya Inn	225 Takaie	Lunch (reservations required)	E-5

## Accommodations

Name of facilities	Address	Contact	English available	Map
Yamasaki-ya Inn	225 Takaie	0735-72-0070	No	E-5
Tsukinose Onsen, Botanso Hotel	881-1 Tsukinose	0735-72-0376 <a href="http://www.botansou.jp/">http://www.botansou.jp/</a>	Yes	D-4
Guest House "Maido"	937 Tsukinose	0735-72-3638	No	D-4
Pension Inaka michi	44 Kogawa	0735-79-0255	No	D-3
Guest House "Oki"	981-1 Mitogawa	0735-75-0366	No	B-4
Tanaka-ya Inn	354-2 Shimotsuyu	0735-77-0003	No	B-3
Guest House "Ayu-no-Tanamiya"	91 Nukumi	0735-72-2138	No	D-4
Ekubo	261 Kawaguchi	0735-79-0002	No	D-3

## Souvenirs & Specialty Products

Name of facilities	Address	Products	Map
Mushikui-iwa Roadside Station	705-1 Ikenoyama	Various Souvenirs, agricultural products	E-4
Ichimai-iwa Roadside Station	290-2 Aise	Various Souvenirs	C-4
Takinohai Taro Roadside Station	774-1 Kogawa	Various Souvenirs, agricultural products	D-3
Minna no Mise	436 Myojin	Agricultural products, daily goods	D-4
Botanso Hotel	881-1 Tsukinose	Various Souvenirs, agricultural products	D-4
Agricultural Union "Kozagawa Yuzu Hirai no Sato"	469 Hirai	Yuzu processed products	B-2
Shinya Farm	158-1 Tsukinose	Yuzu processed products	E-4
Ushiroguchi Farm	453-2 Kusu	Yuzu processed products	E-3
Maeda Farm	123 Manago	Yuzu, garlic, Japanese star anise	B-3
Matsubayashi Farm	987 Mitogawa	Yuzu processed products	B-4
Kozagawa Fisheries	202 Takase	Cooked Fish (Ayu) as a whole	D-4
Ayumi farm	714 Nishikawa	Garlic, jam, mountain vegetable set	B-2
Hayama Agriculture Products	436 Takaie	Garlic	E-4
Tenshodo	466 Mitogawa	Blueberries, etc.	B-4
Kuraya Farm	27 Nishikawa	Dried shiitake mushroom	C-3

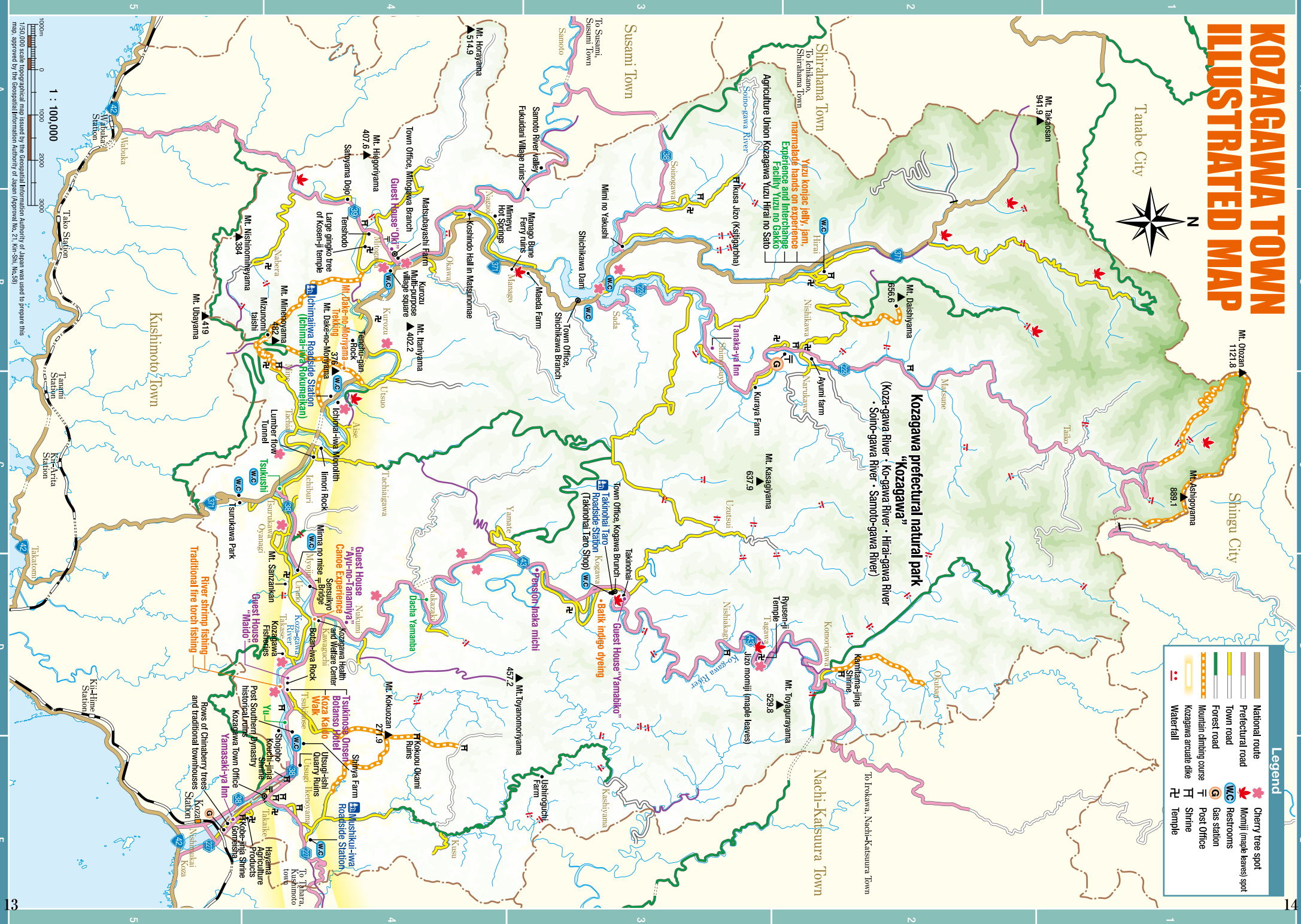


# KOZAGAWA TOWN ILLUSTRATED MAP

Tanabe City



Legend	
	National route
	Prefectural road
	Town road
	Forest road
	Mountain climbing course
	Kozagawa arcade office
	Waterfall
	Cherry tree spot
	Momiji (maple leaves) spot
	Restrooms
	Gas station
	Post Office
	Shrine
	Temple



1/50,000 scale topographical map issued by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan used to prepare this map, approved by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan (Approval No. 21-Kin-Shi-Mc.58)