

# Hidaka “Stroll and Discover” Map

ひだか探訪お散歩マップ

東京のすぐ北  
Just North  
of Tokyo

SAITAMA  
埼玉県

TOKYO

HIDAKA

5,000,000 Red Spider Lilies

天下大將軍

地下女將軍

Hidaka City mascot characters  
Kurikka & Kurippi

## Access

**By train**

● Seibu Ikebukuro Line, Koma Station (At the earliest, 60 min from Ikebukuro Station)  
● JR Hachiko Line, Komagawa Station (40 min from Hachioji Station)  
● JR Kawagoe Line, Komagawa Station (20 min from Kawagoe Station)

**By Car**

Please use the following expressway interchange:  
● Kan'etsu Expressway, Tsurugashima Interchange  
● Ken-O Expressway, Sayama-Hidaka Interchange or Ken-O Tsurugashima Interchange

**Some helpful resources**

JR East Phone Inquiry ..... 050-2016-1600  
Seibu Railway Customer Service ..... 04-2996-2888  
Hidaka Sightseeing Association ..... 042-989-2111  
Kinchakuda Administration Office ..... 042-982-0268

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## 2016 is the 1300th Anniversary of the Establishment of Koma County

平成28(2016)年  
高麗郡 創設  
1300年

Hidaka City is home to the historical Koma County, and you can still find place names like Koma Shrine and Koma River. The county name has significant relevance to the ancient kingdom of Kokuri in Korean Peninsula. In the year 716, Koma County was established and settled by the Koma people. The year 2016 is the 1,300th anniversary of the establishment of Koma County.

### The History of the Making of Koma County

Japan has received many immigrants from abroad over the centuries. One of the places immigrants came from was the Kokuri region in Korea. Kokuri is read “Koma” in Japanese, so immigrants from that region became known as “Komabito” (the Koma people). The people of Koma inhabited seven Eastern provinces: Suruga (today's Shizuoka), Kai (Yamanashi), Sagami (Kanagawa), Kazusa (Chiba), Shimousa (Chiba), Hitachi (Ibaraki), and Shimotsuke (Tochigi).

The Yamato Imperial Court, which held the political power at the time, established Koma County in the Musashi province (today's Tokyo, Saitama, and part of Kanagawa) in 716. The 1,799 Koma people living in the seven Eastern provinces all migrated to Koma County. Jakko, a prominent individual and a member of the royal family of Kokuri, became a leader in Koma County and improved the lives of the people by reclaiming then-uncultivated land within Koma County, setting up industries, and making other contributions. The people made a foundation for living, built public office buildings and roads, and provided necessities for the county.

## History & Culture

Hidaka is a place where, from ancient times until today, people take pride in living and are always keeping active. How about spending a relaxing day of strolling and following the tracks of history?

**Koma Shrine** MAP E-4

This shrine was built to honor Jakko Komanokokishi, a royal member of Kokuri. He is believed to be a deity of good fortune and success in life.

**Nationally Registered Tangible Cultural Property** MAP D-6

An old Koma village home (Formerly the Arai Family Residence) Within the grounds, the main building and guest quarters, which were built between the end of the Edo Period and the start of the Meiji Period, are centrally located along with a shed and two storehouses. Stone and white plaster walls face the road. These constructions reflect the beauty of Koma life.

**Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property**

Koma Family Residence MAP E-4

Behind Koma Shrine, there remains a residence that has belonged to generations of resident head priests, the Koma family. The residence is noted within the prefecture as being the oldest of the hip-and-gable and thatched roof architectural type and is nationally designated as being an important cultural property.

**City Designated Cultural Asset**

Shoden'in MAP E-4

One is struck by the beauty of Komazan Shoden'in Shorakuji (temple) with its characteristic temple gates and majestic air. The spring cherry blossoms splendidly reflect their grace in the pools of water beneath.

## See and Enjoy

Hidaka is nature's treasure house. Natural beauty and breathtaking landscapes abound.

**Gojo Falls** MAP A-4

The name “Gojo” is based on the five virtues of compassion, justice, gratitude, wisdom, and honesty. The waterfall is only about 12 meters, but locals boast with pride about the amount of water that spills. At the bottom of the falls, Takiduson (a deity that is believed to reside at the bottom of the falls) is paid homage.

**Mt. Hiwada** MAP C-5

At 305 m above sea level, this mountain is a well-known symbol of Hidaka. At the top, there is a Hokyoji pagoda of cultural significance, a maintained hiking course, and outstanding panoramic views.



## Kinchakuda Manjushage Park

### 5,000,000 Red Spider Lilies

The clear waters that run through Hidaka City and the meandering flow of the Koma River has over time created a land formation. This shape is said to resemble a “kinchaku” or drawstring pouch and was, thus, named Kinchakuda (“pouch field”). The plain is surrounded by 22 hectares of water and it has fields of rape blossoms and cosmos. In the center, a massive cluster of “manjushage” (red spider lilies) burst open in the autumn, painting the whole area a deep red color, and all around a red carpet of flowers appears.

**Spring** Best flowers to see

**Summer** Best flowers to see

**Fall** Best flowers to see

**Winter** Best flowers to see

A view of the four seasons of Kinchakuda

## Hidaka's Local Specialties

Farmed and processed goods from Hidaka, created from the bounty of Mother Nature. Every item is exceptional and ready to be savored.

**Soy sauce** MAP G-2

Yugeta Shoyu (soy sauce)

Brewer of healthy and organic soy sauce. Providing fresh soy sauce that is not heat-sterilized, which is an uncommon method of brewing in Japan. Brewery tours that include experiencing actual process methods are also available.

**Pork** MAP K-5

Saiboku Ham

Specialty selected meats recognized the world over. Their Ultimate Super Golden meats have fans all over Japan.

**Sake** MAP E-3

Nagasawa Sake Brewery

A special high-quality sake brewed at a quiet brewery peacefully nestled near the Koma River. Please try the flavor of “Koma” (the king of Koma)”, a famous dry sake that perfectly complements the local foods.

**Kinchakuda Gifts**

**Nakaya** MAP D-6

From the wilderness of Koma, all-natural honey produced by the honeybees.

**Uru, chestnuts, tea, blueberries**

**Irumano Agricultural Cooperative** MAP F-5, J-6

Don't miss out on their fresh local produce.

**Japanese sweets**

**Kameya** MAP F-4

A delicious and well-known confectionery using locally-grown chestnuts.

**B-class Gourmet**

**Koma Nabe** (Hot Pot)

Koma Nabe's popularity grows steadily after winning the Grand Prix of the local B-class gourmet competition! The Kim-Chae Stew, which includes fresh local vegetables and Korean ginseng, is a new favorite in Hidaka City.

**Gifts**

**Koma Village Cookies**

Creations in packaging by cartoon artist Mr. Tatsuya Matano which embody the charm of Hidaka and Koma.

Try the meals at the restaurants marked within the map.

## Flowers of Hidaka

Hidaka City's surrounding nature provides a feeling of tranquility. The landscape of lovely flowers will heal your soul.

**Red spider lilies** MAP D-6

**Cherry blossoms (Yoshino cherry)** MAP I-4, J-4

**Rhododendrons** MAP B-4

**Rape blossoms** MAP D-6

**Lotus flowers** MAP D-6

**Weeping cherry blossoms** MAP E-4

**Cosmos** MAP D-6

**Crape myrtle** MAP F-3

**Red blossoms of Japanese apricot** MAP E-4

## Flowers in Kinchakuda

Red spider lilies  
Hydrangeas  
Buckwheat  
Cosmos  
Orange spider lilies  
Lotus flowers  
Cherry blossoms  
Ichirinsou (Anemone nikoensis)  
Rape blossoms  
Japanese apricot

## Recommended Spots

**Spring** Hiking from Kinchakuda to Mt. Hiwada

This is a hiking course that even beginner hikers can enjoy. From the shrine gate close to the top of Mt. Hiwada, a panoramic view of Kinchakuda can be seen, and on a clear day, there are views in the direction of Tokyo. Kinchakuda and Mt. Hiwada are well-known landmarks of Hidaka.

**Summer** A Tour of the Waterfalls, including Gojo Falls

The name “Gojo” is based on the five virtues of compassion, justice, gratitude, wisdom, and honesty. At some point in history, the waterfall was named after this concept. The falls that leisurely flow through the forest will cool you down from the summer heat together with the shade of the surrounding trees.

**Fall** Red Spider Lilies of Kinchakuda

Kinchakuda is famous for its red spider lilies that bloom in mid-September. The approximate 5.5 hectare field of flowers (Kinchakuda Manjushage Park) is one of the largest in Japan.

**Winter** Hatsumode (First visit to a shrine for the New Year)

Most Japanese people visit a shrine after January 1 to pray for health and good fortune in the New Year. In Hidaka City, Koma Shrine and Shoden'in are the most popular.