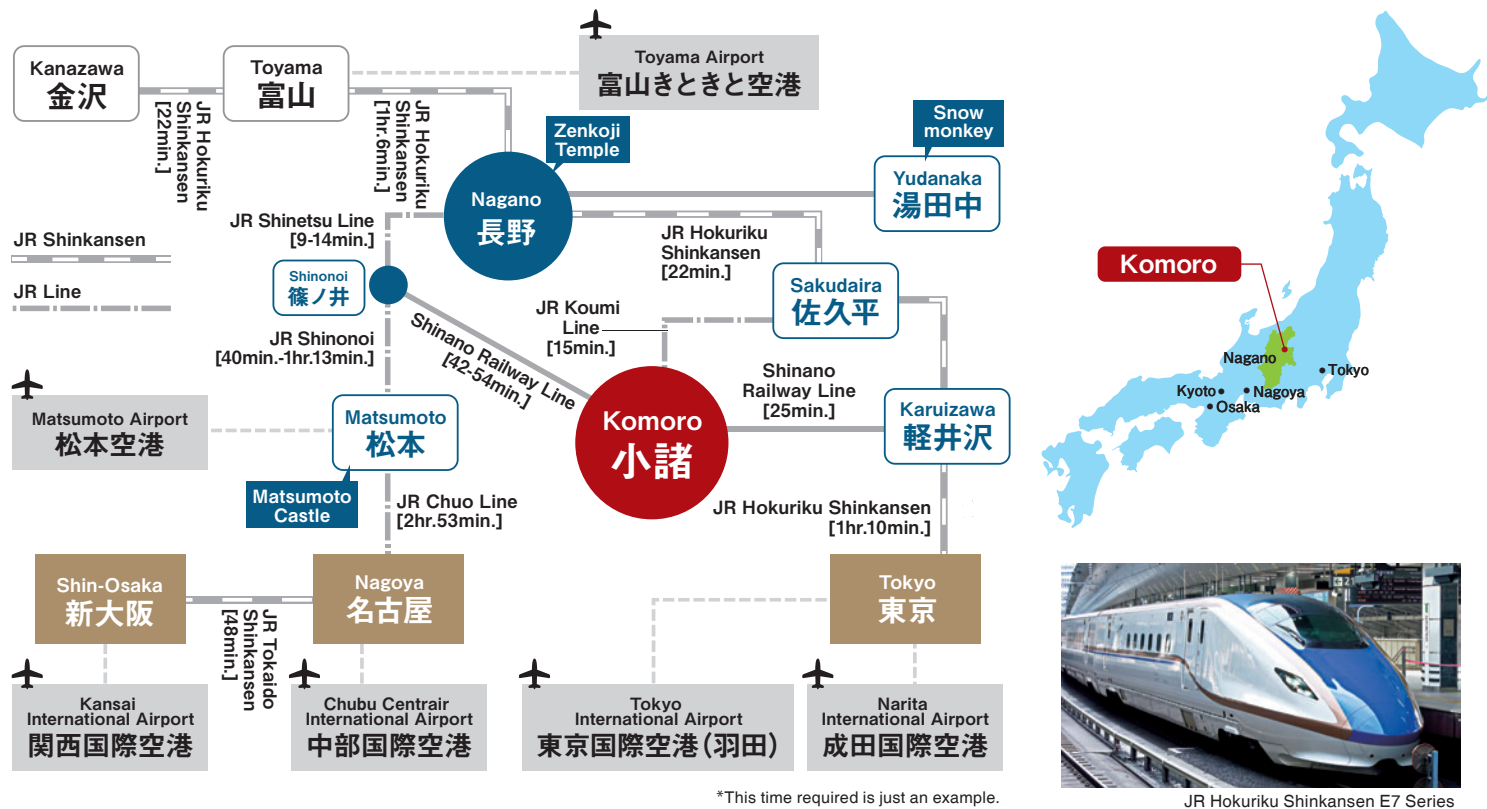


Access Guide



Transportation in Komoro

Rental bikes At tourist information center

Regular type	300 yen / 1hr.
City type (electric)	500 yen / 1hr.
Countryside type (electric)	1,000 yen / 1hr.
Mini type (electric)	500 yen / 1hr.

JR bus Between Komoro station and Takamine Highland

Two Round trips a day (one way)	
From Komoro station	
To Takamine Highland Hotel	1,070 yen / 37min.
To Asama Ski Resort	1,120 yen / 43min.

*You can use Japan Railway pass if you have it.

Taxi Estimated fee

From Komoro station	
To Nunobiki Kannon (布引観音)	1,700 yen / 10min.
To Aguri-no-yu hot spa	
and strawberry picking (あぐりの湯 & いちご)	1,700 yen / 10min.
To Manns Wines (マンズワイン)	1,300 yen / 8min.
To Matsui Farm (松井農園)	1,300 yen / 8min.

*These prices and time required are just an example.





Railway JR Hokuriku Shinkansen

From Tokyo	Tokyo	Shinkansen 70min.	Karuizawa	Shinano Railway 25min.	Komoro
		Shinkansen 75min.	Sakudaira	JR Koumi Line 15min.	
From Kanazawa	Kanazawa	Shinkansen 65min.	Nagano	Shinano Railway 62分	
		Shinkansen 120min.	Sakudaira	JR Koumi Line 15min.	

Car

Nemba	Kanetsu Expressway	Fujioaka	Joshinetsu Expressway	Komoro IC
	78.6km		82.1km	
Komaki	Chuo Exp.	Okaya	Nagano Exp.	
	162.2km		75.8km	
Joetsu			Koisyoku	
			Joshinetsu Exp.	
			36.8km	
			Joshinetsu Expressway	
			85.8km	

Bus

Shinjuku Expressway Bus Terminal	Kanto JR Bus	Komoro st.	
	3hr.		
Osaka Kyoto	West JR Bus		
	10hr.		
Ikebukuro Tachikawa	Chikuma Bus		
	3hr. 30min.		
			
JR bus	JR Koumi Line	Chikuma bus	Shinano Railway



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Nagano, Japan



Trekking



The beauty of nature created by active volcanoes.

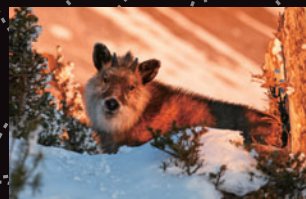
At 2,568 meters in height, Mount Asama is one of the most renowned active volcanoes even on a global scale. The beautiful form of Mount Asama with its flowing volcanic plume has been treasured by people throughout the years as a symbol of mountain spiritualism. The dynamic and majestic panorama formed by this active volcano continues to attract many mountain hikers through all four seasons as one of the most famous one hundred mountains of Japan. The abundant nature of the mountains connected to Mount Asama is designated as national parkland.



Nature Activities

Mount Asama nurtures a wide array of plants and animals, and is home to many important species of natural life including alpine plants, alpine butterflies, wild animals, and the protected Japanese serow (goat-antelope) species. From spring through summer on Mount Asama, Mount Kurofu, and Mount Takamine, one after the other precious alpine plants sprout towards their peak viewing seasons and color the mountain land.

Along its long history, Mount Asama has experienced repeated major eruptions at times. Because of this the mountain developed preparations for eruptions very early on and boasts one of the most cutting-edge surveillance systems in Japan, as exemplified by having the earliest Japanese volcano observatory. Mountain hiking routes change with the "volcanic eruption alert level", and the various different scenic views at those different times add spice to the Mount Asama experience.



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*Asama & Takamine
Trekking Guide PDF*



A ski resort above the clouds. The spectacularly scenic Takamine Kogen.

Asama 2000 Park Ski Resort opens up in early December, before other regions. Spring skiing is also available until the end of March. Takamine Kogen is blessed with a high rate of good weather, and on a clear day you can see a panoramic stretch of the Yatsugatake Mountains, Southern Alps, Northern Alps, and far away mountains. Top Japanese skiers train on this slope.



Skiing

Experience immersive outdoors. Explore an array of fun Takamine Kogen activities.

Takamine Kogen is a camping area for satisfying immersion in the outdoors amidst the abundant natural environment. Cottages, bungalows, and autocamps are also available. And there are even natural hot spring facilities near the campsites.

Delicious meat and fresh local vegetables. Enjoy a barbecue with friends.

On clear days, barbecue outdoors and enjoy the pleasant breeze. The roof makes it perfect for rainy days as well. This is an easy and fun barbecue pavilion. Drop by during your travels, and don't worry about bringing anything.



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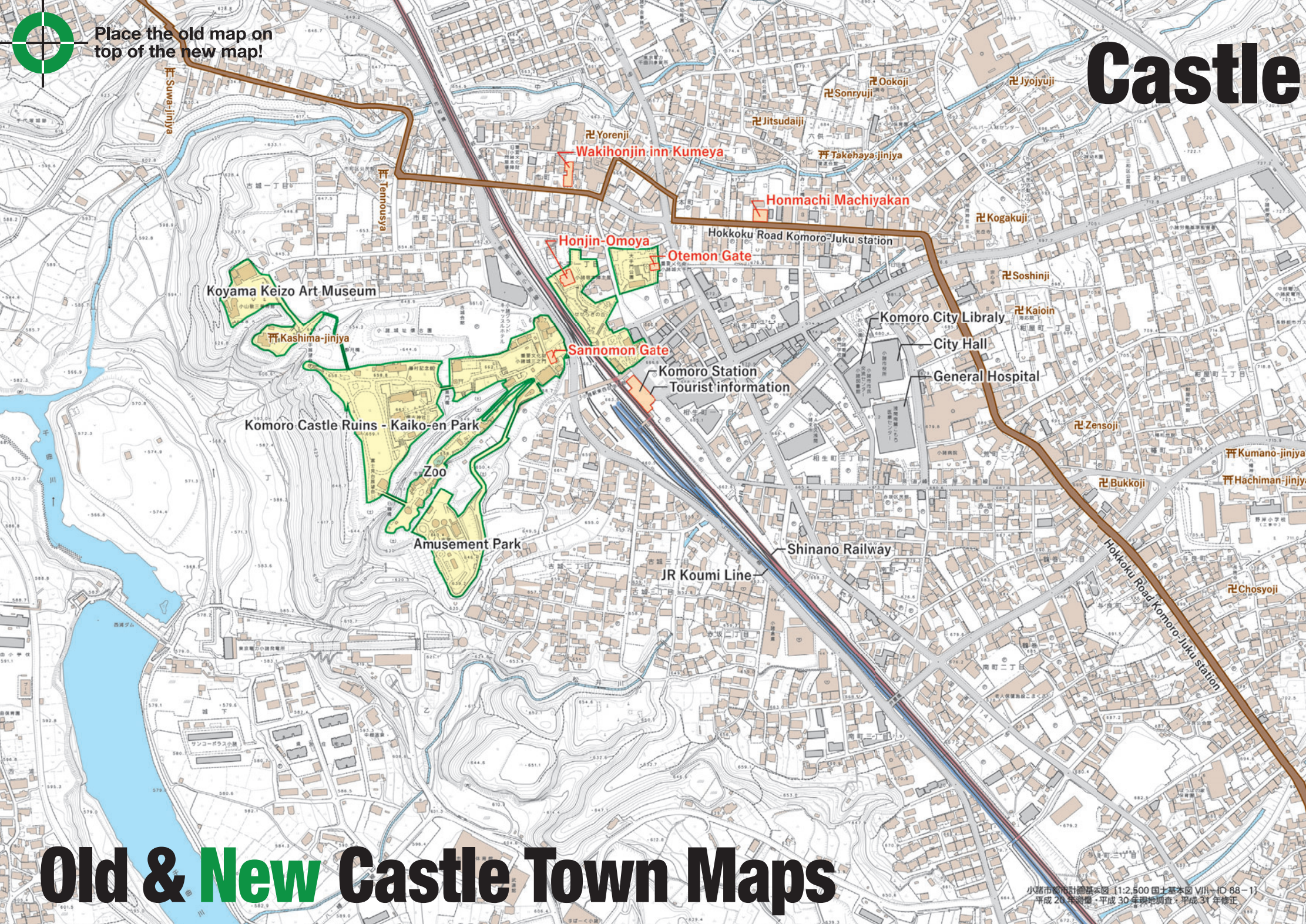
*Skiing, camping,
and barbecuing facilities*



Bonfires



Camping & BBQ



Castle Town Strolling



Hokkoku Road Komoro-Juku station
 Komoro prospered as a post-station town along the Hokkoku Road with its strategic location for sankin kotai (feudal lords traveling to and from their Edo and local residences) and Zenkoji Temple attendance travel. The Honmachi, Aramachi, and Yoramachi areas situated along the old Hokkoku Road still retain a post-station town ambiance even to this day, and there are liquor stores, miso shops, and soba noodle restaurants that still operate in buildings dating back to the Edo era.



Old Honmachi Machiyakan Merchant House
 Entrance is free
 --Event-- February to March: Hokkoku Road Komoro-Juku Station Doll Viewing

Old & New Castle Town Maps



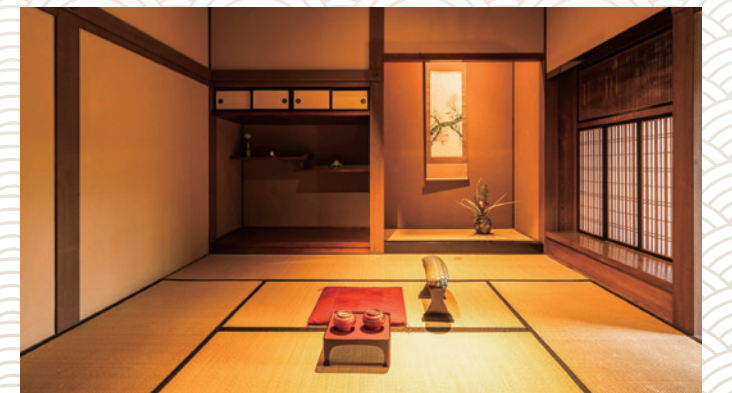
Komoro Castle Otemon Gate
 Built in 1612 (17th year of the Keicho era) by Sengoku Hidehisa, a military leader of the Sengoku period. The Otemon Gate is Komoro Castle's first gate and its entrance. The gate interior was formerly used as living quarters. Through major renovation and reconstruction work, its original form has been brought back to life, and visitors can enter the interior. (Interior visits: Hours: 10:00-15:00, Closed during winter)
 (Designated National Important Cultural Property)



Komoro Castle Sannomon Gate
 Built as the third partition gate in Komoro Castle from 1596 through 1624 (Keicho era - Genwa era). It was destroyed together with part of the surrounding castle town in the 1742 deluge and subsequently rebuilt. The circular and triangular holes in the wall are called hazama, and facilitate attacks on the outside with arrows and firearms.
 (Designated National Important Cultural Property)



Former Wakihonjin Inn Kumeya
 Lodging facility and cafe
 --Special Experience-- 3rd Sunday of the month: Tearoom / kakegama tea pot 1,000 yen
 *Dates and prices may be subject to change.



Former Elite Inn Honjin-Omoya
 Entrance is free (closed on Thursdays)
 Hours: 10:00-16:00
 *Closed for winter season from November to March.



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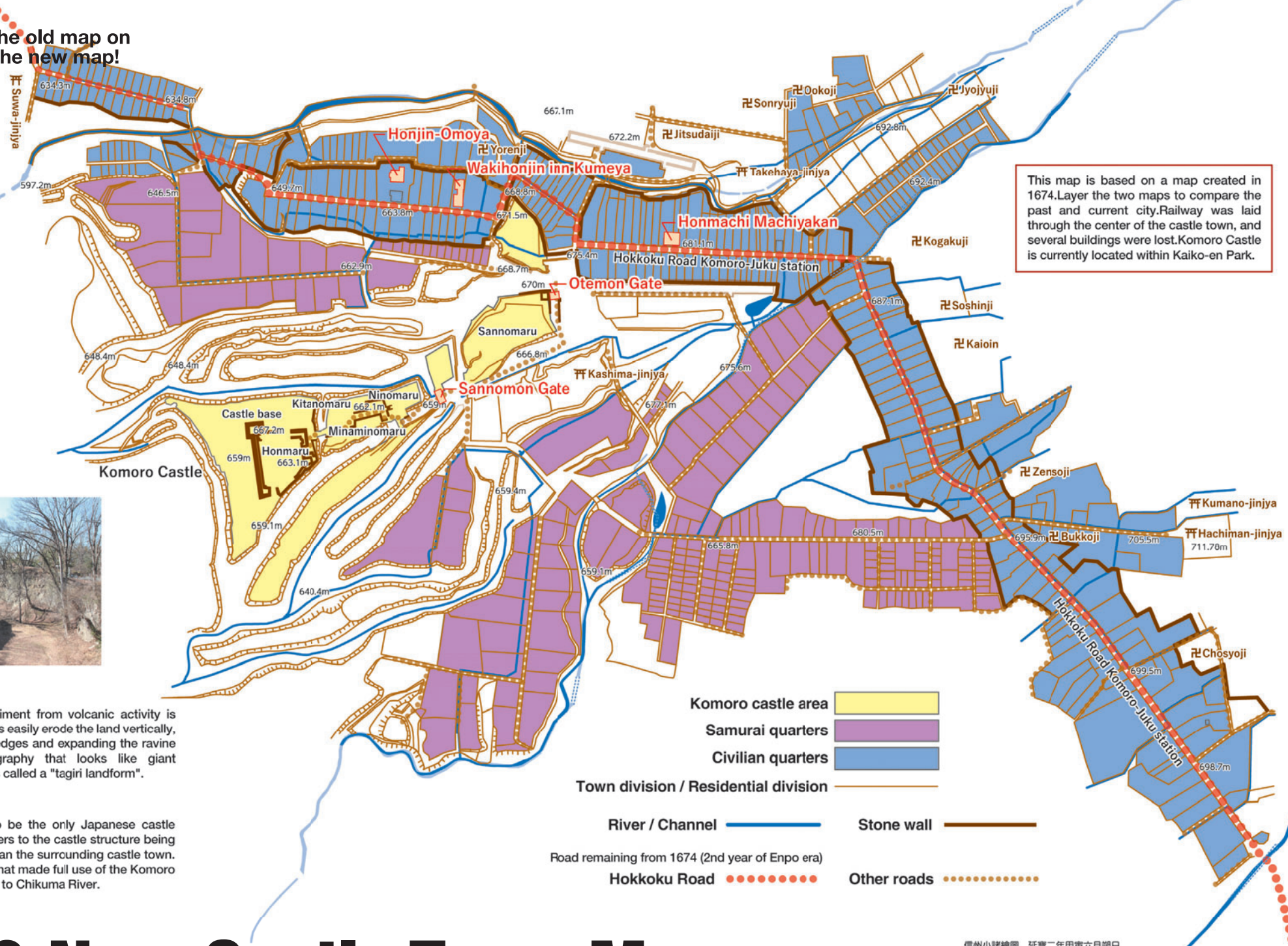


Tagiri landform

The concreteness of sediment from volcanic activity is loose, and even small rivers easily erode the land vertically, cutting away at the river edges and expanding the ravine floor. This valley topography that looks like giant earthworm slither tracks is called a "tagiri landform".

Anajiro

Komoro Castle is said to be the only Japanese castle called "Anajiro", which refers to the castle structure being located on a spot lower than the surrounding castle town. It is a natural fortification that made full use of the Komoro terrain from Mount Asama to Chikuma River.



Old & New Castle Town Maps

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Highlights

Komoro Castle Ruins - Kaiko-en Park



Komoro Castle was deserted in 1871 (4th year of the Meiji era), but was later transformed into a modern park in 1926 (15th year of the Taisho era) under the name Komoro Castle Ruins Kaikoen. As an old castle, it presents beautiful scenery for all four seasons. And it also has an art museum, memorial hall, zoo, and amusement park, lifting spirits with the feeling of breeze through the grass. It has been designated as one of the one hundred top Japanese cherry blossom locations and as one of the one hundred top Japanese historical parks.

Nunobiki Kannon



The path to Kannondo Hall is a steep climb, and this sculpture of Nunobiki Kannon reposes against the sheer cliff wall. The old legend is, in order to kindle faith in the heart of an old non-believer woman, Kannon transformed into an ox, caught a piece of her precious cloth on his horns, and brought her to Zenkoji Temple. (National Important Cultural Property)



Other Highlights



Cloud Sea Point



Star Watching




Kimono Wearing

Spas

Komoro is a city of famous secluded hot springs with several different spring sources.



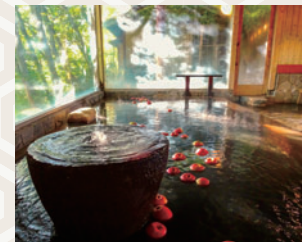
Takamine Onsen, "The Lamp Inn"
Telephone: 0267-25-2000 

An open-air bath above the clouds, 2,000 meters high. And the creamy white bath with lamp light is also amazing.



Tengu Onsen Asama Sanso
Telephone: 0267-22-0959 

Legend has it a *tengu* goblin took a dip in this hot spring, turning it a light auburn color. A hub for Mount Asama hiking.



Nakadana Onsen Nakadanaso
Telephone: 0267-22-1511 

A long-standing hot spring inn serving guests since the Meiji era. Wintertime features baths bedecked with floating apples.



Hishino Onsen Tokiwakan
Telephone: 0267-22-0516 


A mountain cable car takes guests up to the panoramic woodland open-air bath. Enjoy a swing in the nude spa area.



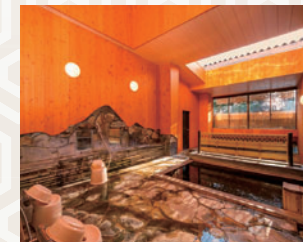
Nunobiki Onsen Komoro
Telephone: 0267-22-2288 

An open-air bath with a panoramic view of the town of Komoro. The entire base of Mount Asama is visible from here.



Nunobiki Kannon Onsen
Telephone: 0268-67-3434 


A hot spring nestled near Chikuma River. The slightly warm deep-water spring is drinkable.



Hishino Onsen Yakushikan
Telephone: 0267-22-0077 


A hot spring that passes through a cave. The inn is 400 years old. The cold-water bath has been used for 800 years.



Komoro Grand Castle Hotel
Telephone: 0267-22-8000 

Situated in an area that was formerly within the Komoro Castle grounds, this hotel is close to Komoro Station.




Takamine Kogen Hotel
Telephone: 0267-25-3000 

Located conveniently at a Mount Asama hiking path entrance, this scenic hot spring has an incredible view of a "cloud ocean" stretching out below.



Hot spring facility without lodging

Aguri no Yu "Komoro"
Telephone: 0267-24-4126 

Enjoy a large open-air bath and dining. From January through June, strawberry picking is also available.



SOBA 蕎麦



▲ Soba noodles with walnut sauce and assorted tempura
—Restaurant Yamahei—



▲ Shinshu soba noodles hometown gift set
—Oonishi Seifun—



▲ Make and eat your own noodles
in the "Soba noodle pounding lesson"
—Nakadanaso—



▲ Japanese breakfast meal set
—Wakihonjin inn Kumeya—



▲ Mellow miso paste, 1kg
plastic container
—Fujiya Jozo—



▲ Winter aged miso, 500g
Full body and fragrance miso, 500g
—Yamabuki Miso—



▲ Countryside miso hojun, 500g
Countryside miso deluxe, 500g
—Koujiya Shouten—



Local cuisine

FRUITS 果物



▲ Strawberry picking (Season: January to the end of June)
—Komoro Nunobiki Strawberry Farm—



▲ Apple Juice & Jam —Apple Farm Sukegawa—



▲ Japanese sake —Otsuka Shuzo—



酒 LIQUOR



▲ Wine —Manns Wines—



▲ Apples (Season: Mid-August to early December)
—Nakamatsui Farm—



▲ Blueberries (Season: Early July to early August)
—Matsui Farm—



▲ Prunes (Season: Early September to early October)
—Oike Farm—



Map



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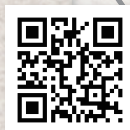
2 Izunayama Park



3 Komoro City Zoo



4 Japanese Garden Ban Sui En



5 Yume Harvest Farm



6 Teishaba Garden



7 Komoro Yaebeni shidare (weeping cherry trees)



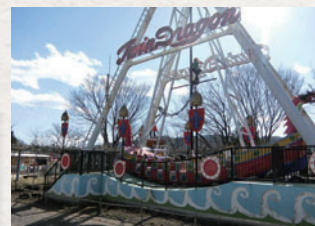
8 Komoro sumire (violets)



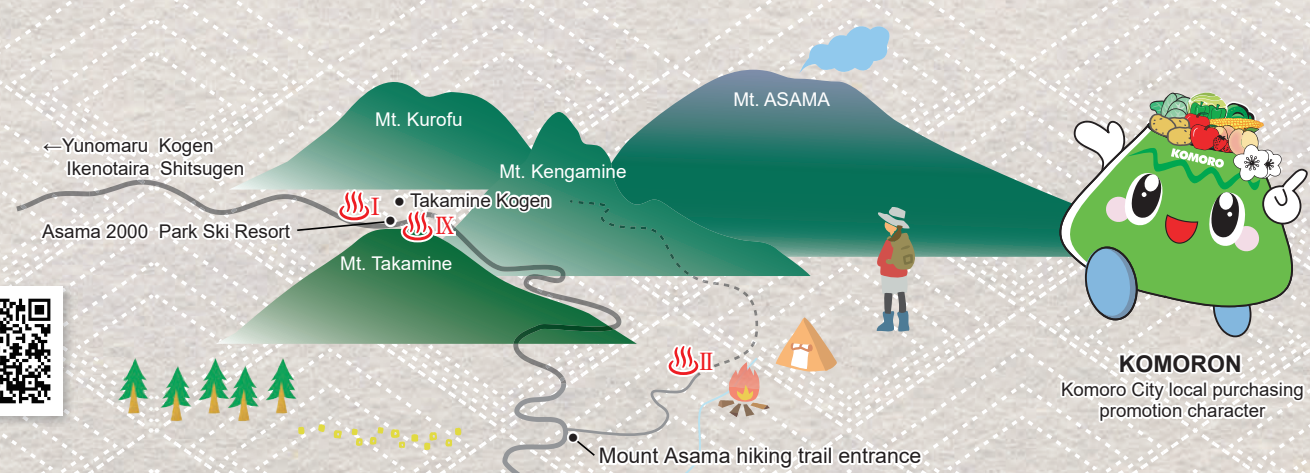
9 Green cherry blossoms



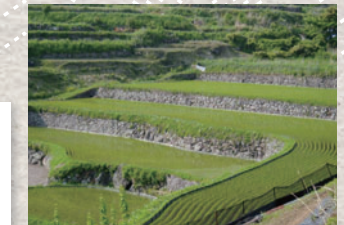
10 Mimaki Plateau



11 Kaikoen Amusement Park



Vegetable farmer's market



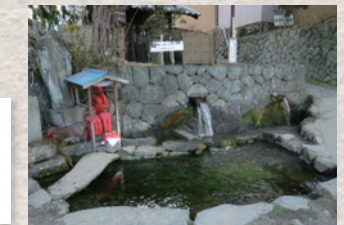
12 Rice Terrace Fields in Hishino



13 Manns Wines



14 Nanohana Flower Fields (Yamaura and Nukaji)



15 Benten Springwater



16 Koori Fuketsu Cold Storage Hole



17 TSURUYA (Supermarket)

