

Travel on the AKITA NAIRIKU LINE

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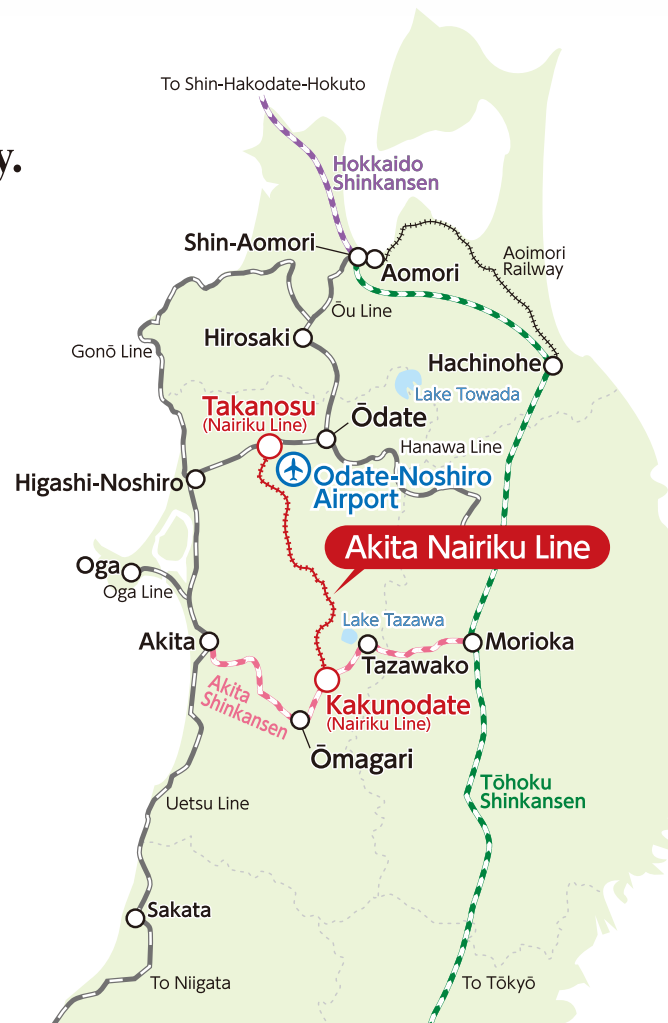
The Akita Nairiku Line



The Akita Nairiku Line runs for 94.2 km through the inland area of Akita Prefecture from Kakunodate Station, a stop on the Akita Shinkansen Line, to Takanosu Station. The area along the railway line is home to countless natural blessings, including Mt. Moriyoshi, and the view from the train window is nothing less than Japan's original landscape. Passengers on this "mountain resort train" have ample opportunity to experience the timeless Japanese landscape.

A fresh spring breeze blows— perfect for a scenic countryside journey.

Listen to the attendant's announcements, and look out the window to be greeted by spectacular views. Why not take a relaxing trip on the Nairiku Line, as it travels slowly past glorious views, where you can almost hear the murmuring of the river?



AREA MAP

Hirosaki City



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Take the Akita Shinkansen "Komachi" to Akita!



Semboku Area



Tazawako Kakunodate
Tourism Association

Tourist information

[Tazawako] Semboku City Tazawa Lake Tourist Information Center "Folake" ☎ +81-187-43-2111

[Kakunodate] Semboku City Tourist Information Center "Kakunodate Ekimae Kura" ☎ +81-187-54-2700


[Nishiki] Nishiki Tourist Information Center ☎ +81-187-42-8480

The Home of Katakuri Lilies

Witness a 20-hectare carpet of katakuri lilies! After cultivation of the chestnut forest, katakuri lilies have grown wild.

- **Viewing season:** Mid-April to early May
*Subject to change depending on flowering conditions.
- **Inquiries:** Nishiki Tourist Information Center
☎ +81-187-42-8480
- **Access:** About 3 minutes' walk from Yatsu Station
*During this open period, a special rapid train service, the Katakuri-go, will stop at Yatsu Station.



 Super handy for travelers!
Kakunodate On-demand Transport Service
Yobunoru Kakunodate



Cherry blossoms in Kakunodate

One of the most famous cherry blossom viewing spots in Akita. In addition to the weeping cherry trees lining the street of samurai residences, the 2-kilometer tunnel of Somei Yoshino cherry trees along the bank of the Hinokinai River is a must-see. In the evening, the cherry blossoms are illuminated, so you can enjoy spectacular night views quite different from daytime views.

- **Viewing season:** Mid to late April
*Subject to change depending on flowering conditions.
- **Inquiries:** Semboku City Tourist Information Center
"Kakunodate Ekimae Kura" ☎ +81-187-54-2700



Lake Tazawa Outdoor Activities

Around Lake Tazawa, the deepest lake in Japan, you can enjoy all kinds of outdoor activities including electric kickboarding, standup paddleboarding, tent saunas, camping, and more.

- **Inquiries:** Akita Outdoor Base
https://www.instagram.com/akita_outdoor_base/?__coig_restricted=1

Kitaakita Area

Tourist information

Kitaakita City Tourism and Products Association ☎+81-186-62-1851



Kitaakita City
Tourism and
Products Association
(Japanese)



Akita Nairiku Line Rice Paddy Art

Huge images created from colorful rice plants by local elementary school students and residents can be viewed from the train windows at five locations along the line (three locations in Kitaakita City).

- **Viewing season:** Late June to early September
- **Inquiries:** Kitaakita City Nairiku Line Revitalization Support Office ☎+81-186-82-2114
- **Access:** Check the website of Akita Nairiku Jukan Tetsudo Railway

*Patterns shown in the photo are from previous events.



Lake Moriyoshi-Shikimi

Lake Moriyoshi-Shikimi is the name of the reservoir of Moriyoshizan Dam, a rock-fill dam that boasts the longest embankment in Tohoku (at 786 meters). The surrounding area is home to the Moriyoshizan Dam Information Center, which has a coffee shop and store directly selling local produce, as well as a lakeside park with blossoming wild cherries and a BBQ space. Enjoy a tour of the dam or a SUP (standup paddleboard) experience on the lake's waters.

- **Inquiries:** Moriyoshizan Dam Information Center ☎+81-186-84-8590
- **Access:** About 7 minutes by car from Animaedaonsen Station



Todo Falls

Also known as Metaki Falls (Woman's Falls), the waterfall is much loved for bringing safe childbirth, children, and fortune in marriage. Enjoy trekking along the 4.2 km mountain trail from the Moriyoshizan Wildlife Center to Todo Falls and appreciating the valley's natural beauty.

- **Inquiries:** Kitaakita City Tourist Information Center ☎+81-186-62-1851
- **Access:** About 60 minutes by car from Animaedaonsen Station, then 60 minutes by foot from Moriyoshizan Wildlife Center

Odate Area

Tourist information

Odate City Tourism Association ☎ +81-186-42-4360
Odate City Tourism Information Center ☎ +81-186-57-8120



Odate City
Tourism Association
"Dodasuka Odate"
(Japanese)

Post-renovation opening in April 2022!

Ishida Rose Garden

Passing through the Western-style gate, visitors are greeted by about 500 varieties of roses. In the cafe located in the former Ishida residence, visitors can dine or take a restful break while looking out at the garden. Enjoy a leisurely stroll, enveloped by the sweet fragrance of roses.

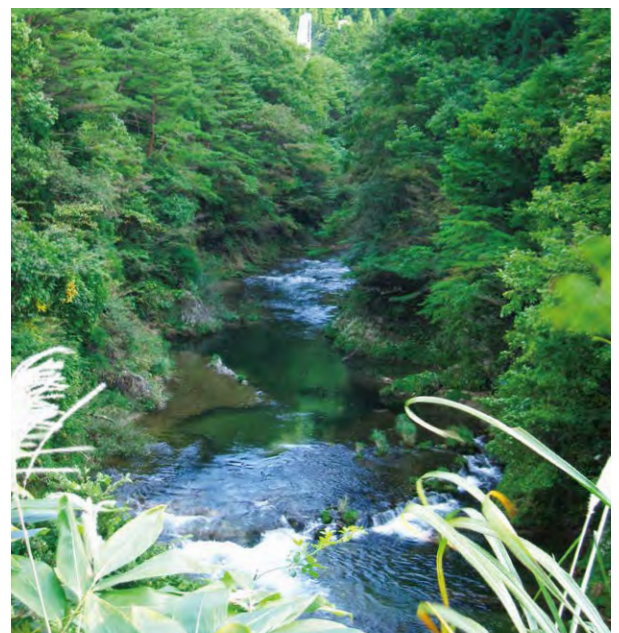
- Open: All year round
- Opening hours: 10:00~17:00
- Closed: Tuesday
- Cost: Admission is free
- Inquiries: Odate City Tourism Department ☎ +81-186-43-7072
- Access: About 10 minutes by car from JR Odate Station



Lake Goshiki (Lake of Five Colors)

A popular name for the Yamase Dam, filled with water that has flowed through Goshiki Falls and Ito Falls. Trekking and mountain stream fishing can also be enjoyed in the surrounding area.

- Inquiries: Odate City Tashiro General Branch Office ☎ +81-186-43-7103
- Access: About 40 minutes by car from JR Odate Station



Nagaki Mountain Stream

One of the leading waterways flowing through Odate City. There is a promenade where you can take a stroll while enjoying the wonderful natural scenery, including famous spots such as Shijuhachi Falls and the view from Myojin Iwa.

- Inquiries: Odate City Tourism Association ☎ +81-186-42-4360
- Access: About 12 minutes by car from JR Odate Station

Hirosaki Area

Tourist information

Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center ☎+81-172-37-5501



Hirosaki Tourism and
Convention Bureau

Cherry blossoms in Hirosaki Park

The blossoming of about 2,600 cherry trees, mainly Somei Yoshino cherries, grown by the groundskeepers here, is truly a sight to behold. This is the only time you can see the tower of Hirosaki Castle, Mt. Iwaki, and cherry blossoms at the same time due to the relocation of the stone wall works.

- **Viewing season:** Late April to early May *Subject to change depending on flowering conditions.
- **Inquiries:** Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center ☎+81-172-37-5501
- **Access:** About 15 minutes by bus from JR Hirosaki Station



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Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art

The Yoshinocho Brick Warehouse, a piece of Japan's modern industrial heritage built in the Meiji and Taisho eras, has been renovated and reopened as an art museum. Here you can enjoy art exhibitions that make the most of the building's unique space. The premises are also home to a cafe and museum shop.

- **Inquiries:** ☎+81-172-32-8950
- **Access:** About 7 minutes by car from JR Hirosaki Station, or about 4 minutes by foot from Dotemachi Jumonji bus stop or about 2 minutes by foot from Sumiyoshi Iriguchi bus stop on the Konan Bus Line from JR Hirosaki Station, or about 3 minutes by foot from Chuo-Hirosaki Station on the Konan Railway Owani Line.



Fujita Memorial Garden

Once the luxurious villa of Kenichi Fujita, a businessman of the Taisho era. It has a garden that cleverly incorporates views of Mt. Iwaki, as well as a garden featuring a central pond where you can enjoy irises, azaleas, and other flowers depending on the season.



- **Inquiries:** Fujita Memorial Garden Office ☎+81-172-37-5525
- **Access:** About 15 minutes by bus from JR Hirosaki Station, then about 5 minutes' walk from Shiyakusho-mae bus stop