

March 2024



Let's enjoy Toyama in spring !

SAKURA

《Flowers》

- The Toyama Sakura (Cherry Blossoms)

Festival in the Toyama Botanic Gardens Beginning of April

- Tonami Tulip Fair (Tonami City)

April 23 (Tue.)~May 5 (Sun.) ②

- Nyuzen Flower Road 2024 Beginning of April ③

- Peach Blossoms /Hana no mori Tenjinyama Garden

(Uozu City) Beginning of April ④

- Haru no Shijuso (Quartet of Flowers)

(Asahi-machi, Shimonikawa-gun) Beginning of April ⑤



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TULIP

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Combination

Information on cherry blossoms in Toyama Prefecture



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《Festivals etc.》 (Toyama City)

- All-Japan “Chindon” Traditional Street Performers

Contest April 5 (Fri.) - 7(Sun.) (downtown)

- Iwase Hikiyama (float) Festival May 17(Fri.)-18(Sat.) (Iwase)

- San-no Matsuri (Hie Shrine Festival) May 31(Fri.) - June 2(Sun.) (downtown)

- Yatsuo Hikiyama (float) Festival May 3 (Fri.) (Yatsuo, Toyama City)



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~Let's enjoy SAKURA cherry blossoms~

Sakura cherry blossoms symbolize spring in Japan. Seeing trees full of pale pink and white blossoms, we can become happy. Now, let's learn a little more about the flower.



Groups and History

There are two groups of *Sakura*: native ones and cultivated ones. *Shidare-zakura*, weeping cherries, and *Somei-Yoshino*, most popular for cherry-blossom viewing, are in the latter group. They were planted in places where no native cherry trees had grown in the past or in gardens at upper-class people's houses. In particular, *Somei-Yoshino* became a common tree all over Japan as it is fast-growing, can be grown anywhere and is capable of being grafted. Actually, all *Somei-Yoshinos* originate from one tree! Cherry flowers start blooming from the warm southern regions and gradually spread to the northern regions in Japan.



In the case of Toyama, there are different kinds of cherry trees growing and the blooming times are different, meaning we can enjoy the flowers for quite some time.

The 2024 cherry blossom forecast says the cherry blossoms will be in full bloom in the middle of March.





Cherry Blossom Viewing

Cherry blossoms have been popular in Japan since ancient times. In the Edo Period (300-400 years ago), people started planting cherry trees at the premises of temples and shrines or along riverbanks, so the number of places where people could easily enjoy cherry blossom viewing increased. At the same time, the population of large cities increased, and it is said that the pastime of eating and drinking while viewing cherry blossoms began.



※ When you go cherry blossom viewing, please take note of the following:

 **The weather.** In the high season of cherry blossoms (March-April), the temperature sometimes drops all of sudden (called '*hana-gumori*' or '*hana-bie*.') So, it's better to put on warm clothes when going out for cherry blossom viewing.

 **Garbage.** After enjoying eating and drinking, please take all garbage back home with you.






Please note that at some places, drinking and eating under cherry trees is prohibited. Also, please do not step on tree roots, and do not hurt the trees.

(reference <https://www.maff.go.jp/j/pr/aff/2303/>)



Blooming Time

- The bloom time is different according to the type of tree and the climate. In most areas in Japan, we can enjoy cherry blossoms at the end of March.
- During the period of cherry blossom viewing, but we can enjoy every moment: buds (*tsubomi*)– full bloom (*man-kai*)– flowers falling and leaves growing (*hazakura*)

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| <i>tsubomi</i> | <i>kaika</i> | <i>man-kai</i> | <i>sakura-fubuki</i> | <i>hazakura</i> |

Sakura sweets

There are a variety of sweets and drinks named *Sakura*, some use cherry petals and/or salted leaves and are available at supermarkets or Japanese sweets shops.



sakura-mochi




















hanami-dango



sakura-yu





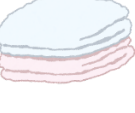





Sakura hotspots in Toyama City (check the QR code on page 1 for more places)

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|  <p>Downtown riverside</p>    <p>Itachi, Matsu, Isobe river banks (near Jinzu river)</p> |  <p>Parks (Kansui, Joshi) & Gokoku Shrine</p>    |
|  <p>Around Kureha Hill</p>    <p>Kureha Park, Pref. Library, Toshi- Ryokuka Botanical Garden</p> |  <p>Suburban Toyama</p>     <p>Jinzu-kyo, Kaiwo-maru Park, Fuchu Furusato Shizen Koen</p> |

<Necessary and Useful things at the time of a Disaster>

A huge earthquake hit the Noto Peninsula on January 1, 2024. There are many necessary/useful things at the time of disaster. When you are forced to live in an evacuation center, in a car, or in a house without basic lifelines (water, gas and electricity), these goods (called “*Bosai Goods*”), some of which are shown below, can support your evacuation life. Elementary schools are usually designated as evacuation centers. So it is a good idea to ask your coworkers and/or neighbors about the location of nearby elementary schools.

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| Food/Water |  |  |  |  |
| | canned food | retort pouch food | snacks | bottled water |
| Daily Necessities |  |  |  |  |
| | flashlight | batteries | cell phone charger | toiletries |
| | | |  |  |
| | | | matches | lighter |
| Clothes |  |  |  |  |
| | underwear clothes | rainwear | Towels blankets | work gloves masks |
| Valuables |  |  |  |  |
| | ID | bank notes cashcards | money | spare key |
| Others |  |  |  |  |
| | hand-crank radio | first-aid kit | disposable hand warmers | water pack |

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|  | <i>Bosai Goods</i> |
|  | Toyama City newsletter |

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|  | Hazard map 1 and manual (English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Vietnamese) | | |
|  | Hazard map 2 |  | <i>Rolling Stock</i> (stocking emergency food) |