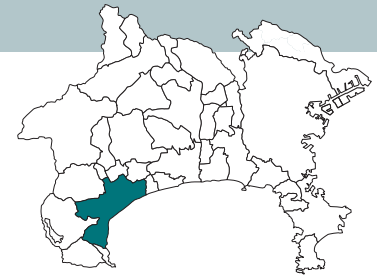


West of
the Prefecture
Odawara City
Tourist Attraction No.
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Beautiful Scenery with Plum Blossom

Odawara Soga Plum Grove



Explanation of
Tourist Attraction

The first plumb trees were said to have been planted here during the Warring States period by the Hojo Clan in order to feed their soldiers . The nearly 35,000 plumb trees in the three plum groves of Bessho, Hara, and Nakagawara all bloom at once with Mt. Fuji and the mountains of Hakone in the background. During the Plumb Festival that stretches from late February to late March, a number of events featuring attractions such as horseback archery and regional performing arts like the Odawara Lantern Dance, the Kotobuki Lion Dance, and the Sho no Mai dance are held.

Address	Soga area Odawara
Telephone	0465-20-4192 (Odawara-shi tourist association)
Opening Hours	Plum Blossom Festival Season 09:00 – 17:00
Availability of Parking	
URL	http://soganosato.com/

Recommended Season

Spring

Group/Individual Mark

Group Individual

Target Regions

Europe, North America, Oceania, Asia

Access

15 mins walk from Shimo-Soga Station on the JR Gotenba Line.
By car: approx. 80 mins from central Tokyo / Haneda Airport on the Tomei Expressway.



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Specific Model Route Details

Individual

Any station in central Tokyo +++ Kozu Station on the JR Tokaido Line +++ Shimo-Soga Station on the JR Gotenba Line ... (1 min) ... Ume no Sato Centre ... (10 mins) ... Soga Shrine ... (10 mins) ... Bessho Plum Grove ... (10 mins) ... Hara Plum Grove – (8 mins) ... Shimo-Soga Station on the JR Gotenba Line

Start

Kozu Station on the JR Gotenba Line

Goal

Shimo-Soga Station on the JR Gotenba Line

Time Required

4 hours

Nearby Sightseeing Spot

Sake Breweries



There is a number of sake breweries in the vicinity of Matsuda Station on the Gotenba Line and Kami-Oi Station. The Ishii Brewery produces plum wine and Soga-branded sake.

Ume no Sato Center



This center was created to make use of plums as a means of promoting agriculture and stimulating the location economy. It has a display are featuring fresh plums, pickled plums, and other plum products . Admission is free of charge. The lobby can be used as a rest area while exploring the area.

