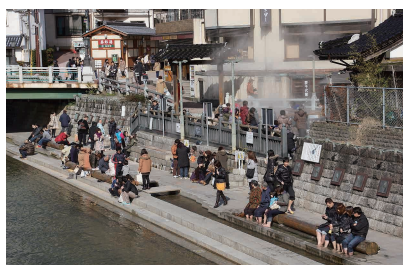


Yumura Onsen Course

It is said that Jikaku Daishi, a famous Buddhist priest and philosopher, opened Yumura Onsen in 848. You can feel the history of the town that revolved around the natural hot springs. The springs still naturally emerge at a high temperature of 98°C. Take your time touring through Yumura Onsen, a part of the San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark. People coming on a day trip can still enjoy the town, soak your feet in the foot bath or relax in the hot spring bath houses.



- 1 The starting and ending points are at the Yumura Onsen Zentan Bus Terminal located along National Highway No.9, the entrance to Yumura Onsen. After crossing the highway, up ahead a little ways, there is "Yakushido Temple" which enshrines Yakushi Nyorai (Jikaku Daishi) the said founder of Yumura Onsen. There is also a monument of Basho Matsuo.
- 2 Walk a little more to the stone stairs and go down them, on the right you'll see Kabuyu (Yumura pocket park). This is a place to relax with "Yu Tokei" and one of the hot spring sources "Kabuyu". The statue of Jikaku Daishi at the Yu Tokei, holds a staff and single-pronged vajra to ward off disasters. You can pray for safe travels by pouring water over the statue's feet.
- 3 From the pocket park go left down the Haruki riverbank, you will arrive at another hot spring source "Arayu" where you can see steam from the springs rising up. This spring produces 470 liters of 98°C spring water per minute, and is open to the public. Anyone is welcome to boil eggs or vegetables in the spring water here; you can purchase eggs from nearby souvenir shops and is a great hot spring experience. The footbaths are another popular spot.
- 4 Return to the stairs, cross the bridge and to the right is Toujikan (Museum of chief sake brewer). Ahead 100m is Obaa Cafe and Yumechiyokan Museum. Take a quick break at Obaa Cafe with some tea and *tochi ohagi* (a Japanese sweet rice cake ball). Yumechiokan is also a fun and educational history museum showing what life was like in the early 1900s.
- 5 If you go to the back of Yumechiyokan Museum through the passage along the side of the building, there is the footbath "Aogiri no Yu". Across the Yumechio Bridge is "Yakushiyu", a public bathhouse that even day visitors can use.
- 6 From Yumechiyo Bridge go down to the river walkway, down the path is the path with handprint reliefs (Fureai Tegata Sanpomichi). Check out the handprints of various entertainers and cultural figures that have ties to Yumura. Continue down this way and you will come back to Arayu (hot spring source).
- 7 Go through the pocket park and up the stairs, turn left at the first intersection to the shopping street with 63 spring sources, Nakamachi Dori.
- 8 Go under the bridge of National Highway No.9, follow the road along to the left and up the slope. At the end is Hachiman Shrine. On the shrine grounds is a five stone ring tower that is associated with the "*ibo* (wart) god" who cures warts.
- 9 Past the shrine to the far right is the hot spring park Refresh Park Yumura, with 8 health and outdoor baths surrounded by nature. If you're hungry you can try the select brand Tajima beef at the adjacent restaurant Kaede. At the end of your trip head back down the road to the ending point at Yumura Onsen Zentan Bus Terminal near by.



● **Difficulty** : ★☆☆

● **Restroom** : Yumechiyo restroom, Yumura Onsen pocket park, Yakushiyu

● **Access** : By Train / Bus: Take the Zentan Bus from JR Hamasaka Station or JR Yoka Station to Yumura Onsen bus stop.
By Car: The city's North parking lot or East parking lot

● **Contact** : Yumura Onsen Tourism Association
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Approx.Distance

1.5 (Round Trip)
km