

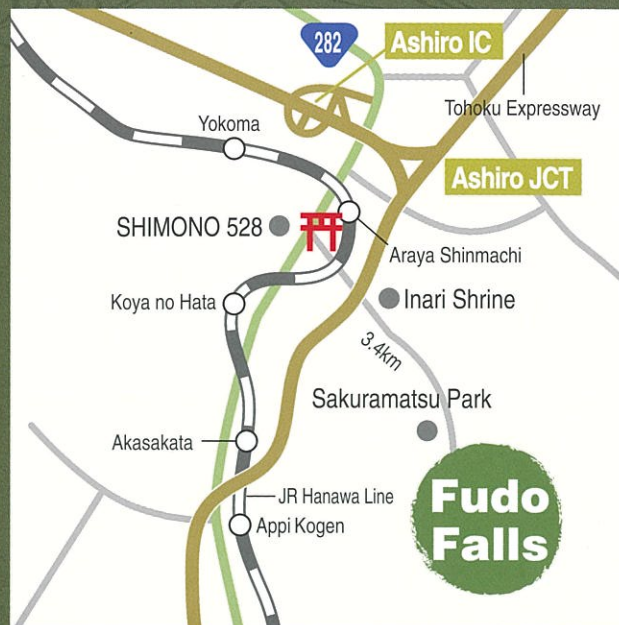
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Top 100 waterfalls in Japan

Fudo Falls

Hachimantai City, Iwate Prefecture



[Transportation information]

car 30 minutes from Matsuo Hachimantai IC, 10 minutes from Tohoku Expressway Ashiro IC
railroad About 85 minutes from Morioka Station to Araya Shinmachi (Iwate Galaxy Railway - JR Hanawa Line) *No transfer
taxi About 10 minutes from Araya Shinmachi station to Fudo Falls

Mobile phone signals may be out of range near Fudo Falls.



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In the water-rich Ashiro district of Hachimantai City, there are as many as 20 waterfalls of various sizes. The most famous among these is Fudo Falls. This three-tiered waterfall is a scenic spot recognized as one of the "100 Best Waterfalls in Japan" and one of the "20 Best Waterfalls in Iwate".

On the quay adjacent to the waterfall, there used to be an old shrine hall; a building tag dated 1744 and a stone lantern dated 1802 still remain, which tell of the ancient belief in Fudo Falls. Today, a new "Worship Hall" has been donated to the quay, and a new shrine pavilion has been erected next to the waterfall's approach.

Fudo Falls is said to have served as a strict monastic dojo for monks, and that quiet atmosphere of such a dojo still lingers in the surrounding forested area.

Unfortunately, however, little has been uncovered about this from surviving documents.

The shrine was renamed "Sakuramatsu Shrine" in the Meiji period (1871).

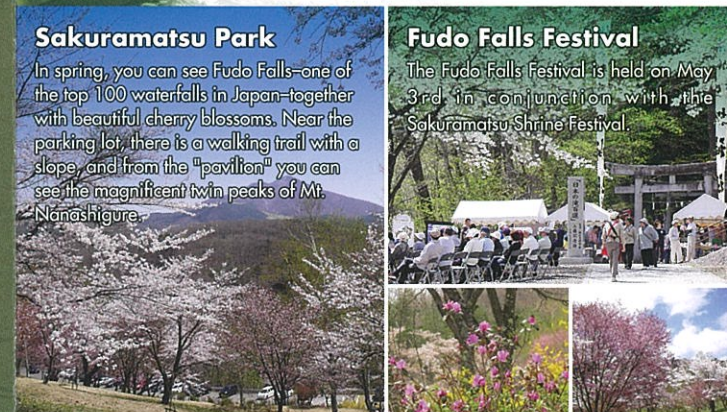
The stone carving "Fudo Myō" enshrined in the middle of the waterfall is relatively new, dating from 1934.

Sakuramatsu Park

In spring, you can see Fudo Falls—one of the top 100 waterfalls in Japan—together with beautiful cherry blossoms. Near the parking lot, there is a walking trail with a slope, and from the "pavilion" you can see the magnificent twin peaks of Mt. Nanashigure.

Fudo Falls Festival

The Fudo Falls Festival is held on May 3rd in conjunction with the Sakuramatsu Shrine Festival.



Top 100 waterfalls in Japan

Fudo Falls

1921 (Taisho 10): Iwate Nippo Newspaper rates it #1 among the prefecture's top ten scenic views

1985 (Shōwa 60): Selected as one of Iwate's top 20 water landmarks

1990 (Heisei 2): Selected among Japan's Best 100 Waterfalls

Fudo Falls, located within the grounds of Sakuramatsu Shrine, is said to be a historic sacred site that has been used by ascetic practitioners and as a place of prayer by feudal lords and powerful families since ancient times. Within the area, various smaller shrines are lined among the streams and cliffs, and the whole is surrounded by a mysterious atmosphere. Each of the four seasons has its own flavor, and the precincts of the temple offer beautiful scenery. The air is filled with negative ions, which relaxes you and surrounds you with a pleasant sensation. This place is also known as a power spot for healing the mind.



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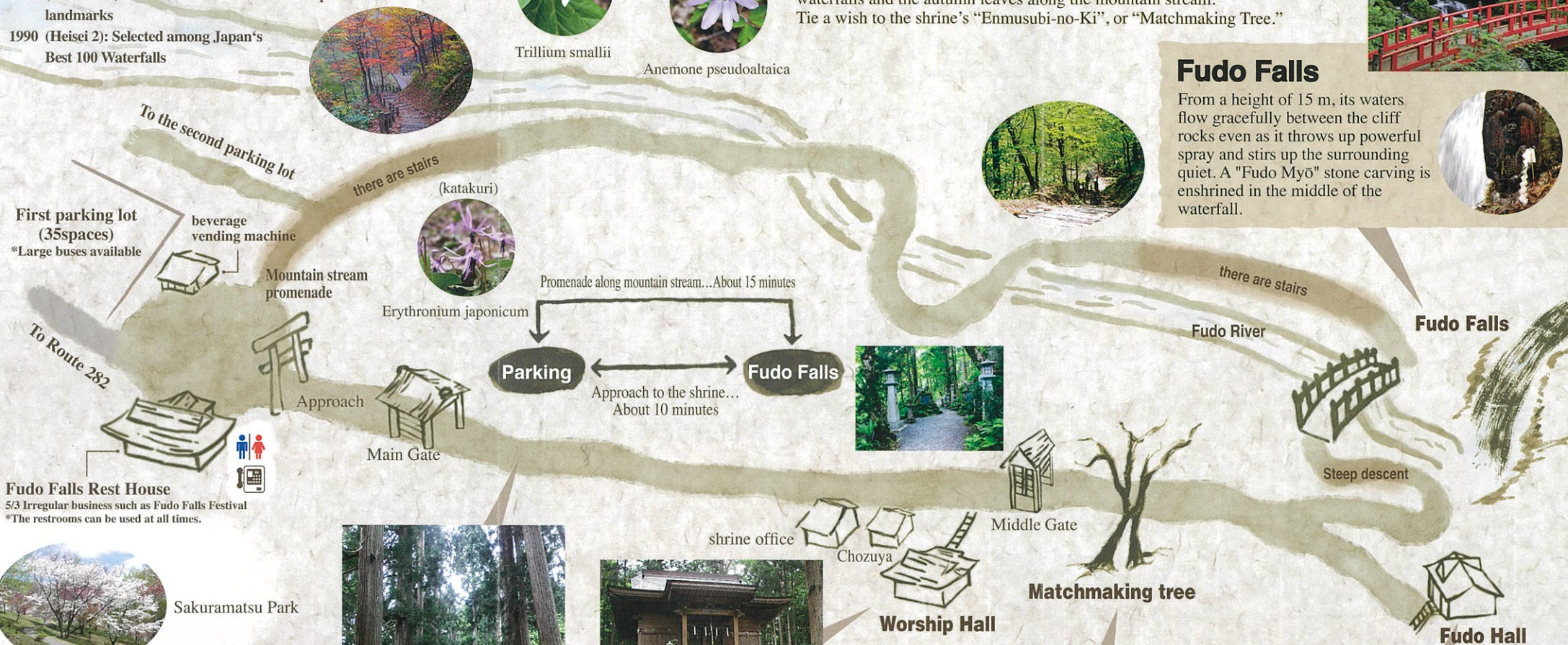


Anemone pseudoaltaica

The walking trail offers a harmony of majestic waterfalls with melting snow, fresh greenery, and flowers in spring. In autumn, visitors can enjoy the colorful waterfalls and the autumn leaves along the mountain stream. Tie a wish to the shrine's "Enmusubi-no-Ki", or "Matchmaking Tree."

Fudo Falls

From a height of 15 m, its waters flow gracefully between the cliff rocks even as it throws up powerful spray and stirs up the surrounding quiet. A "Fudo Myō" stone carving is enshrined in the middle of the waterfall.



Fudo Falls Rest House
5/3 Irregular business such as Fudo Falls Festival
*The restrooms can be used at all times.



Sakuramatsu Park

Sakuramatsu Shrine

Legend has it that long ago, villagers were shocked to see cherry blossoms on a pine tree and revered the sight as a good omen.

Originally, it was called "Taki Fudo" or "O-Fudo-Sama." However, in 1871, the shrine was instead renamed "Sakuramatsu Shrine" in honor of the Shinto deity Seoritsuime (Princess Seoritsu). Two years later, the shrine's status was elevated from village shrine to township shrine.



The approach to the shrine is lined with cedar and pine trees that are said to be over 200 years old, and more than 60 stone lanterns and other objects have been donated.



Worship Hall

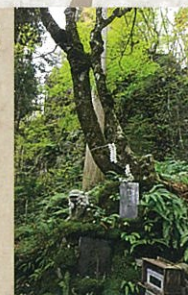
The new shrine next to the approach has an old There is a building plaque from 1744 that still retains the image of the shrine building. In addition, pray for a good harvest and good health Ema etc. are dedicated.



Worship Hall

Matchmaking Tree

Two maple trees stretch out from the moss-covered rock as if they are climbing to the heavens, and they are connected at the center so as to snuggle up to each other. It's said that if you tie a note between them and wish for marriage, that wish will come true.



Fudo Hall

It's said that there used to be an old shrine at the current location of Fudo Hall. In front of the Fudo Hall, there is a large stone (offering stone) that predicts the crop pattern based on how much snow is piled up.

