



The Ambitious City

HOKKAIDO
Kitahiroshima



KITAHIROSHIMA

Kitahiroshima tourist information website
<http://www.city.kitahiroshima.hokkaido.jp/sightseeing/>



Overview of Kitahiroshima

Kitahiroshima is an area of gently sloped hills which lies between Sapporo and New Chitose Airport, rich with greenery and space, yet possesses a well-maintained transportation system. It is a city that possesses metropolitan functions in harmony with nature. In Meiji 17(1884), 25 families, a total of 104 persons, moved together to the area from Hiroshima prefecture.

One-hundred and thirty years have passed since the area was developed. Of all the areas in central Hokkaido, it has developed the most with progressing residential areas, establishment of industrial parks, and maintenance of metropolitan facilities.

This is the area where Dr. William Clark spoke the famous words, "boys be ambitious." His pioneer spirit has been passed down to many who live in this city, who continue to strive towards creating a "rich modern city in harmony with nature."

BASIC INFORMATION

Population: 59,629 (current as of Dec.31,2014)

Area: 119.05 km²

Households: 26,710 (current as of Dec.31, 2014)

Average Temperature: 6.8 Degrees Celsius (2012)

Transportation Information

It is about 16 minutes on the rapid train to Sapporo and 20 minutes to New Chitose Airport from JR Chitose Line Kitahiroshima Station.

It is about 1 hour and 50 minutes from Tokyo(Haneda Airport), and 2 hours and 10 minutes from Kansai Airport.

Specialty Products

Kitahiro Nogakko Series

Croquettes and spring rolls are frozen products you can deep fry at home, and curry and gratin products can be heated in the microwave to eat. Puddings are frozen, and need to be defrosted at room temperature and eaten. All products are made with delicious Kitahiroshima vegetables and ingredients.



Kitahiro Croquette



Kitahiro Curry



Kitahiro Gratin



Kitahiro Spring Rolls



Kitahiro Farm Pudding

Strawberries

Delicious strawberries can be eaten in season.

Strawberry Farm



Maru Hiro Daikon

Our Daikon radishes are considered a high quality brand and are shipped to first class restaurants in Honshu.



Honey

100% natural honey collected in the Kitahiroshima aea.

Arai Honey Farm



Lodging

● Kitahiroshima Classe Hotel

(316-1 Nakanosawa Kitahiroshima)

Standing in a great location 40 minutes from both downtown Sapporo and New Chitose Airport, Kitahiroshima Classe is an urban resort hotel complete with quality hot springs [FuFu], a pool, fitness gym, and tennis court.

In summer there is the Sapporo Hiroshima Golf Club nearby, and in winter you can enjoy skiing, snowboarding, snowmobile rides and more at the Classe Snow Park on the premises.

【TEL】 011-373-3800 【FAX】 011-373-3814



● Takeyama Kogen Hotel

(896 Tomigaoka, Kitahiroshima)

Its convenient location 40 minutes from downtown Sapporo and New Chitose Airport is the reason for its popularity, not to mention its natural hot springs with the best and most authentic outdoor rock bath in Hokkaido.

The Takeyama Park Golf Course next door is an easy course where beginners can also enjoy playing.

【TEL】 011-373-2827 【FAX】 011-373-2856



LOCAL CHARACTERS

My name is Kitahiro Maipi. I am an Akage Rice girl. Akage rice is the ancestor of Hokkaido rice! My long red hair is my best feature. At the Elfin Park next to Kitahiroshima Station you can take a picture with the statue of Kitahiro Maipi.



Golf

There are eight golf courses in the city of Kitahiroshima, some of which are highly famous courses. Major tournaments bring professional golfers to the courses.

Sapporo Golf Club Wattsu Course Address : 77 Wattsu, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-376-2231	Sapporo Kokusai Country Club Shimamatsu Course Address : 49-5 Shimamatsu, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-376-2221
Clark Country Club Address : 113 Mishima, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-377-3131	Gold Sapporo Country Club Address : 600 Mishima, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-376-3125
Sapporo Kitahiroshima Golf Club Address : 450-1 Nakanosawa, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-373-1111	Dynasty Golf Club Address : 152 Nibetsu, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-376-2611
Sun Park Sapporo Golf Course Address : 456 Tomigaoka, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-372-6370	Sapporo Regent Golf Club Address : 641 Shimamatsu, Kitahiroshima Phone : 011-377-3111

DYNASTY SKI RESORT

(152 Nibetsu Kitahiroshima)

Family oriented course that can be enjoyed by beginners and intermediate skiers. Enjoy skiing on spacious slopes!



CLASSE SNOW PARK

(316-1 Nakanosawa, Kitahiroshima)

Gentle slopes fit for beginners and children. Wide range of winter activities such as snowmobile rides, snow rafting, snow tubing and much more available, so there is plenty of fun for adults too.



Strawberry Picking

(From mid June - mid July)

Strawberry picking can be enjoyed at strawberry farms in the area beginning in June. Strawberries are full of vitamin C and fiber, have great nutritional value, not to mention beauty benefits. Enjoy the early summer picking strawberries at strawberry farms in Kitahiroshima.



Kitahiroshima Furusato Festival

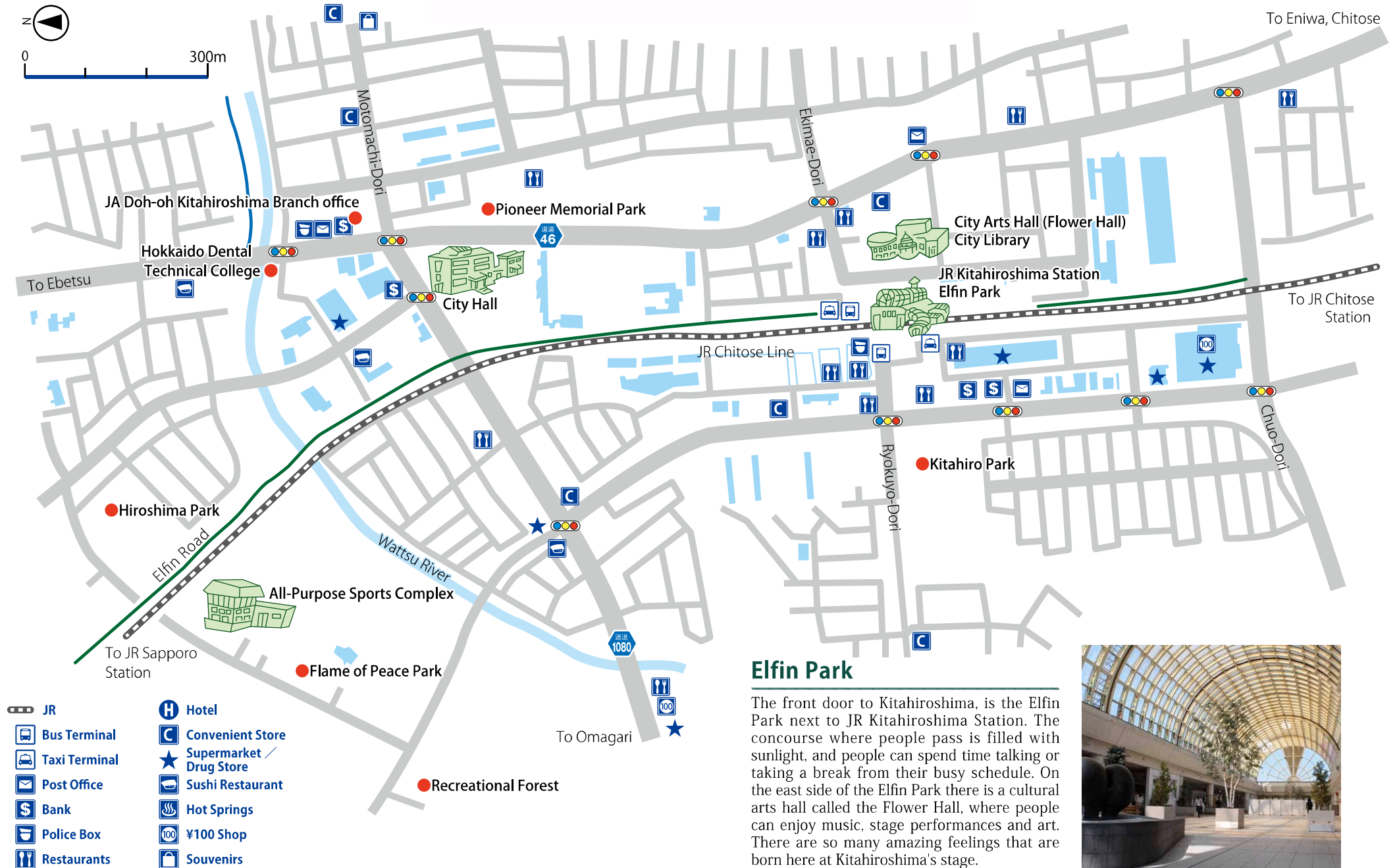
Every first Saturday and Sunday in August is a summer festival. Various events are held and many visitors crowd the venue. It is the largest event that is held in summer.



Kitahiroshima Fureai Snow Festival

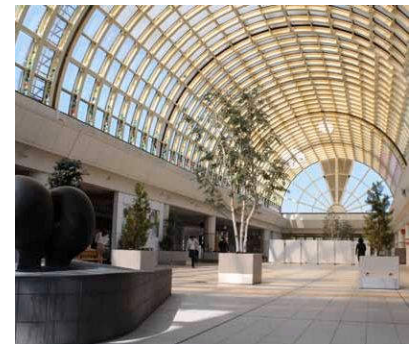
Held every first Saturday and Sunday in February, the Snow Festival is a fun place for everyone with giant snow slides and snowmobile rides.

【Kitahiroshima Station Area】



Elfin Park

The front door to Kitahiroshima, is the Elfin Park next to JR Kitahiroshima Station. The concourse where people pass is filled with sunlight, and people can spend time talking or taking a break from their busy schedule. On the east side of the Elfin Park there is a cultural arts hall called the Flower Hall, where people can enjoy music, stage performances and art. There are so many amazing feelings that are born here at Kitahiroshima's stage.





1 Elfin Road

A cycling road 8.1 km long that extends from JR Kitahiroshima to Shiroishi, Sapporo. Besides cycling, you can run and walk along the road. In winter it is used for cross-country skiing. Cycling, marathons and walking events are held here. There is a forest for learning, and a space near the water, and a space located in the middle of the course, called a cycling station where people can rest, drink water, and use the restrooms. There is a rental bicycle station, parking lot, multi-purpose area and other facilities.

Rental Bicycles

- East Rental Bicycle Station
(City parking office Tel. 011-373-0835)
• Bicycle Station Rental Bicycles
(Nishinosato) Bicycle Station Manager: Bldg. Tel. 090-3124106



2 Kitahiroshima Recreational Forest

(Kitahiroshima Nishinosato)

A portion of the national forest was provided to the city for use as a park where nature is untouched. At the forest center you can experience and observe nature in the seminar building, and you can enjoy outdoor activities like cooking at the outdoor facility. All of these buildings and facilities can be rented for free for groups and circles of various kinds. In the adventure forest there is an athletic course that takes you from valley to hill, and hill to valley. Visitors can strengthen their bodies and learn patience as they have fun in the great outdoors.



3 Kitahiroshima Hot Springs FuFu

(316-1 Nakanosawa, Kitahiroshima)

Fine hot springs resort nestled amongst lush nature. FuFu is a natural hot springs located in the forest, and has outdoor baths, high temperature and low temperature large baths, saunas and stone bath domes. Relax and enjoy basking in the soothing forest air.



4 Takeyama Kogen Hot Springs

(386 Tomigaoka, Kitahiroshima)

Surrounded by thick nature, Takesama Kogen Hot Springs promises grand views of Mt. Tarumae and Mt. Eniwa. Relaxing in hot spring baths outdoors where the trees change expression with each season, and gazing through the steam up at the starry sky is an attractive feature of the resort. The outdoor stone bath is made with 600 tons of Hokkaido famous rock, while the floor of the tub is made with high quality Chinese marble. It is indeed a hot spring "mall" where you can relax and enjoy the amenities.



The Ambitious City

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- Golf Courses

Eastern Kitahiroshima Housing District



5 Cultural Arts Hall (Flower Hall)

(2-1 Chuoh 6-chome, Kitahiroshima)

The beautiful building located next to JR Kitahiroshima Station called the Flower Hall is in fact a Cultural Arts Hall, where concerts and seminars are held. The gallery exhibits citizen's works and the foyer filled with sunlight is the venue for lobby concerts where young musicians can express their talents. The Flower Hall is a space where citizens can interact and communicate.

Kitahiroshima



10 Nature Wood Campsite

(577-1 Shimamatsu, Kitahiroshima)

Surrounded by beautiful trees, this campground is the best place to experience nature. Open between May and September. (paid)
Parking 35 vehicles (two handicapped spaces)
Capacity 100 persons
Tents 20-30
Outdoor Kitchen (with roof) accommodates 40 persons
Facilities telephone, kitchen, tools, vending machines available in the camp office building.



Omagari District



6 Mitsui Outlet Park Sapporo Kitahiroshima

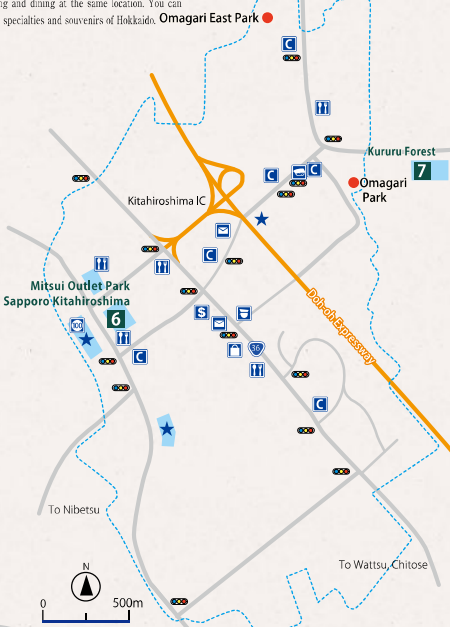
(3-7-6 Omagari Saiwai-cho, Kitahiroshima)

Nature of Hokkaido and harmonizing warmth can be felt in the outlet mall where you can find everything from high fashion brands to sports and outdoor gear, as well as many other gorgeous brands. The mall is well-equipped with a large food court and restaurants so visitors can enjoy shopping and dining at the same location. You can also find local specialties and souvenirs of Hokkaido.



7 Kururu Forest

(377-1 Omagari, Kitahiroshima)
Inside a spacious farm village there are farms, agricultural and livestock processing facilities where visitors can experience farming, a restaurant that relies on homegrown vegetables and ingredients to make their meals, and sales markets. Visitors are welcome to these facilities where they can experience the entire process beginning with growing and raising vegetables and livestock, to selling them.



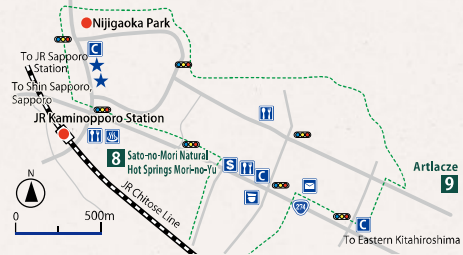
11 National Historical Site, Shimamatsu Relay Station

The relay station was built to accommodate people and horses who needed to stay overnight and prepare to travel, and served as an important facility during the pioneering days of Hokkaido. Shimamatsu Station was built in light of the opening of the main highway in Sapporo (presently Route 30) in Meiji 6, and by Meiji 17, Kyuzo Nakayama, the father of cold-resistant rice was managing the facility. Professor Clark stopped by the station on his way back from abroad, and left the famous words "boys be ambitious" at this location. In Meiji 14, the Meiji Emperor visited the site, and in Showa 59 (1984) the site was designated as a national historical site. It is the oldest building in Hokkaido with the original construction still in tact. (paid)

12 Monument of the Birthplace of Cold-Resistant-Strain of Rice

Kyuzo Nakayama is said to be the father of cold-resistant rice that was introduced to Hokkaido. Water temperature was managed day and night, and after his dedicated work, the rice finally sprouted. This was the dawn of a new day in rice-growing in Hokkaido. Afterwards, rice starters were distributed to the pioneers, thus furthering the culture of rice-growing in Hokkaido.

Nishinosato District



8 Sato-no-Mori Natural Hot Springs Mori-no-Yu

(511-1 Nishinosato, Kitahiroshima)

Beyond the deep forests in front of the outdoor bath, Mt. Eniwa can be seen. From the sauna the forest is visible, so visitors can enjoy the grand panoramic view of nature that refreshes the body. From the west side of the bath, Mt. Eniwa and the mountains of Sapporo can be seen, and from the east side of the bath the beautiful forest can be seen up close.



9 Artlaze

(786-5 Nishinosato, Kitahiroshima)
Even the frozen products are fresh. Artlaze has a gelato maestro to oversee the gelato, so you can be sure to enjoy fluffy texture that is smooth on the tongue. Fresh gelato made with seasonal ingredients can be enjoyed everyday.



Wattsu District



14 Edelweiss Farm

(531-7 Wattsu, Kitahiroshima)

We use a traditional German process from 1920 that is rare even in Germany these days, and our own original long-term cold temperature maturing techniques to make ham and bacon. We don't spare any detail, time or cost of ingredients so that we can pursue authentic flavor unlike any other, a flavor that overflows with juicy tenderness in each bite.



13 Dr. Clark Monument

Professor Clark who served as the first vice principal for the Sapporo Agricultural School (presently Hokkaido University), taught his pupils many life lessons. On the day he left Sapporo, he left the words "boys be ambitious" to his students who came to see him off at Shimamatsu Station. These famous words are known by many, but the stage on which those words were spoken was here in Kitahiroshima.

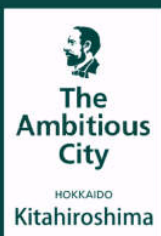
Kitahiroshima Town Map



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