Murakami City · Sekikawa Village · Awashimaura Village

For walks, drives, excursions

Charm Discovery Map

500m

Niigata

Niigata City

Zoom

Hotokezaki Lookout 08 · Yatsubachibana Lookout · Torisaki Lookout · Kiriishigahana · Ebisugahana · Nagatebana · Hachimanbana Lookout · Yagahana Lookout

Awashima Steamboat Ferry

Awashimaura Village

To fully enjoy Awashima, rent a bike!

The island's cycling route offers a scenic mountain course with plenty of ups and downs. It takes about two and a half to three hours to complete.Rental bicycles are available at the Awashima Tourist Information Center.

Daytime use only 8:30AM~5:00PM

【Fees】 * Fees vary by bicycle type.
◆Bicycle(Non-Electric bicycle)
500 yen (within 4 hours)
1,000 yen (over 4 hours)
◆Electric bicycle or Tandem bicycle
1,500 yen (within 3 hours)
+1,000 yen per hour after 3 hours

Attention: Children's bicycles are not available for rental. You may bring your own bicycle to Awashima. Please register them as luggage at the ferry boarding area (¥520).

Awashima Tourism Information Center
☎0254-55-2146

Uchiura Area, Awashimaura

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04 Bathhouse Otohime · Souvenir Shop Awashima Baitenkumiai · Awashimaura Village Office · Awashima Tourist Information Center · 06 Mural Art · Souvenir Shop Bakkeyo Café and Bar Sosodo · Lunch Café Awashimaya · 05 Awashimaura Museum · 07 Itabi · Yasutsuki Kannon · Noma Park · 01 Uchiura Beach & Campground · 02 Awashima Horse Stables

300m

Kamaya Area, Awashimaura

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02 Kamaya Beach & Campground · 05 Mural Art · Kamaya Fishing Port · Souvenir Shop Kinbei · Café Kamome · Shiogama Rokusha Shrine

300m

How to stay on Awashima Island

If you wish to stay at a minshuku (guesthouse) on Awashima Island, please make reservations before arriving. All accommodations on Awashima require direct phone reservations. For minshuku information, please check the Awashima Tourism Association website.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Senami Onsen Beach

The 1-kilometer long beach stretching just behind Senami Onsen Town bustles with over 100,000 beachgoers annually. The season runs from July 15th to August 20th.

Murakami City

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Echigo-Kangawa Station · 500m · Sasagawa Nagare Salt Factory · Sasagawa Nagare Salt Factory Salt & Café · Murakami City Sasagawa Nagare Area · Imagawa Beach (Kama no Mae) · Imagawa Station · Imagawa(Ueyama) Beach · Itagai Beach · Meganeiwa Sasagawa Beach · Sasagawa Nagare Steamship Seafood Tenpiya 11 · Sasagawa Nagare Kayak Center 09 · Roadside Station Sasagawa Nagare Yuuhi Kaikan 10 · Minshuku & Cafeteria Chidori · Kuwagawa Beach · Kuwagawa Station · Uotomi Fish · Yaeriong Minshuku Kairaku · Minshuku Isana · Yearlong Minshuku Namiji · Echigo Hakakawa · Casa del Faro Italian Restaurant · Kashio Beach · Majima · Nogata Beach · Kamome Bento · Kokuzo Green Park · Murakami Marina · Aozora Strawberry Garden · Senami Onsen Beach · Iwafune Port Fresh Fish Center 06 · Souvenir Center Shojo-ji Park · Kaiganji Shojo-ji Temple · Iwafune Port · Murakami Memorial Hospital · Murakami Enjoywafuneya Sasadango · Shiki no Yado Nakamura Nihonkai Sake · Miyao Shrine · Obazawa Castle Ruins · Soto School Daiyozan Fusai-ji Temple · Waraku Sushi · Asahi Miomote IC · Murakami Saberi IC · Murakami Senami Onsen IC · Aozora Strawberry Garden · Cake House Murakyo · Omakuba Oike Park · Seasonal Delicacies Ryuan · Iwafunemachi · Shiogama Shrine · Kamihayashi Iwafune Port IC · Murakami City Kamihayashi Branch Office · Inariyama · Kojo-ji Temple · Japanese-Italian Fusion Yamato · Roadside Station Kamihayashi Honami no Sato / Honamitei · Kōun-ji Temple · Patisserie Maruya · Hirabayashi · Momokawa Falls · Arakawa Tainai IC · Sakamachi · Yume Farm Arakawa Strawberry Garden · Hirakida · Hirabayashi Fudo Falls · Polar Star Kamihayashi 16 · Minami-Ōdaira Dam Lake Park Campground · Mt. Odaira 561m · Momokawa Falls 438m · Kousgi Shrine · Komeka Café Motokojiya · Onnagawa Game Meat · Green Park - Arakawa Exercise Park · Sekikawa Room · Echigo Oshima · Iwazo Soba · Yukikko Ramen · Mt. Takatsubo 571m · Echigo Sekikawa Onsen Hotels · Echigo Shimoseki · Roadside Station Sekikawa · Arashima Bracken Garden · Marukawa Bridge · Takanosu Campground · Taki Shrine Shimizu · Oishi Zoo · Oishi Car Campground · Oishi Dam · Echigo Katakai · Echigo Kanamaru · Arakawa River · Oritoge Pass · Tainai River Dam · Mt.Kazakura 931m · Mt. Eburisashi 1636m · Mt.Kazakura 439m

Uetsu Honsen Line · Hokuriku Tohoku Expressway · Arakawa River · Onnagawa · Oishi River · Tainai River · Yonesaka Line

Sekikawa Village

Sasagawa Nagare

The approximately 11-kilometer coastal stretch from Hamashinbo (Mt. Torigoe) in Murakami City to Samukawa (Kitsunezaki) forms a section renowned for its outstanding and diverse coastal beauty. Intense wave erosion has sculpted a tapestry of spectacular formations—bizarre rocks, isolated islands, caves, and sea arches—creating a unique landscape. This area is designated as a National Scenic Beauty and Natural Monument, and as a Niigata Prefectural Natural Park.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Hakogata Hachiman Shrine

The shrine stands atop a rocky peak overlooking the rough waves of the Sea of Japan, perched at an elevation of approximately 60 meters with sheer cliffs on its northern and western sides. The giant cypress and Japanese cedar trees here are said to be the largest in the prefecture.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Mt. Nihonkoku

Its mountain profile resembles an inverted mortar (bachi), earning it the alternate name Mount Ishibachi. The hike to the summit takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes, offering a trekking experience enjoyable for those with good stamina. The views of the Sea of Japan from the trail and summit are truly exceptional!

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Ancient textiles Shinafu (Yamakumada, Kaminari)

In the mountain villages along the prefectural border, fibers harvested from the bark of trees such as the Japanese ash and the large-leaved pagoda tree are spun into thread and woven into cloth. Characterized by a coarse texture and a calm, refined appearance.

Salt Factory · Oakrich Free-range Chicken Farm · Free-range Egg Café Umibe no Table Egg · Nakahama Salt Shop · Mt. Nihonkoku 555m · Fuji · Murakami City Sanpoku Branch Office · Goishi Beach · Hakogata Hachiman Shrine · 12 Gatsugi Yurihana Onsen · Sanpoku Tokushinkai Hospital · Radium Shimizu · Kodo Fishing · Dewa Ancient Path Omatayado · Neya Fishing Port · Fish Market Shinsenya · Gatsugi · Odai · Kawagawa Beach · Echigo-Kangawa · Nakatsugi · Shijutte Shimizu · Nakatsugi Shidarezakura · Ikazuchi

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Gatsugi on the Okawa River

Attach bamboo and reeds to stakes driven into the riverbed to create hiding places (kodos) for salmon. Once the salmon enters, use a hook to nab them. This important fishing method reveals the wisdom of our ancestors, who deeply understood the habits of salmon.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Kichijo Shimizu

In 2008, it was selected for the "100 Famous Waters of the Heisei Era" program, initiated by the Ministry of the Environment to further promote water conservation. It is cherished by the community as a clear water source that represents the Sanpoku district.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Kitanaka Bashō Park

This facility was opened in August 1989 by the former Sanpoku Town and the "Walking the Oku no Hosomichi Association", exactly 300 years after Matsuo Bashō traveled the Oku no Hosomichi (Narrow Road to the Deep North).

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Dewa Ancient Path

A road leading north from Murakami Castle Town to Tsuruoka in the Shōnai domain. Between Kamo and Ōsawa, the narrow paths and stone-paved roads remain unchanged from their original state, untouched by road improvements.

Dewa Ancient Path · Kitanaka Basho Park · Kichijo Shimizu · Meisui no Sato Ogoto · Ogoto · Yamakumada · Mt. Budo 795m · Urushiyama Shrine · Budoh Snow Resorts · Kareizan 709m · Kareizan Shimizu · Tengai Kougen Bracken Garden

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Yamakumada

A village where Matagi hunters, who worship mountain deities and hunt bears and wildlife, still thrive today. The spirit of the mountain people—living in harmony with the mountains, revering and giving thanks for life and nature, and receiving its bounty—still lives on here in the modern age.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Yasaka Shrine

Within the shrine grounds stands a Noh stage where visitors can enjoy traditional local performing arts passed down in the Ōsudo settlement. These include the regular Noh performances held at the Ōsudo-Yasaka Shrine Noh Stage on April 3rd and the Takigi Noh (Firewood Noh) held on August 15th.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Budoh Snow Resorts

Enjoy powder snow on a varied course that makes the most of the natural terrain. From the summit at 650 meters above sea level, you can see famous peaks such as the Asahi and Iide mountain ranges, Mt. Gassan, and Mt. Chokai.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Mt. Shinbo

Mountain climbing is possible until mid-November in most years. It takes about 1 hour and 30 minutes to reach the summit. A primeval beech forest is located on the summit, offering spectacular views of the beech trees during the fresh green season after snowmelt and the autumn foliage season.

Mt. Shinbo 852m · Miomotegawa Drive-in Cherry Farm · Yasaka Shrine · Togashi Butcher Shop · Mt. Takane Tasty School Cafeteria IRORI · Takane River · Farmhouse Inn Zaigomon · Suzugataki Falls · Gold Park Narumi

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Kokuzo Green Park

Wild Bird Forest, Walking Forest, Viewing Forest, Tranquil Forest, Great Cedar Forest, Cherry Blossom Avenue, Flowering Trees Forest, Fortress Forest, Void Forest, and more—areas for viewing, walking, enjoying, and learning are all available.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Gold Park Narumi

The ruins of the Narumi Gold Mine (Kogane Mine and Ootai Mine), said to have produced one-third of Japan's gold output during the Keicho era, still retain traces of the tanuki-bori (hand-dug) mining techniques of that time and the rugged rock faces.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Farmhouse Inn Zaigomon

A farmstay operated by a rice farmer in the Takane district of Murakami City. They serve their prized terraced-field rice and pickles made with locally grown vegetables.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Suzugataki Falls

Long ago, it is said that Minamoto no Yoshitsune stopped his horse here to admire the view while traveling to Oshu. The 450-meter trail through the beech forest and the roar of the 55-meter-high, 10-meter-wide cascade are exhilarating. It was selected as one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Mt. Takane Tasty School Cafeteria IRORI

IRORI, a dining hall open only on weekends and holidays from spring to autumn in the mountain village of Takane, a place rich in nature. Housed in a repurposed school building, this dining hall offers locally harvested buckwheat noodles, wild mountain vegetables, and regional cuisine.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Fusai-ji Temple Garden

A historic temple founded 500 years ago at the site of Obazawa Castle. Its strolling garden, designed to follow the mountain's contours, offers exceptional views not only from the front but also from the top of the artificial hill, where one can look down upon the garden, temple buildings, rice paddies, and the surrounding hills.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Futagojima Forest Park

The dam lake shore, surrounded by mountains on all sides, features bungalows, tent sites, and a car campground. Visitors can enjoy fishing and paddle boats.

Futagojima Forest Park · Miomote Dam · Jomon Village Asahi · Asahi Super Line · Okumiomote Dam · Saruta Dam · Mt. Washigasu 1093m

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Jomon Village Asahi

Exhibits folk and archaeological materials used in the remote mountain village of Miomote, submerged by the construction of the Okumiomote Dam. Visitors can experience making magatama beads, stone tools, and pottery, as well as fire-starting techniques.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Okumiomote Dam

The Okumiomote archaeological sites, centered on the Jomon period and showcasing the ethnic and forest cultures of the former Miomote settlement, were submerged beneath the dam lake. However, excavations and preservation efforts have been conducted, and the sites are now open to the public at the "Jomon Village Asahi Okumiomote History Exchange Center." Parks have also been developed around the dam.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Roadside Station Kamihayashi Honami no Sato

Fresh vegetables are popular at the farmers' market where locally grown produce is displayed. Sasa dumplings and rice dumplings made at the adjacent processing facility, along with tofu yose—a local specialty dish—are also famous.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Minami-Ōdaira Dam Lake Park

A quiet lakeside campground equipped with cooking facilities and restrooms. Known as an ideal spot for stargazing, it also features the Polestar Kamihayashi astronomical observatory on-site.

PICKUP Sekikawa Village 〉 Mt. Kousagi

It is said to have been founded by the Great Master Jikaku, the abbot of Enryaku-ji Temple on Mt. Hiei. In spring, a snow formation resembling a rabbit can be seen on the western face of the summit. The hike to the summit takes approximately 3 hours and 30 minutes.

Mt. Kousagi 966m

Niigata Garden Road: A Hidden World of Beauty

Niigata Garden Road is a roughly 150-kilometer route that explores Niigata's representative Japanese gardens, traditional architecture such as large farmer residences, temples, and machiya townhouses. Part of the Japan Garden Tourism route. The path passes through 29 gardens, seven of which are under the jurisdiction of the Murakami Regional Promotion Bureau.

- Kojyo-ji Temple
- Choraku-ji Temple
- Manpuku-ji Temple
- Fusai-ji Temple
- Wakabayashi Family Home (Samurai Residence)
- Murakami's Machiya, Gardens, and Kurobeidori
- Watanabe's Residence

Niigata's Top 100 Healing Forests

Niigata is home to abundant nature, and there are many locations where people can enjoy outdoor recreational activities and forest bathing. Green One-Hundred Niigata, an afforestation group, narrowed down a list of parks it received from the municipalities of Niigata to 100 forest parks it deemed as the best forest parks for enjoying nature and spending time with others. Of those 100 parks, 11 are under the jurisdiction of the Murakami Regional Promotion Bureau.

- Nihonkoku
- Hakogata Shrine
- Suzugataki Falls
- Futagojima Forest Park & Asahi Supermarket Forest Path
- Kokuzo Green Park
- Kōun-ji Temple Forest Park
- Mt. Castle(Oshiroyama)
- Dogen Pond (Ikoi no Mori)
- Omakuba Oike Park
- Takanosu Campground
- Oishi Dam Lakeside Prefectural Recreation Area

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Mt. Takatsubo

Mt. Takatsubo is beloved by many hikers. The views of Awashima and Sado Island from the summit and the Iide Mountains from the observation deck are beautiful. It takes about one hour to reach the summit.

PICKUP Sekikawa Village 〉 Takanosu Campground

A campground nestled along the clear waters of the Arakawa River, surrounded by forests of Japanese cypress, zelkova, and oak. Ideal not only for camping, but also for forest bathing, summer camps, birdwatching, and insect collecting.

PICKUP Sekikawa Village 〉 Oishi Car Campground Village

Oishi Car Campground Village can be found at the foot of the Iide Mountains. It boasts a luxurious field where you can fully enjoy beautiful greenery, the chirping of wild birds, crystal-clear air, and abundant nature.

Tainai City

Niigata Prefecture's Meisui

Niigata Prefecture actively promotes conservation efforts to preserve its regional assets, designating 68 springs and clear streams within the prefecture that excel in purity and abundance as "Niigata Prefecture's Meisui." The Murakami Regional Promotion Bureau manages 8 of these Famous Water Sources.

- Radium Shimizu
- Kareizan Shimizu
- Shijutte Shimizu
- Momokawa Otakisama
- Kichijo Shimizu
- Hirabayashi Fudo Falls
- Taki Shrine Shimizu
- Arakawa River

PICKUP Sekikawa Village 〉 Mt. Eburisashidake

One of Japan's 200 Famous Mountains. Near the summit, alpine plants such as Anemone narcissiflora, Daylily, and Scabiosa japonica can be seen.

Murakami City Iwafune Port Area

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PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Iwafune Shrine

The chief guardian shrine of Iwafune District, bearing the legend that "the gods descended aboard the Heavenly Iwafune (stone ship)." During the Meiji period, it was designated as one of the first county shrine in the prefecture, second only to Echigo's principal shrine, Yahiko Shrine.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Iwafune Port

A port expected to develop into a maintenance hub for offshore wind power generation. One ferry-type vessel and one high-speed vessel operate between here and Awashima, playing a major role as a base for both daily life and tourism on Awashima.

Fishing Boat Keiyomaru · Iwafune Shrine · Gatsugi Yurihana Onsen · Koganeya Fu Store · Iwafune Port Seafood Market · Iwafune Port Nature Park · Salmon Products Matajoe · Zengyo-ji Temple · Iwafune Port · Awashima Kisen Ferry · Iwafune Office

300m

Murakami City Senami Onsen Area

E

Senami Shrine · Nihonkai · Senami Shoreline · Murakami Hamanasu Hospital · Senami Hamanasuso · Kiyonami Onsen · Senami Onsen Tourist Information Center · Guest house Kikumoto with Spa · Pub Yuyu Club · Kutsurogino Yado Seiunso · Senami Grand Hotel Haginoya · Komorebi no Yado Yunoka · Tsubaki no Yado Yoshidaya · Ooedo Onsen Monogatari Premium Shiomiso · Kimuraya Wagashi · Toi Tobo · Yumoto Ryusen / Sichuan Hanten · Taikanso Senaminoyu · Iyahiko Shrine (Haiden) · Senami Onsen Funto Park · Yamatoya Ryokan · Nihonka Footbath Onsen Banshuu · Toraya Souvenirs · JAPANESE SAKE TAMURA · Pabu Bagu · Konkon-chan Foot Bath · Toto passegiata · Murakami Snow Research & Training Center · 01 Murakami City Skate Park · Suzukiga Pond · Senami View Hotel · Dogen Pond Ikoi no Mori

300m

Asahi Mahoroba Interchange Area, Murakami City

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PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Daimankokuzoson temple

The principal image, Kokuzō Bosatsu, is a Buddha who bestows wisdom and fortune, serving as the guardian deity for those born in the years of the Ox and Tiger. Major festivals are held annually in spring (April 13th) and autumn (October 23rd), during which grand homa rituals are solemnly performed.

Daimankokuzoson Temple · Tsukisara Partners Center · Asahi Silk Flower Factory · Asahi Pool & Spa · 13 Roadside Station Asahi Midori no Sato · Mahoroba Onsen · Inaho Restaurant · Asahi Mahoroba IC

300m

Murakami City Arakawa Area

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Hirabayashi Castle Ruins · Arakawa River · Murakami City Arakawa Golf Course 08 · Kamihayashi Waterfront Park · Iromusubi Guest House · Murakami City Arakawa Branch Office · Kappo Restaurant Isobe · Izumiya Inn · Sakamachi Station · Nagomachi Cafeteria · Kojimiya Confectionaries (Inside Akos) · Niigata Sakamachi Prefectural Hospital · Yakiniku Shiratori · Tempura Saito

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Kamihayashi Waterfront Park

This park offers various experiences and learning opportunities as visitors can interact and observe nature while enjoying recreational water activities. It also features campsites and is beloved as a famous cherry blossom viewing spot during the spring.

PICKUP Murakami City 〉 Yonesaka Line

The line connects Sakamachi Station to Yonezawa Station in the Yamagata Prefecture over a distance of 90.7 km. However, due to the heavy rainfall that took place in August of 2022, travel between Sakamachi Station and Imaizumi Station is currently being conducted by bus.

Yonesaka Line

500m

08 Sekikawa Takanosu Onsen Area

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Takanosu Suspension Bridge · Ryokan Kikuya · Takanosu Campground · Takanosu Onsen · Ryokan Takanosukan · Arakawa River

300m

08 Sekikawa Ktsuranoseki Onsen, Yusawa Onsen, Kira Onsen, Takase Onsen

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Sekikawa Sports Park · 05 Roadside Station Sekikawa Playground · 03 Echigo Sekikawa Katsuranoseki Yumu & Fitness Studio Korasshe · 04 Chigura Hall - Local Products · Kannon Park · Yusawa Onsen · 06 Sekikawa Tourist Information Center Nyaam · Sekikawa History and Road Museum · Sekikawa Recreational Center Domu · Katsuranoseki Onsen · Marushige Sake · 02 Sekikawa Tokeien · Sekikawa Village Office · Hanamichiru Yado New Manriki · 01 Watanabe Residence · Nakamuraya Wagashi · Ebisuya Inn · Restaurant Meiku · Yamaji Inn · Ryokan Takahashiya · Kosagi no Yado Arakawaso · Kanzansou · Furukawaya Inn · Marugame Bridge · Kira Onsen · Drive-in Toyofuji · Japanese Restaurant Yamazato · Kotobukiso Inn · Onodachi Park · Nekochigura Monument

300m

Murakami City Station Area

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Miomote River · Gedo Bridge · Miomote River Nakasu Park · Art & Antiques Kaga · Kappo Restaurant Zenzo · Murakami City Salmon Park · 03 Iyoboya Salmon Museum · Murakami Fire Department · Maruto Fresh Fish · Salmon Restaurant Izutsuya · Murakami City Emergency Center · Masuda Jinbe Sake · Souda Homestay · Maizuru Park · Ishibiki Soba & Japanese Restaurant Yururi · Echigo Murakami Uoya Salmon Goods · Salmon Products Nagatoku · Sake Douraku Kudo · Murakami Elementary School · Sake no Kadoya · Seafood Ichibire · Kappo Restaurant Shintaku · 04 Oshagiri Hall (Murakami City Local History Museum) · 02 Black Wall Street (Anzen Alley) · Kawamura Sushi · Sosendo Wagashi · Murakami Beef Edoshow · Tanigawaya Japanese Restaurant · Salmon Products · Lacquerware Fujii · Tenya Miso & Soy Sauce · Kikkawa · Kokonoen Teahouse · Murakami Tea Salon Kamontei · Suzuki Lacquerware · Murakami City Office · Tokiwaen Teahouse · Urushi Workshop Gem · Masujin Sake · Murakami Wood Carving & Lacquerware Museum · Sakatoya Wagashi · Ryotei Notoshin · Lacquerware Ikedaya · Chinese Restaurant Fukuka · Sakanamachi Rice · Murakami City Tourist Information Center · Yamagami Textile Designs · Yakisoba & Ramen Nabenaka · Tamura Sake · Ishigame Cafeteria · Murakami Station Tourist Information Center · Ishidaya Fine Dining · Saitou Foods · Kosugi Lacquerware · Fujimoto Shrine · Kappo Restaurant Chidori · Dugoya Ryokan · Japanese Restaurant Hema · Murakami Beef Yamashin · Murakami Station · Towi Hotel Murakami · Niigata Prefecture Murakami Regional Promotion Bureau · Fujimien Teahouse · Travel Inn · Hirama Sake · Taiyo Sake Brewery Nagumigura · Kappo Restaurant Ajisaku · Murakami General Hospital · JA Fresh Produce Market · Manpuku-ji Temple · Senami Haguro Shrine · Choraku-ji Temple · Café and Dining Dayis · Murakami Police Station · Izakaya Takomasa · Local Specialties Irifune · Izakaya Kamifusen · Japanese-Sichuan Restaurant Senkei · Mt. Sankyo 94m · Mt. Gagyu 135m · 05 Murakami Castle Ruins

300m

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