

KUMAGAYA FRIENDS

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Free Shuttle Bus Ride Have a Nice Day Trip! Date : June 10 Sat. and 11 Sun.

We will be offering a free ride on a Shuttle Bus on June 10th, Saturday and 11th Sunday. The bus runs between JR Kagohara station through Nogoji Temple, Beppunuma Park, Menuma Shodenzan and so on. Why don't you take a ride for a little trip to explore Menuma area and enjoy some sightseeing?

◆ Inquiries: Kumagaya city Tourist Association
Tel (048) 594-6677

"Menuma Shodenzan"

The Honden Main Hall has been designated as National Treasure. Kisomon Gate has been designated as a National Important Cultural Property and 9 buildings, including Kangi-in Komorido and Shoro, have been designated as Registered Tangible Cultural Properties.

You can see solemn historical buildings.

Through the four distinct seasons, traditional events are held.

Address: Menuma 1511

Admission fee: 700 yen (free of charge for the age of Junior high school or under only when accompanied by adults)

◆ Inquiries: Tel 048-588-1644



"Nogoji Temple"

Nogoji-temple is also known as "Ajsai-dera," the hydrangea temple. More than fifty kinds of hydrangeas (which are at their best during the rainy season) entertain the visitors and will be sure to make you feel relaxed.

Address: Nagai-ota 1141

Open: from 8 am through 5 pm

Admission fee: 300 yen

(free of charge under 18 years old)

◆ Inquiries: Tel 048-588-0901

* Note that there is no shops for food and vending machines around here.



"Michi no Eki Menuma" (road side stand)

You can try homemade popular flavored Gelato (ice cream), such as leek flavor and yam flavor. Also Gardening lessons and the various kinds of workshops will be held regularly.

Address: Yatogo 720

Hours: 10 am~6 pm

◆ Inquiries: Tel 048-567-1212



"Beppunuma Park"

You can enjoy the scenery of beautiful Japanese irises in Beppunuma Park.

This is a wide-open park. It's a multipurpose space, including a jogging course. Many flowers and fresh greenery give this place a peaceful relaxing atmosphere.

Address: Nishibeppu 1456

Parking lot available from 6:30 am to 7:30 pm

◆ Inquiries: Parks and Land Beautification Sect. (Osato Administration Center)

Tel 0493-39-4806



☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

You can learn Japanese for your daily life. All you need to do is just turn up on the day and fill in the registration form.

Date & Hours= 2 pm-4 pm

Every 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays

Place=Green center (next to the Kumagaya City Hall)

Fee= 100yen (*free of charge for members)

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

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Population (As of May 1st, 2017)

Population: 199,804

The number of Foreign Registrants: 2,926

