Lake Towada & Oirase Map & Area Guide 3.West Shore Area Ju-on Bell Wainai-jinja Shrine The Ju-on Bell was cast over a century ago in Germany, the Sadavuki Wainai and his wife home of Curt Netto, an engineer with ties to Kosaka when Katsu are enshrined here at Wainai-jinja Shrine, which was originally it was one of Japan's largest mining towns. The bell is hung from four named Shoryo-jinja Shrine. Lakeside pillars 12 meters high, where a gentle residents originally built it out of appreciation for Katsu when she died in 1907. Fifteen years later, in 1922 when Sadayuki passed K. Maqui melody rings out over the lake every hour from 8:00-18:00. The music is a three-minute song called The Lake away, he was enshrined alongside his Views of bride.The shrine was renamed Wainai-jinja Looks Like Eves, which was written Mt. Ohanabe Shrine in 1933 and is still celebrated by by Tsuchida Keishiro with lyrics by environmental journalist Akio Mishima lakeside residents today. Mt. Ohanabe View Point Mt. Shiroji 4 Chapel Closed during winter On the western outer rim of Lake Towada's caldera, there This chapel was built in 1920 by American Takinosawa Pass are fantastic hiking courses that provide views of both Mt. missionary Kenneth Viall, In 1961, the chapel was lwaki and Mt. lwate. Two courses begin from Okawatai: the visited by then-American ambassador to Japan Takinosawa Misonage course and the Okawatai course. There is also a Edwin Oldfather Reischauer, It rarely sees visitors hiking course along the Jukai Line. A one-way hike on any but is used when there are campers and visitors to Lake Towada and Viall Cottage. A Nazarene of these routes takes about 2.5-3 hours. convent facility is also located nearby. Okawatai 😰 Lakeside Yamanoie/Yamagami-no-taki Falls A sightseeing base for exploring the west shore of Lake Towada, complete with a large, 50-car parking area and Lakeside Yamanoie is an accommodation facility in the middle of the woods with public toilets. It is the largest park on the shores of Lake Towada with an area of 31,700 square meters. From Takinosawa Campground cottages and outdoor meeting space. It's a great place to enjoy a barbeque Okawatai Pier, you can catch a glimpse of the lake in all of its glory, together with the Nakayama and Ogura Remains of Yamagami-jinja Shrine overlooking the lake. The 20-meter-high Yamagami-no-taki Falls is located just Peninsulas. In mid-May, blooming Sargent's cherry trees dot the hillsides for a beautiful panorama of color. behind the cottages. Yamagami-no-taki Falls Towada Prince Hotel Lakeside Yamanoie This hotel on the promenade leading up to Lake Towada has a comfortable lounge that affords sweeping views of Lake Towada just past its sprawling garden lawn. Enjoy the picturesque views and the hotel's popular home-**Lake Towada** made apple pies. The hotel architecture is built from raw lumber in a log-cabin style that is rare today. Expansive views can also be seen from the large outdoor bath, which is open to the general public. Ginzan-no-taki Falls Namariyama Pier Shosen-no-taki Falls One minute into a path on the Towada Hotel side is the **West Shore Walking Trail** Namariyama Pier. The magnificent views of the lake's emerald green surface are the definition of picturesque, reflecting the 2 Wainai-jinja Shrine igneous tuff that forms the lakebed. Okawatai Course Ju-on Bell Opened in 1939, Towada Hotel's main **Towada Hotel** Okawatai structure is also known as the "Akita Cedar Palace" and is a registered national tangible Towada Prince Hotel Course cultural property. Traditional carpenters Cape Nakayamazaki from three prefectures across northern **Forest of Giant Trees** Tohoku built a magnificent atrium in the 4 Chapel Minshuku Sakuraso lobby without using a single nail, which is in Middle Lake itself a stumning architectural feat. Cape Yodo-no-misaki 🔼 🚯 Mt. Shiroji Nakayama Peninsula **Haku-untei View Point** Towada Hotel ೂ 🕖 Namariyama Pier It's a 60-minute hike up to this overlook. Be sure to Towada-jinja Shrine wear proper hiking gear and go together with a local guide up the difficult mountain paths. It's a steep hike Statue of Maidens suited for experienced walkers, but the vistas from atop **West Lake** Namariyama this point are second to none, making it a popular spot 9 Haku-untei to take in a view of the lake in its entirety. Yasumiya Lake Towada Tourist Center "Pratt" 👔 View Point Hakka Pass View Point (Elevation 631m) Cape Sarubanamisaki Towada Visitor Center 🔒 With a large parking area, this view point is an easy stop if you're traveling by car. From an Ichiyajima Island To Nenokuchi elevation of 631 meters, you can enjoy panoramas of Lake Towada and magnificent views of the outer rim <mark>of the Lake Towada caldera and the South</mark>ern Hakkoda Mountains behind it. Visit the Ministry of the Environment's website to see current conditions via a webcam that Wainai provides live streaming video of Lake Towada from Hakka Pass Lake Towada Hatchery **Kosaka Mining Office** (Note: See Yasumiya Area) The symbol of Kosaka Town, this mine was the most profitable mine in Japan in the early 1900s. The mine's office building has been transformed into an important museum that tells the history of Kosaka. Surrounded by indigenous katsura Made entirely of natural Akita cedar, this three-story building is an excellent example of Renaissance 1 Shimeitei View Point (Elevation 630m) **Oide Campground** trees and Japanese oak trees on Revival architecture. It also incorporates a variety of cultural styles, which makes it quite interesting the shores of Lake Towada, Oide This view point is located on the Jukai Line on the way architecturally. It has been designated a heritage of industrial modernization and is also an important Campground is the perfect place from Hakka Pass to Kosaka Town. While it isn't far Hakka Pass cultural property of Japan. Make a reservation to try on 19th-century fashion from a for outdoor activities with plenty of collection of over 100 dresses, which can be used for photoshoots inside the building. from the Hakka Pass View Point, it is known for its **View Point** tent sites, electric RV sites, and Kosaka Mining Office © 0186-29-5522 heart-shaped view of Lake Towada, Have fun finding Trailhead outdoor kitchen facilities. the heart in the lake and don't miss this fantastic Oide Campground photo opportunity with family, friends, or a special To Kosaka IC Nanataki Falls O176-75-2368 Counted among Japan's top 100 waterfalls, this famous waterfall is one of (Campground open late April to Korakukan early November) Kosaka Mining Office Japan's best, dropping more than 60 meters over seven steps, flowing down **11**Shimeitei View Point from near the top of Lake Towada's outer rim. At its foot is Nanataki-iinia Shrine. Sadayuki Wainai which is dedicated to the Ryujin dragon god, and a small water mill, which both Kogakudai View Point give this spot a rustic charm. Across the way is the Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Lake Towada was said to have been completely devoid of fish until the latter part of Elevation 670m) Station) Kosaka-Nanataki, where visitors can stop for food and souvenirs. the 19th century, when local Kosaka miner Sadayuki Wainai decided to try his luck at establishing a fishery at Lake Towada. After quitting the mine, he incurred a huge amount of debt and tried countless times to stock Lake Towada with various kinds of Nakataki fish but was met with failure at every turn. In 1902, he put his final hopes on the himemasu, a type of kokanee salmon native to Hokkaido. He bought eggs, and when

become a local specialty that is loved far and wide. Warning: The law prohibits visitors from taking rocks, plants, or anythin else out of protected areas surrounding Lake Towada. Please stay on clearly marked paths to protect the environment.

they hatched the following spring, he released the young fish into the lake. Three

years later, in the autumn of 1905, the *himemasu* returned to their birthplace in

droves. This was the moment that Sadayuki knew his efforts had paid off — and these fish would indeed

repay the many debts he had incurred over his 21-year endeavor. After this, Sadayuki went on to spend

the rest of his life promoting the tourism development of Lake Towada, and today he is enshrined together

with his wife Katsu at Wainai-jinja Shrine. Thanks to his efforts, Lake Towada's *himemasu*, too, has

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in 1910 and is still used today as one of Japan's oldest wooden theaters. Not only can visitors see regularly

scheduled performances and kabuki plays, but they can also

get a behind-the-scenes look at rare stage settings and

dressing rooms on the guided tours given by kuroko, the

black-clad stagehands of the Japanese theater.

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