Lake Kawaguchiko wide map

Unoshima Island

In the only island (about 700m in circumference) in Lake Kawaguchiko, clayware and stoneware from the Jomon and Yayoi periods have been discovered. During the civil war era, it was used as a place of shelter for residents escaping the war; it was also a penal colony for prisoners. In the 16 th century, the Unoshima Shrine was built. The Water God Toyotamahime no Mikoto (Princess Toyotama), who is also thought to be an incarnation of a catfish is worshipped at the shrine. Every year, on April 25th, an annual festival to keep water disasters away, and prayer for rain is held. After the Shinto ritual, local elementary school and junior high school students who are gorgeously dressed perform Chigonomai (Dance of child of festivity). Only on this day, a free ferry ride can be used to get to the opposite shore, and tourists can offer prayers to the shrine.

Rusugaiwa Rock

At the end of a bend at Kazaki, there is a rock that is part of a legend of lost love. A long time ago, a young man named Kouemon, who was from Koumi (Katsuyama), fell in love with a young woman named Orusu. She was from Oishi. Kouemon lived on the opposite side of the shore. Every night, Kouemon would cross the lake in a tarai-bune boat (A wash-tub shaped boat); and Orusu would light a fire on the rock so that Kouemon could find her, and they would meet secretly. One stormy evening, Kouemon and his boat were swallowed by a big wave. Not knowing what had happened, Orusu kept waiting for Kouemon, but he didn' t show up. Thinking that Kouemon no longer loved her, she threw herself from off the rock. From then on, villagers who felt sorry for Orusu named the rock 'Rusugaiwa (Orusu' s Rock) ' .

Kifune Shrine

According to 'Kaikokushi' a history book from Yamanashi Prefecture, in the 2nd year of the Joo era (1223), the shrine was established from a division of the Kifune Shrine in Kyoto City. The mountain dragon god and the valley dragon god are revered in this shrine. Both gods are the rain god. As well as providing a good harvest and helping families to flourish, it was also a maritime God that protected ships and blessed sea operations. For this reason, it is said that many who were drafted to join the war effort and many, including family members from outside Yamanashi prefecture, who had their family members sent to the war came here to offer prayers. It is a tangible cultural property of the town. The current front shrine was rebuilt in the 25th year of the Heisei era (2013).

The Katsuyama Horseback Archery Festival is a Shinto ritual which is performed by the Fuji Omuro Sengen Shrine to signal the coming of spring to the Katsuyama district. The festival boasts over a 900 year long history, it is held at the Shikkogo Koen (Shikkogo Park) adjacent to the shrine. The festival began when Kai-Genji clan's founder, Shinrasaburo Yoshimitsu, made an offering to the shrine to celebrate the 'Gosannen War' (1083 – 87) victory. A member of The Japan Equestrian Archery Association who' s been taught the 'Takeda style horseback archery' would wear a traditional costume called 'Yoroihitatare' , and while sitting on a horse running at full speed, they would accurately shoot through the target. The spectacle of Katsuyama Horseback Archery Festival makes you think of a civil war era scene on an old picture scroll, and it leaves a big impact on the mind.
◆Kai no Katsuyama Yabusame Matsuri (April 29th) Katsuyama Horseback Archery Festival

Katsuyama Horseback Archery Festival
Kai no Katsuyama Yabusame Matsuri

Sakuya Ai no Kane
(The bell of Sakuya's love)

Roadside Station Katsuyama

Opening in 1998, it serves as a tourist center for the Katsuyama district. Lake Kawaguchiko seen from a round observation platform is exhilarating. At the shop; district specialty products such as Suzu bamboo craftworks and bamboo baskets, fresh vegetables freshly harvested in the morning at the foot of Mt. Fuji and prefectural fruits are sold. To the front, a lawn spreads out, it is called 'Koumi Koen (Koumi Park)' . On the weekends, parents and children flying kites gather at this spot. The establishment also includes a restaurant. A spicy menu called 'Itoriki Curry' that the copywriter Shigesato Itoi highly praised can be tasted there. In the winter, guest houses in the vicinity organize a stargazing event.

Ultra Trail Mount Fuji

Ultra Trail Mount Fuji is a trail running race that goes around the foot of Mt. Fuji that started in 2012. The total distance is about 170 km; the difference in elevation is about 950m. Using the Fuji-Kawaguchiko Town・Yagizaki Park as the start and goal point; the trail, abundant in nature, goes through mountain trails, footpaths, and woodland paths of both Yamanashi and Shizuoka prefectures. The time limit is 46 hours. From 2014, the Ultra Trail Mount Fuji has been selected for the World Tour; therefore, many top athletes not only from Japan, but also from Europe and the U.S.A. have been participating. With a distance of about 91 km, and a difference in elevation of about 4,700 m, a shortened version of the STY course (Fuji City, Shizuoka Prefecture ~ Fuji Kawaguchiko Town) has also been set up.
◆ULTRA-TRAIL・Mt. FUJI (Late September)

Tatamiiwa Lava Rock

Tatamiiwa (Tatamiiwa Lava Rock) is on the tip of Funatsu Beach, which is a part of Lake Kawaguchiko; this place is made from lava that flowed out of Mt. Fuji when it erupted. From here, the view of the lake is beautiful, and during the summer season when a draft blows through it feels very pleasant. There are tables and benches and many families come here to have lunch. A long time ago, a stone statue of a monkey was in the lake close to the tip of Tatamiiwa Lava Rock; and a legend said that when a drought continued and the stone statue was raised there was a blessing of rain.

Kawaguchi Asama Shrine

In the year 864 (Jogan era 6th year), to quell the eruption of Mt. Fuji, the shrine was founded the year following an eruption. The enshrined deity is Konohana Sakuyahime no Mikoto (Princess Konohana Sakuya). Kawaguchi Sengen Shrine is one of the Mt. Fuji World Cultural Heritage assets. Chigonomai (dance performed by children in the festival) is performed at the annual festival held on April 25th, and at the Odaidai Matsuri (Odaidai Festival) held on July 28th. In the shrine precinct, there is a sacred tree called "Nanahon Sugi (Seven Cedars)", it is over 1,200 years old. Also, big horse chestnut and fir trees, and many other cultural properties exist. It is said that during the medieval ages, a town for lodging for lower ranking priests was formed around the shrine.
◆Kawaguchi Asama Shrine Reisai Chigonomai (April 25th)
Kawaguchi Sengen Shrine Annual Festival Chigonomai (Dance of child of festivity)
◆Kawaguchi Asama Shrine Odaidai Matsuri Chigonomai (July 28th) (Dance of child of festivity)

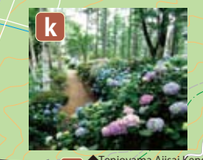
◆Fuji-Kawaguchiko Sakura Matsuri(Mid April)
Fuji-Kawaguchiko Cherry Blossom Festival
◆Fuji-Kawaguchiko Koyo Matsuri
(Early November ~ Mid November)
Fuji-Kawaguchiko Autumn Leaves Festival

Kawaguchiko Kojosai

(August 4th–5th) Lake Kawaguchiko's Fireworks and "Kojosai" Summer Festival

Kawaguchiko Fuyu Hanabi

(Mid January ~ Late February)
Lake Kawaguchiko Winter Fireworks



◆Tenjoyama Ajisai Kengaku
(Mid July ~ Mid August)
Mt. Tenjo Hydrangea Flowers viewing

Literary monument・Monuments

From old times, the scenic area of Fuji Kawaguchiko Town has been loved by writers and artists. For this reason many monuments are around the area. At Ubuyagasaki, there are Basho's monument with his haiku, 'kumo kiri no zanji hyakkei o tsukushi keri (Clouds and mist. Mt. Fuji changes the scenery every moment. Panoramic scenery formed in an instant)' engraved on it, Seiko Nakamura literary monument with a piece from his novel 'Shonenko' engraved on it, a monument of Yamanashi prefecture's Japanese style painter Shunko Mochizuki's Fudezuka (Fudezuka is a burial site for worn out painting brushes) with the character「筆」(It is pronounced as fude. Fude means brush) in large lettering engraved on it, and a bronze relief of the photographer, Koyo Okada. Also, in 1938(Showa era 13th year) Osamu Dazai stayed at Tenkajaya in the Misaka Toge Pass. Based on his experience there, he wrote 'Fugaku Hyakkei'. Near Tenkajaya, there is a literary monument engraved with a piece from Dazai's work *Fugaku Hyakkei*, 'Evening primrose suits Fuji very well.'

Mt.Fuji Marathon

◆Fujisan Marathon (Last Sunday of November)
Mt. Fuji Marathon

Every year on the last Sunday of November, a full marathon around Lake Kawaguchiko and Lake Saiko takes place. Runners will run through a course that includes a view of a snow covered Mt. Fuji, a beautiful lake coast, and a picturesque scenery of autumn leaves. There are about 15,000 participants, including those from overseas; it is a popular marathon. The day before the marathon, participants can enjoy a 5 km course while enjoying the scenery at their own pace by either running or walking it, also various events are prepared such as a welcome ceremony.

Shops that offer Rental Bicycles

- (A) Nagahama ryokan
- (B) Mizubeno shop
- (C) Fujinoyado Ohashi
- (D) Kawaguchiko Onsenji
- (E) Kaiunnoyu Royalhotel kawaguchiko
- (F) Rental Boat Sazanami
- (G) Kawaguchiko Station Front Hand Baggage Cloakroom
- (H) Country Cottage Ban
- (I) KBH Kawaguchiko Boat House
- (J) Guest House Relax
- (K) Klunkerz
- (L) Country lake systems
- (M) Shikinoyado Fujisan

Collect only

1. Fuji View Hotel
2. Houtou-yashiki Misakaji
3. Notenburo Tensui

※Some facilities are currently preparing for offering rental bicycles.
For more information please contact us.

Baggage Storage & Delivery Service

If you decide to spend time at Lake Kawaguchiko, your belongings are safe with us!

- Baggage Storage & Delivery
- Locker Rentals
- Rental Bicycles (electric bicycles available)
- Rental Nordic Poles

Tenimotsu Azukariya

TEL+81-90-5789-3776

In front of Kawaguchiko Station

【Baggage Storage & Delivery Service】
Tenimotsu Azukariya
3634-2 Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanshi Pref.

Fujisan World Cultural Heritage General Information
Fuji Lake Kawaguchiko area Stories of Seasons
Nordic Walking Guide

●Inquiry
Fujikawaguchiko Tourist Information Center (Kawaguchiko Onsen Ryokan Association)

Opening Hours:
8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
(close at 7 p.m. on Saturdays)
Tel:+81-555-72-6700
3641-1 Funatsu,
Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,,
Minamitsuru-gun,
Yamanshi Pref.

Other free guidebooks are obtainable at Fujikawaguchiko Tourist Information Center and Tenimotsu Azukariya

Free English Guidebook Available

Yamanashi Sightseeing information Homepage (in English)
http://www.yamanashi-kankou.jp/english/index.html

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Kawaguchiko SHOPPING

1 Indenkan Yamazumien
(craft specialty hall)

Inden is the Japanese deerskin craft that has been passed down from the Edo Period in the Koshu area (Yamanashi) of the Edo Period. It involves applying colorful lacquers to tanned deerskin to form traditional patterns. The genuine feel of fine craftsmanship adds elegance to the utility of the many original-brand bags and other articles we carry.
Business hours: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Open all year.
72 Funatsu, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-0132

2 Kai no Kaiun Sake
High Quality Made With Mount Fuji Spring Water

For many years, we've used naturally filtered snowmelt from 850-meter-high springs near the base of Mount Fuji's north flank to brew sake at the coldest time of the year. Visitors are invited to savor to their heart's content one of Mount Fuji's blessings at the only sake brewery in the Five Lakes area.
Ide Brewery
3837 Funatsu, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-0008

4 Lavender Castella
Sponge Cake and Lavender Perfume

Lavender is a familiar ingredient representative of the herb culture of Fuji kawaguchiko-Machi. A faint, elegant after-scent is one result of its abundant use. The perfume house annex of the Kawaguchiko Herb Hall deals with a wide variety of fragrant items, including aromatic candles, and sells perfume by the measure.
Kawaguchiko Hall of Herbs and Fragrances
6713-18 Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko Town, Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-3082

5 Oishi Pongee Silk Face Puff for a Beautiful Face

The Oishi Pongee Traditional Craft Center, on the north side of Lake Kawaguchiko, presents 100-percent silk products, all hand-woven with thread from Oishi cocoons. The traditional face puff is one. Wash your face, dry it with a towel, then use a silk puff to lightly massage the face for 2 to 3 minutes. This cleans the pores as the silk easily rids the skin of keratinous particles.
Oishi Pongee Traditional Craft Center
1438-1 Oishi, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-76-7901

3 Fujiyama Cookie

Each cookie, beautifully shaped like Mount Fuji, is carefully baked in our kitchen studio. We use only the finest natural ingredients, including domestic wheat and locally produced honey. News media reports have showcased these cookies several times for their recent status as a must-have souvenir.
Business hours: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (hours may vary with the season)
Open every day, all year.
1165-1 Azagawa, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-2220

Secret of "Kappa Miso" 6

Grind up locally grown red pepper, add malted rice and soy sauce, then let maturation and fermentation transform the blend into a zesty seasoning. Its unique spicy flavor, combined with the smooth sweetness of malted rice, enhances the taste of condiments used in soup and noodles. It makes a tantalizing tidbit for sake drinkers, and fits the Lake Kawaguchiko's specialty "Kappa Meshi" perfectly.
For Inquiries:
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LUNCH

Recommended restaurants for a lakeside lunch at Lake Kawaguchiko

1 Yakiniku, grill, Asian ethnic cuisine Amiyaki Hana

Business hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays. Reservations required Saturday, Sunday, holidays.
205-1 Azagawa, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi,Minamitsuru-gun,Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-73-4129

2 Home-style local cuisine Yamaboushi

For lunch, try our "Shokado" bento, a rectangular box partitioned into four compartments containing traditional Japanese specialties of the season. View Lake Kawaguchiko and Mount Fuji from the second floor.
Business hours: noon to 2 p.m. (last order 1:30 p.m.); and 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (dinner by reservation only no later than the previous day).
Closed Thursdays and the first Sunday of the month.
1106 Kodachi, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-73-2022

Hoto local cuisine Hoto Fudo 6

There are four Hoto Fudo restaurants in the area. Folk-art interiors create the atmosphere of a cozy forest. Houtou cuisine, savored as a local specialty, provides the traditional taste of a Yamanashi village. Plump noodles sliced from kneaded wheat flour are boiled with vegetables in miso broth.
Business hours: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. (until 8 p.m. at the Higashi-koiji restaurant).
Note: Restaurants may close earlier as noodles sell out. Open all year.
●Kawaguchiko North (main restaurant),
707 Kawaguchi, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-76-7800
●Kawaguchiko South,
1672-7 Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-5011
●Kawaguchiko "Ekimae,"
3631-2 Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-5560
●Higashikoiji
2458 Higashikoiji, Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-72-8511

Coffee shop Cisco Coffee 3

Business hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (last order).
Closed Wednesdays.
927-1 Kodachi, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-73-4187

Hoto, Yakiniku local cuisine Hoto-Yashiki Misakaji 4

Business hours: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. (Restaurant may close earlier as specialties sell out). Unscheduled days off. Our wide menu features "yakiniku" meats grilled over Mount Fuji lava rock, Lake Kawaguchi' s specialty "Kappa Meshi," Koshu-style horsemeat sashimi, chicken-innards stew, and of course "Hoto" noodles. Plus a fine selection of drinks and desserts. Families and groups are always welcome.
2746-1 Kawaguchi, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel: +81-555-76-7527

Diner-style lunch sets Kosuitei 5

Business hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. (dinner by reservation only).Unscheduled days off.
3069-1 Kawaguchi, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minamitsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
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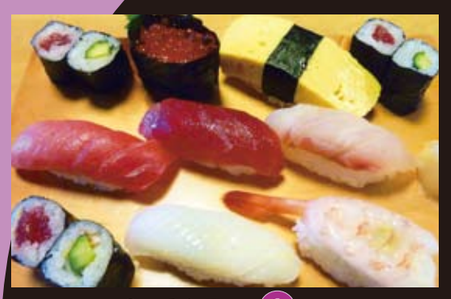
DINNER

Recommended restaurants for a lakeside dinner at Lake Kawaguchiko



Sushi Sushi Zen 1

A longtime local favorite that serves select maguro (tuna) plus a variety of hand-made sushi (nigiri). Always fresh ingredients will cretainly satisfy hungry eaters. Also on the menu is Lake Kawaguchiko' s specialty "Kappa Meshi," which grew out of the Kappa Legend surrounding Lake Kawaguchiko.
Business hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Closed Wednesdays and the day after official holidays.
2466-9 Funatsu, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi, Minami-Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
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【By the way】
The Lake Kawaguchiko's specialty known as "Kappa Meshi" is warm rice overlaid with a blend of lightly pickled cucumber and seasonings plus flavored, grated Japanese yam. This is topped off with sesame seeds and shredded seaweed.

Western cuisine, steakhouse Restaurant Corner House 2

Sitting serenely by Lake Kawaguchiko, the restaurant has pleased diners for years with delicious steaks at reasonable prices. Meal sets include salad, bread/rice, coffee. Choose from our wide selection of Japanese sakes, Western wines, and hard liquor.
Business hours: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Closed Thursdays.
298-1 Funatsu, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi, Minami-Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
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Diner-style dinner sets, eel, Houtou noodles Restaurant Konami 3

Our menu draws connoisseurs of local specialties like "wakasagi" (pond smelt) and "yamame" (salmon trout) - featured with dinner sets - as well as udon and soba noodle dishes. We also rent out fishing boats at customers' pleasure.
Business hours: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Days off unscheduled.
367-1 Azagawa, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi, Minami-Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel:+81-555-72-0349

Ramen Kanputei 4

Ramen noodes, Chinese cuisine
Business hours: 11:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Closed Wednesdays.
3995-1 Funatsu, Fuji-Kawaguchiko-machi, Minami-Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
Tel:+81-555-72-3950

Houtou noodles, soba (buckwheat noodles), eel Restaurant Tsujiya 5

Business hours: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Days off unscheduled.
1062 Azagawa, Fuji-kawaguchiko-machi
Minami-Tsuru-gun, Yamanashi Pref.
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