

## Route Outline

Iitate Village was called “Kusano Village” during the Sengoku period — a name likely derived from Kusano Shrine, the original name of today’s Watatsumi Shrine. This course explores the beautiful pastoral and floral scenery of the Kusano area.



**Iitate Village**  
**History and Nature**  
**Country Road Course**  
**Walking Route**  
 Distance: **Approx. 5.5km** Terrain: **Mainly flat**

## Points of Interest



① **Iitate Village Community Center "Fureai-kan"**

Along with hosting concerts and lectures, this multi-purpose community center also provides space free of charge, which can be used for meetings or small meetings.

② **Ruins of Kusano-tate Castle**

The former site of Kusano-tate Castle. Kusano-tate Castle was a flatland mountain-style castle built on a plateau, and ruins of the castle keep still remain here today.



③ **Watatsumi Shrine**



Originally called Kusano Shrine after Kusano, the enshrined Shinto god who brings the blessings of water and trees.



Approx. 25 min. from **Minamisoma IC** on the **Joban Expressway**

## Access

## Inquiries

Village Development Promotion Division, Commerce and Tourism Representative

☎ **0244-42-1620**

8:30-17:15 (Closed: Saturdays, Sundays and holidays)



Scan the QR code for the website

Scan the QR code to view a video of this route

## What is Footpath Walking?

Footpath walking offers a relaxing way to enjoy the features of an area. Whether you're strolling solo or with friends and colleagues, this style of walking — which originated in the United Kingdom — allows you to enjoy natural sights and seasonal scenery as you follow the map. Footpath walking is also a wonderful way to maintain good health and relieve stress.

## Footpath Manners



- Take your trash home with you.
- Do not remove plants or animals.
- Do not trespass on private fields or other property.
- Be aware of wildlife and changing weather conditions.
- Remain on footpaths whenever possible.
- Exercise caution, especially when crossing roads.
- Be respectful of locals maintaining and managing the area, and do not disturb them.

⑤ **Michinoeki (Roadside Station) Madeikan**

Opened in August 2017 as a base for promoting and revitalizing Iitate Village. The name “Madei” comes from an expression meaning “properly and sincerely” in the local dialect. With extensive use of Japanese cedar wood, the building's design feels warm and welcoming.

This facility sells locally-grown vegetables, flowers and plants, soft-serve ice cream featuring perilla leaf and Japanese blueberries, souvenirs, rare Doburoku sake and more.

⑥ **Zuttosoko**

Developed on the former site of a hardware store that operated here before the disaster. It features a mobile café selling coffee and seasonal drinks, as well as free space that can be used for hosting events.

OPEN: 12:30-17:30 CLOSED: Sun./Mon./Th.

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**Yasaka Shrine (in Fukaya)**



A shrine that is popular with locals for enshrining Tenjin, the Shinto god of learning.



# Iitate Village Footpath Map

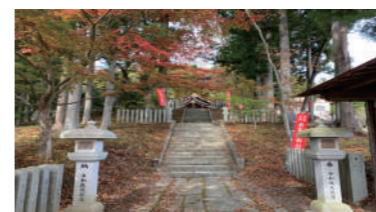
## Fukaya Rural Landscape

Pastoral scenery spread across the Fukaya area of Iitate Village. You can feel a refreshing breeze and see views of seasonal flowers and rice paddies.



To Mt. Ryozen

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③ Watatsumi Shrine



## Food Vendors and Facilities



Iitate Village Community Center "Fureai-kan"

Open: 8:30-17:15  
Closed: Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, and New Year



Fukaya Kazenoko Hiroba Square

Open: 10:00-16:00  
Closed: Wednesdays



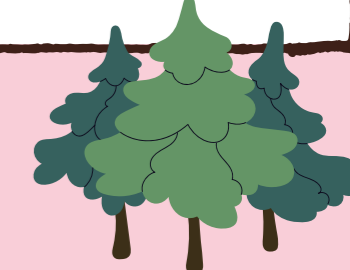
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Open: 10:00-17:00  
Closed: Sundays and Mondays



Michinoeki (Roadside Station) Madeikan

Open:  
9:30-17:00 (Nov.-Feb.)  
9:30-18:00 (Mar.-Oct.)  
Closed: Wednesdays



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Hakusan Shrine

② Ruins of Kusano-tate Castle

To Haramachi, Minamisoma City

Fukaya Kazenoko Hiroba Square

④ Yasaka Shrine (Fukaya)



Sakumi Well Sakumisuijin



Rural Landscape

To Kashima, Minamisoma City



Atago Shrine



Yasaka Shrine

Hachiman Shrine



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To Kawamata Town

⑤ Michinoeki (Roadside Station) Madeikan

⑥ Zuttosoko

Niida River

Former agricultural high school site

① Iitate Village Community Center "Fureai-kan"

Start & Goal



## Map Guide

Main route   
Sub-route 

 Restrooms  Parking

 Restaurants  Viewpoint



Viewpoint

200m

