

This route features Tamura City's Miyakoji Village area. Just a short walk from the city center, you'll find natural scenery and vibrant countryside. Enjoy comfortable walks and spectacular views in spring and fall. In early summer, marvel at blooming hydrangeas by day and fireflies by night. (Please watch your step after dark.)

## Route Outline



## Tamura City Furumichi Pastoral Route -Nostalgic Natural Scenery-

Distance: 3.5km (approx.)  
Terrain: Flat

Scan the QR code  
to view the map



## Route Guide

### 1 How To Walk This Route

This approximately 3.5 km route is flat and easily walkable. In spring, you can admire cherry blossoms and mulberry leaves in the Hotaru no Sato (Firefly Village) area, as well as the blooming grandeur of the Akimoto no Shidare-zakura (weeping cherry) and Toya no Tanemaki-zakura (seed-sowing cherry). The rainy season is popular for its beautiful hydrangeas.

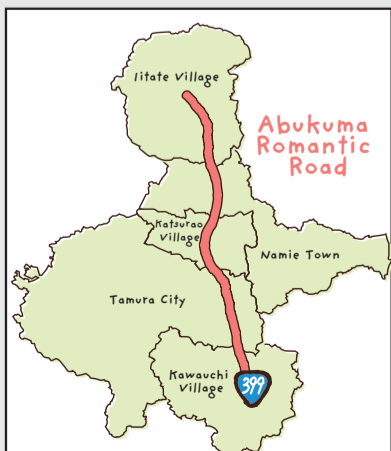
### 2 Furumichi Pastoral Route

The Miyakoji Village area is on the east side of Tamura City. Famous local products include perilla oil, Miyakoji tofu and craft beer. Enju-ji Temple's wooden Amida Nyorai Buddha statue is said to have been made by the sculptor Unkei, who also crafted the renowned Kongo Rikishi guardian statues at Todai-ji Temple in Nara.



### 3 Abukuma Romantic Road

This is the official nickname for the area consisting of Kawauchi Village, Tamura City's Miyakoji Village, Katsurao Village, Namie Town and Iitate Village in Fukushima Prefecture's Abukuma Kogen region on National Route 399.



Footpath website



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## Inquiries

Toban Expressway: Approx. 30 min. from Toban-Tomioka Interchange  
Ban-Etsu Expressway: Approx. 60 min. from Funehiki-Miharu Interchange

## Access

- Take your trash home with you.
- Do not remove plants, animals, crops or flowers.
- 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.

## Footpath Manners

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 the natural sights and seasonal scenery as you follow the map. Footpath walking is also a wonderful way to maintain good health and relieve stress.

## What is Footpath Walking?

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## Points of Interest



### Hydrangea Road

Many hydrangeas grow along National Route 399, and you can enjoy these colorful flowers during the rainy season each year.



### Okame Shrine's Asunaro Tree

The soaring asunaro tree on the grounds of Okame Shrine is believed to have been planted in the early 1600s. With an estimated age of around 450 years and a trunk circumference of 4.7 m, it's worshipped as the shrine's sacred tree.



### Miyakoji Bridge

The view from Miyakoji Bridge on the Abukuma Romantic Road stretch of National Route 399 provides a very calming experience.



Miyakoji Village, Tamura City

# Footpath Map

To Tokiwa Town, Tamura City

! National routes 399 and 288 are narrow and lack sidewalks. Watch out for cars!

**Legend**

- Main route
- Sub-route
- Other route connections
- Restrooms
- Parking
- Restaurants
- Viewpoint


**① Furumichi Gymnasium**  
Start and Goal (A)



Known as Miyakoji Taiikukan (gymnasium). With restrooms (men's, women's, multipurpose) and a parking lot.

An ideal base for foot-path walking.

**② Akimoto no Shidare-zakura**



This 300-year-old weeping cherry tree in the hills south of the Miyakoji Administrative Office parking lot offers a place to relax and refresh.

**Yoriai-dokoro Hana**



A restaurant in the kominka (traditional folk house) style, opened in June 2014 as a gathering place for locals after the earthquake.

Open: 11:00-14:00 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays

**② Akimoto no Shidare-zakura**



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**③ Okame Shrine**



Said to have been built in 1675. The shrine's large asunaro tree is roughly 450 years old and is a city-designated natural treasure.

**④ Pastoral Scenery From Hydrangea Road**



The road from Okame Shrine is bordered by rice fields, which can be enjoyed across the seasons: verdant in summer, golden in fall and a carpet of white in winter.

**⑤ Pastoral Scenery to Hotaru no Sato**



Hotaru no Sato (Firefly Village) is named for the many fireflies that can be seen near the cherry- and mulberry-lined road.

**⑥ Embankment Road Along the Minami River**  
Start and Goal (B)



Enjoy a stroll alongside a calm river. Features viewpoints from where you can admire Miyakoji Bridge and scenic mountains.

**Start and Goal (B)**  
⑥ Embankment Road Along the Minami River

