



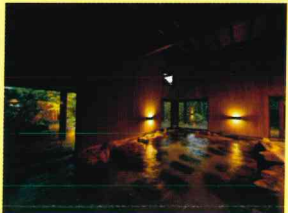
Wide-area Map of Satsuma Town

Hot spring Paradise, Satsuma Town!

Satsuma Town is famous for its hot springs and many hot spring facilities are located in the area. Beneath the hall of worship of the Shibi Shrine, which was established more than 1,500 years ago, a hot spring gushes forth and is known as "Kaminoyu" (MAP E5-6). Another well-known hot spring is Miyanojo Onsen which was discovered around 1820 (MAP F5-6). You can enjoy the versatile water quality including sulfur spring, hydrogen carbonate spring, sulfate spring and alkaline simple spring. All hot springs are great for your skin, which is why it is known as "Bijinyu", meaning beauty hot spring. For better skin, dip into the different hot springs in Satsuma Town!

Visit Shibi Shrine, a spot thought to be flowing with mystical energy to enhance your economic fortune.

Many facilities have its unique points so try them all and experience the great hot springs to get better skin.



One of Kyushu's Top 100 Mountains!



A panoramic view of 360 degrees can be enjoyed from the summit.

Though there are various theories, Mt. Shibi is said to be named after Jofuku, a sorcerer who sought for elixir of youth by the order of the first Qin emperor, presented his purple string to the mountain (MAP C3). In Japanese, Shibi means "purple tail." The mountain's elevation is 1,067m and is the highest peak in Hokusatsu region. During the winter, ice-coated trees can be observed and a great view of Sakurajima, Kirishima Mountains and Amakusa Islands can be enjoyed on a clear day from the mountain summit. The summit is easily accessible by car to experience the gorgeous scenery.

The Cheery Blossoms at the Dam are Beautiful!

Tsuruda dam (MAP E3) is 450m long and 117.5m in height, ranking number one in the Kyushu region. On the left bank of the dam, a park is in place where you can get a full view of the reservoir, Otsuruko. It is a popular hanami spot (a picnic while enjoying the cherry blossom trees) during the spring. With pre-booking 1 week in advance, you can have a tour inside the dam. For more information, contact the Tsuruda Dam Management Office (0996-59-2030).



In late March, approximately 500 cherry blossoms come to full bloom!

Souvenir Shops with Their Own Unique Characteristics.



Miyanojo Chikurinkan sells a great lineup of fresh agricultural products.

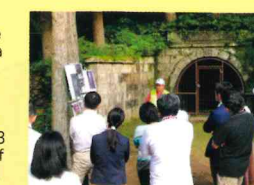
Skin care products made from Satsuma Town's hot spring minerals are also available!

- Satsuma Bussankan / (MAP) A6
- Miyanojo Chikurinkan / (MAP) D4
- Hirakawago (Farmer's Shop Hirakawa-ya) / (MAP) D3
- Seseragi-no-sato Futawatari / (MAP) D5
- Tsuruda Tokusanhin Hanbajjo Jimankan / (MAP) D4
- Satsuma Tokusanhin Chokubaijo / (MAP) F4



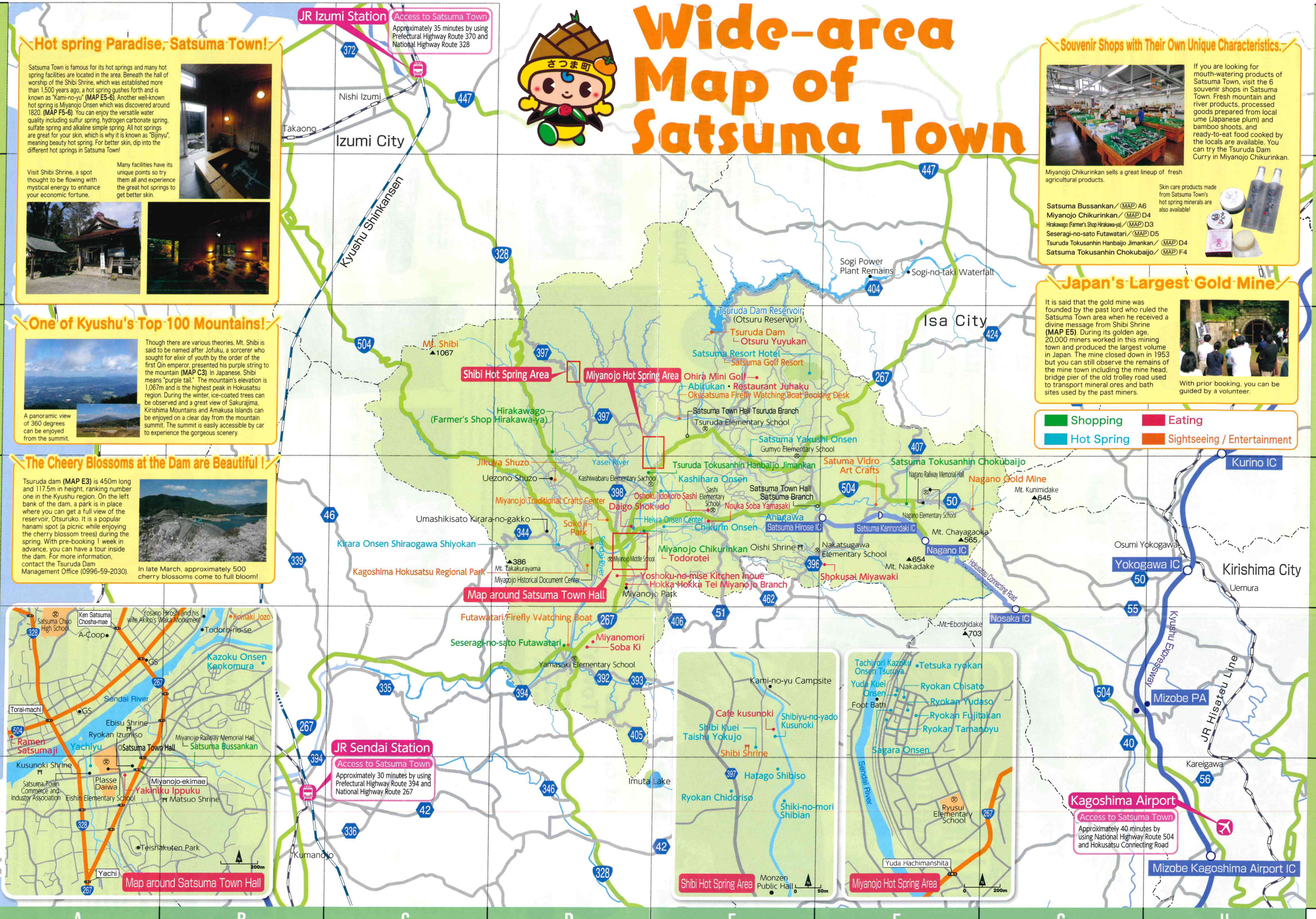
Japan's Largest Gold Mine

It is said that the gold mine was founded by the past lord who ruled the Satsuma Town area when he received a divine message from Shibi Shrine (MAP E5). During its golden age, 20,000 miners worked in this mining town and produced the largest volume in Japan. The mine closed down in 1953 but you can still observe the remains of the mine town including the mine head, bridge pier of the old trolley road used to transport mineral ores and bath sites used by the past miners.



With prior booking, you can be guided by a volunteer.

- Shopping
- Eating
- Hot Spring
- Sightseeing / Entertainment



JR Sendai Station

Access to Satsuma Town
Approximately 30 minutes by using Prefectural Highway Route 394 and National Highway Route 267

Map around Satsuma Town Hall

Shibi Hot Spring Area

Miyanojo Hot Spring Area