

Tonami Plains Country Museum

Country of opulent water and greenery that have fostered Sankyo in the Tonami Plains

In Sankyo-son of the Tonami Plains, farmers' houses surrounded by residential trees called Kainyo are irregularly scattered among rice paddies, which looks like small green islands floating in the sea. The landscape of Sankyo is noted to be one of the original community styles of farming village.

Utilizing opulent water source and rich nature, people have enjoyed good harvest and created unique lifestyle in Tonami Area.

Sankyo-son, where ancestors' wisdoms are still alive in people's life, is the vital legacy to hand down to the next generation as a space where nature and human beings can live harmoniously and children can foster emotional richness. For this purpose, this project is promoted by local residents based on the concept "creation of a country for coexistence of water, greenery and people."



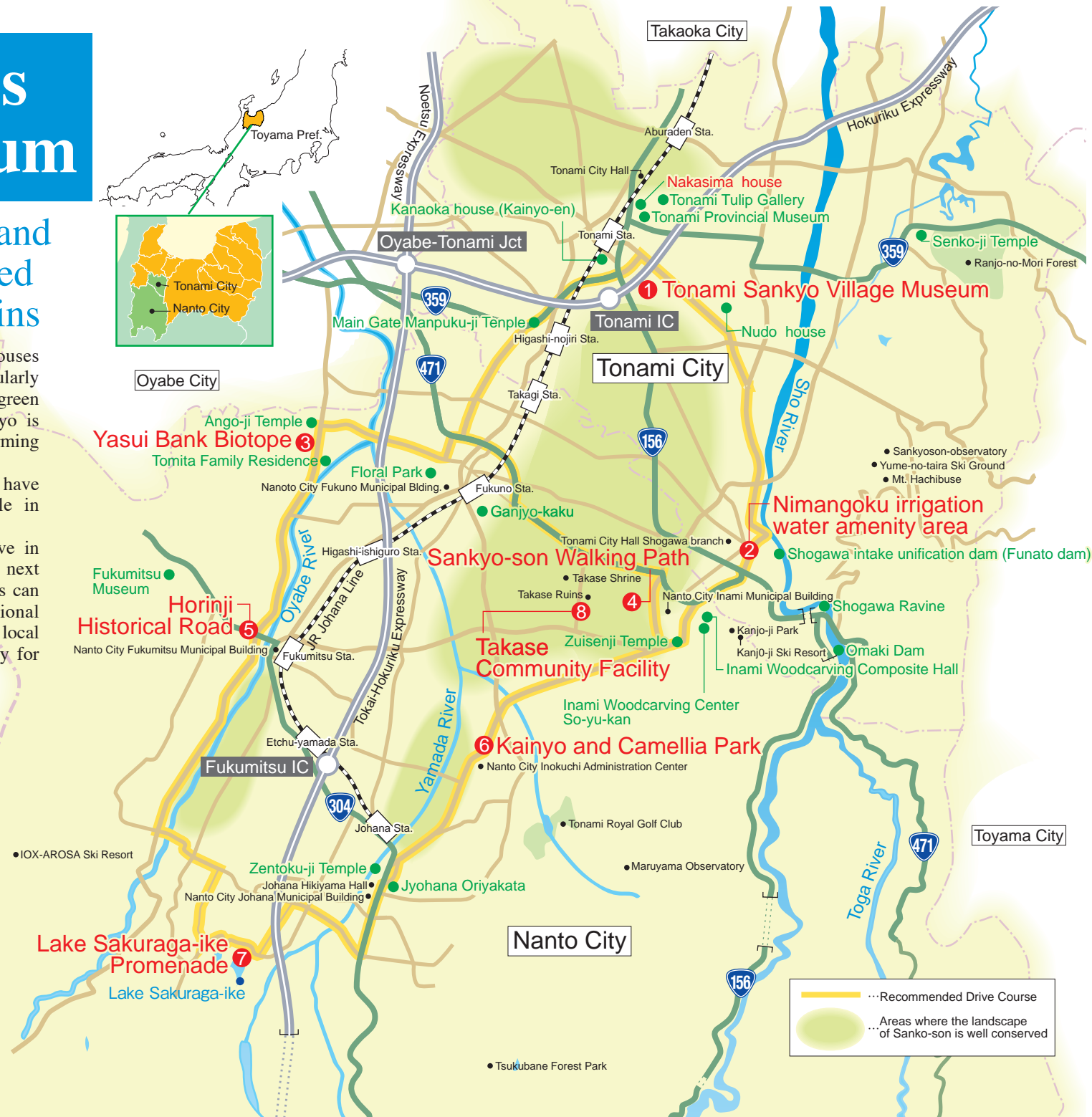
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The Museum was developed based on a concept of making the beautiful Tonamai Plains into a field museum.

The Museum contains all landscape components of Sankyo-son such as rice paddies, irrigation ditches, traditional houses known as Azumadachi or Maenagare, and residential trees called Kainyo, and tangible and intangible cultural assets including local lifestyle, culture and history.

There are eight district satellites, among which the Tonami Sankyo Village Museum is the core facility.

① Tonami Sankyo Village Museum

This is the core facility established with the purpose to upkeep the landscape, promote the dispersal of the local culture throughout the country, and help stimulate the vibrancy in the district.



② Nimangoku irrigation water amenity area

Niman-goku Waterway is an irrigation water network running throughout the Tonami Plains. The extended waterway at the upper stream is a good spot for relaxation.



③ Yasui Bank Biotope

Various wildlife and plants inhabit this biotope, including Hokuriku Salamander. The lake is also a popular recreational spot.



④ Sankyo-son Walking Path

Along the path, hikers can visit the local cultural and historical spots – Takase Shrine, Takase Ruins and Azumadachi Takase – as well as enjoy the beautiful landscape of Sankyo-son.



⑤ Horinji Historical Road

The road was constructed along the Damashi River which was loved by Shiko Munakata, well-known woodblock printmaker of Japan. 13 stone monuments of his works based on the local legend of kappa are installed along the river.



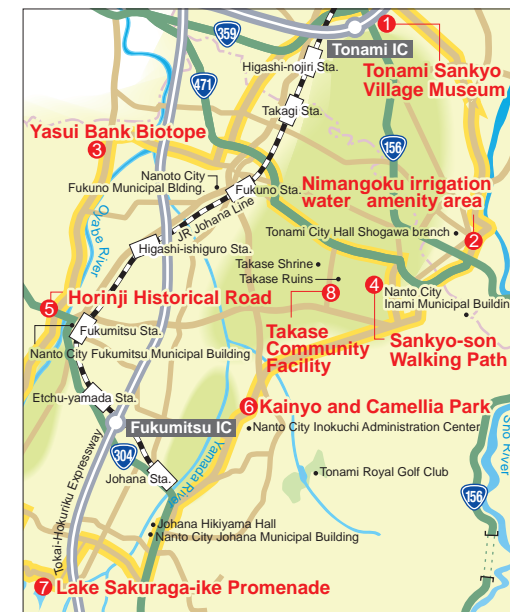
⑥ Kainyo and Camellia Park

About 500 species of domestic and overseas camellias are bred and exhibited. Among them, yellow camellia preserved in the park is a very precious species. There is also a wild camellia garden which is a rare facility in the world.



⑦ Lake Sakuraga-ike Promenade

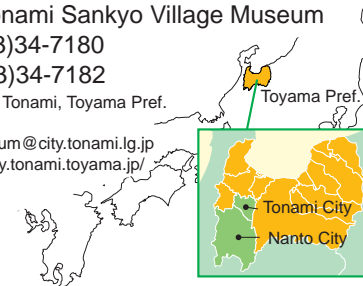
There are cultural, athletic and recreational facilities including Sakuraga-ike Kurgarden in this district. From the promenade you can enjoy a great view of Sanky-son.



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⑧ Takase Community Facility

To preserve the traditional architectural style known as Azumadachi, the main structural frame called Wakunouchi was relocated and restored at this site. Takase Ruins and Inami Hitory and Folklore Museum are nearby.

