



Dawn of the Japanese Industrial Age

Founded by the Meiji Government in 1872 (Meiji 5), the Tomioka Silk Mill was a prototype for the manufacturing of silk in Japan's Modern Industrial Age. Following the Meiji Restoration, in order to compete with foreign countries, the government pushed the modernization of science, technology, and industry. As a way to raise funds for this purpose, the government put effort into exporting raw silk. The government decided to create a government-owned model plant equipped with Western-style machines to foster quality improvement, production improvement of raw thread and make Japan a technology leader. That is why the Tomioka Silk Mill was constructed, and remains virtually unchanged.



Admission Fee

Category	Individual	Group reservation
Adult	1,000 _{yen}	900 _{yen}
High School/University Students **Must show school ID	250 _{yen}	200 _{yen}
Elementary/Jr. High Students	150 _{yen}	100 _{yen}

Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ※Facility entry closes at 4:30 p.m. Closed December 29th - 31st

*High school/University students must show their student ID *Free for Tomioka citizens. You must show a proof of residency. (i.e. driver's license)

Group Admission (Upon reservation only)

Groups must make a reservation (20 or more/group) Reservations should be made up to 2 days prior to the visit via the homepage.

Guided Tour 3,000ven/Guide (approx, 40 minutes) ₩Up to 30 people per guide

Bus Parking (Upon reservation only) 2,000yen/bus

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(Tomioka Silk Mill Group Reservation Center) https://www.matidukuri-t.net/reserves/ Online reservation system (in Japanese only)



Brunat Engine

Replica on Display

₩For information on the Tomioka Silk Mill hands-on experience, see Page 7.

Guided tour/ Audio tour for individuals

We recommend a guided tour for a more in-depth experience!

Fee About 40 minutes: 200yen/Adult; 100yen/Elementary & Jr. High Students

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.: Every 60 minutes <Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays>

9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.: Every 30 minutes

This is a replica of the Brunat Engine, a steam engine introduced when the Tomioka Silk Mill

first opened. ynamic Display

Start Times < Weekdays>

Saturday, Sundays, Holidays 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The above times are for the dynamic displays

Factory Life Gallery "on display"



The Tomioka Silk Mill provided a living space for workers. with housing and an infirmary on the premises from its founding.

Company residence

West Cocoon Warehouse

The long-awaited grand opening took place in October 2020, after a six-year maintenance project was completed. The highlight is a framework for seismic reinforcement, and an exhibition room surrounded by glass maintained by the House-in-House method. On top of that, the first floor has a 16-meter timeline wall display, and on the second floor you can see how the cocoons were stored throughout its 115-year history

App download (free)

You can listen to the audio guide on your smartphone!

- Audio Guide for the Tomioka Silk Mill(Japanese, English, French, Korean and Chinese) This guide will take you through the history of the Tomioka Silk Mill and attractive points of the entire premises. The Japanese guide is voiced by voice actress Rumi Okubo.
- Audio Guide for the West Cocoon Warehouse (Japanese, English, French, Korean, and Chinese)

This guide will take you through the various displays in the gallery of the West Cocoon Warehouse and architectural attractions. The Japanese guide is voiced by voice actor Shunsuke Takeuchi.

Rökyoku for the West Cocoon Warehouse (Japanese with written English Translation)

The second-floor attractions of the West Cocoon Warehouse are presented through a traditional musical recitation style known as Rōkyoku, or Naniwabushi, through the talent of Rökyoku Master Daifuku Tamagawa.





Now demonstrating a replica of the French-style silk reeling machine *For the demonstration hours, please check the homepage.

World Heritage Site Sekaito

Located near the Joshu Tomioka Station, on the way from the free municipal parking lot toward the Tomioka Silk Mill, Sekaito is an excellent museum to explore before your silk mill experience. The museum will help you better understand the value of the silk industry of Japan and the reason why the Tomioka Silk Mill became a World Heritage site.

Aside from the silk mill, the museum introduces three other must-see heritage sites. The over 100 year-old brick warehouse was restored under the supervision of the famous architect Kengo Kuma.

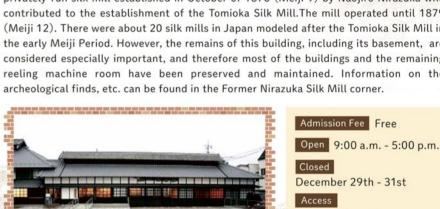
Fee Free

Open 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Every last Wednesday, March through November Every Wednesday, December through February (Should it fall on a public holiday then the foll December 29th - 31st

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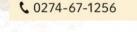
Former Nirazuka Silk Mill

Located in front of the Tomioka Silk Mill's main gate is the Former Nirazuka Silk Mill, a privately-run silk mill established in October of 1876 (Meiji 9) by Naojiro Nirazuka who contributed to the establishment of the Tomioka Silk Mill. The mill operated until 1879 (Meiji 12). There were about 20 silk mills in Japan modeled after the Tomioka Silk Mill in the early Meiji Period. However, the remains of this building, including its basement, are considered especially important, and therefore most of the buildings and the remaining reeling machine room have been preserved and maintained. Information on the



About a 10-minute walk from Joshu Tomioka Station

▲ 33-4 Tomioka, Tomioka-shi









Myogi Panorama Park

This popular destination has a gorgeous 360 degree panoramic view of Mt. Myogi (Mt. Hakuun, Mt. Kondo, and Mt. Kinkei), the Kanto Plains to the East, and, if you're lucky, further to the East Mt. Tsukuba. The park also hosts such family attractions as the Tomioka City Myogi Visitor Center, which transmits the peripheral information on Mt. Myogi, and the Myogi Hot Spring Momiji no Yu and its breathtaking view from the open-air baths.

The center widely transmits information on tourism, nature, history, culture, art, etc. around Mt. Myogi and Mt. Myogi climbing An exhibition of a large-scale model of Mt. Myogi using projection mapping as well as the special exhibitions, such as paintings and crafts, are held.



Tomioka City Myogi Visitor Center

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Final entry at 4:30 p.m.)

Monday (If Monday is a holiday, Tuesday) December 29 to January 3

1-5 Myogi, Myogimachi, Tomioka-shi



10:00 a.m~8:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. between December, 1 to Febuary 28 (29)) *Final entry: 30 min. before closing
*Business hours are subject to change.

Closed Monday (If Monday is a holiday, Tuesday) December, 31

Adults (junior high school and older): 620 yen / lderly over 70 years old: 400 yen, Children: 400 yen / Preschool children: free of charge / Persons with disabilities: 400 ven

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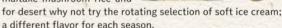


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Buy locally sourced konjac Shimonita green onions, maitake mushrooms, handmade miso, and many other foods at the store. The attached restaurant serves maitake mushroom rice and



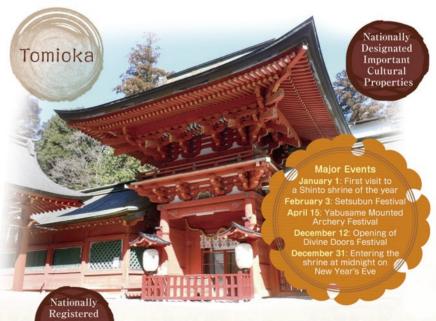
Open 9:00 a.m~5:00 p.m.

(4:00 p.m. between December, 1 to Febuary 28 (29))

Third Wednesday of the month (Open daily in April,

May, October, and November), year-end *Business hours and holidays change depending on the season.

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A unique shrine down the stone steps

Ichinomiya Nukisaki Shrine

Built in the first year of Emperor Ankan's reign in 531, Ichinomiya Nukisaki Shrine is home to the god of military arts, Futsunushi-no-kami and the god of agriculture and weaving, Hime-ookami. The main shrine, worship hall, and tower gates have all been rebuilt by the third Shogun Tokugawa lemitsu in 1635 and extensively repaired by the fifth Shogun Tokugawa Tsunayoshi. The main shrine is built on a descending slope, a rare design for Shinto shrines, making it one of the Three Descending Shrines and listed in

the classical Engishiki Book as one of Japan's major Shinto shrines. The surrounding thousand-year-old trees give Ichinomiya Nukisaki Shrine a majestic atmosphere.

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Social Education Hall

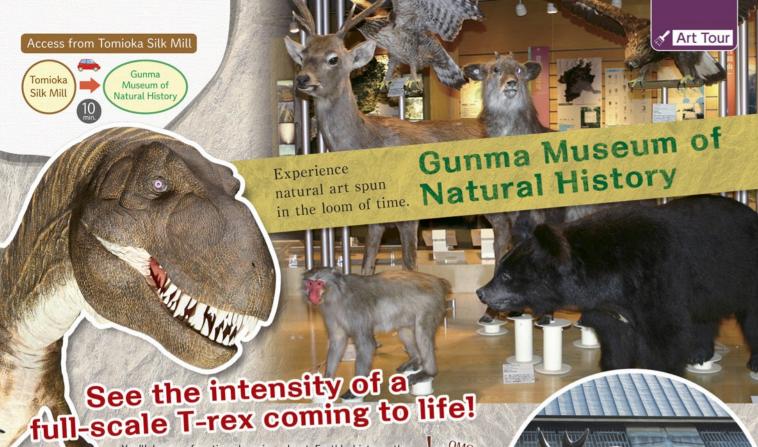
Initially built in 1936 as the Tōgoku Keishin Dōjō, the Social Education Hall was registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property for its historical, cultural, and architectural properties on July 8, 2008. Its Japanese cypress frame and modern-Japanese architectural style calm the soul with its simple yet stately appearance. Cultural events such as concerts and tea ceremonies are held according to the season.

Tangible Cultural

Open 9:00 a.m~5:00 p.m. Closed Monday, Holidays, National Holidays, The year-end and New Year holidays







You'll have a fun time learning about Earth's history, the evolution of life and nature, and Gunma's ecosystem and environment. Japan's best dinosaur fossils exhibition.



Open 9:30 a.m~5:00 p.m. (Final entry at 4:30 p.m.)

Closed Monday (If Monday is a holiday, Tuesday), The year-end and New Year holidays, Other Temporary Holidays.

General Admittance: Adult: 510 yen, High School/University Student: 300 yen, Junior High School and younger: Free

Groups of 20 or more: General Admittance: 410 ven.

High School/University Student: 240 yen, Junior High School and younger: Free

*For reservations, refer to the homepage *Separate fee during special exhibitions
*Admittance is free for people with a Physical Disability Certificate, people with a Certificate of Intellectual Disability, people with Mental Disability Certificate, and 1 caregiver

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The park not only hosts the Gunma Museum of Natural History and Tomioka City Art Museum, but also outdoor activities for children and adults. During fall, you can enjoy the ovely autumn foliage.

On a clear beautiful day Mt. Akagi, Mt. Haruna, and Mt. Myogi can be seen in all their majesty.

Encounter beautiful local works of art. Tomioka City Art Museum

and Ichiro Fukuzawa **Memorial Gallery**

Take a trip through Tomioka's archaeological, historical, and folk art, as well as journey through contemporary and modern art of local and renowned artists.

Visit the wing dedicated to Ichiro Fukuzawa, an artist born in Tomioka.



FUKUZAWA Exhibition Wing





Tomioka Regional Exhibition

Open 9:30 a.m.~5:00 p.m. (Final entry at 4:30 p.m.)

Closed Monday (If Monday is a holiday, Tuesday), The year-end and New Year holidays, Other Temporary Holidays.

General Admittance: Adult: 210 yen, Adult over 65 years old/High School/ University Student: 100 yen, Junior High School and younger: Free 20% off for groups of 20 or more (about 160 yen for 1 person)

*Separate fee during special exhibitions
*Admittance is free for people with a Physical Disability Certificate, people with a Certificate of Intellectual Disability, people with Mental Disability Certificate, and 1 caregiver.

Access from Tomioka Silk Mill Wild Kingdom







The large park hosts almost free animals in their near natural environment. An only window separates you from the lions, zebras, giraffes, rhinos, and other animals.

The Park is also the only place in Japan to see Sumatran elephants and is home to the largest streak of white tigers.



March 1 to October 31; 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Park closes) November 1 to the last day of February; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The final entry is by an hour before the park closes

Family

If Wednesday is a holiday, the park opens and closes on the next day) Open during Spring break, Golden Week, Summer break, and year's end

Adults (high school students and older): 3,200 yen, Children (between 3 years old and junior high): 1,700 yen 65 years old and older: 2,400 yen (a certificate is required) Persons with disabilities: Adults: 2,000 yen; Children: 1,500yen (a certificate is required)

*Business hours, closed days and fees are subject to change without notice. For more information, please check the homepage.

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Fureai Park. You will find popular red pandas, kangaroos and penguins, as well as a poney riding area and a





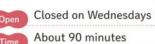
There are also the gift shop Marché where original goods and cute stuffed animals are lined up and the Savanna restaurant where Safari's proud dishes, which are available only here, can be enjoyed.



Discover new attractions! Central Tomioka **Guided Tours**

The tour around Tomioka includes local street food as well as admission tickets into the Tomioka Silk Mill.

Tomioka Silk Mill admission





Adults: ¥3,000 Children: (students) ¥2,200 [free under 5 years old] ▼Tomioka Silk Mill admission not included for students





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Experience making silk Make a Silk Frame

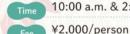
Decoration

Experience silk reeling inside the Tomioka Silk Mill Company Residence and make your original silk frame decoration. It makes a wonderful souvenir or gift. Kids can also join in the fun. 5





Closed December 29th-31st. Only on reservation. From 1 to 3 persons (and 2 attendants).



10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.



Tomioka Silk Mill Company Residence 76

Old Nirazuka Silk Mill (Machizukuri Tomioka S.A.) \$\square\$ 0274-67-0075





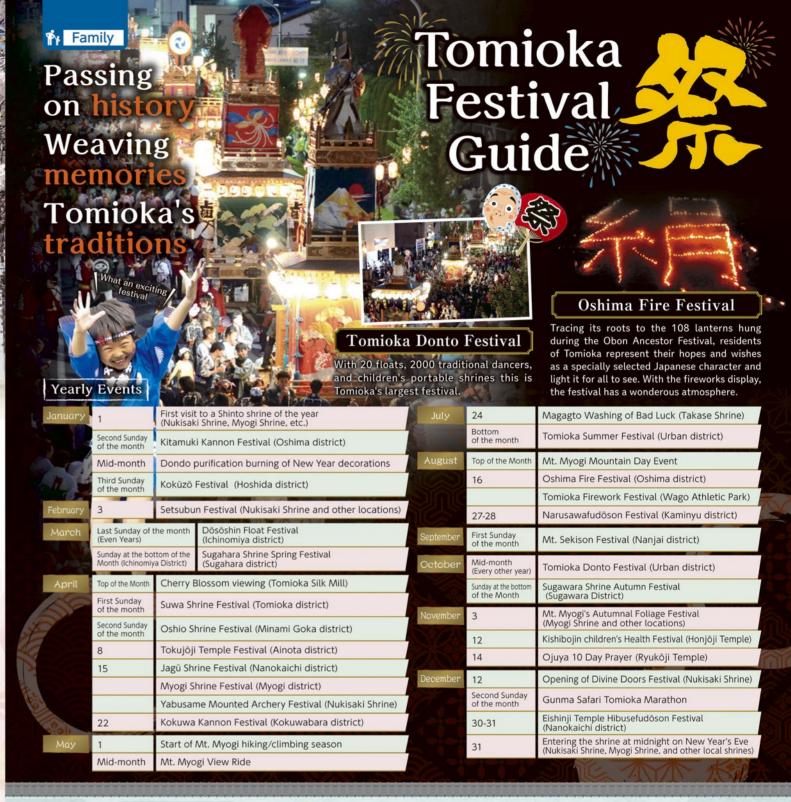


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