



# First Class Chikujo! Welcome to Chikujo!

Chikujo brings together nature, history and its own unique culture in a town full of charm and traditions passed down through the generations. This Tourist Guide highlights 15 special spots in Chikujo. We hope you enjoy your visit!

There's  
so much to see!

Chikujo's town mascot,  
Kizuki Noboru



Follow the QR codes  
for more information  
on each spot.

## Map guide



You can see the  
whole of Chikujo  
spread over these  
pages.



## 1 Local produce market Metase no Mori

Metase no Mori, where you can find everything from fresh local vegetables, produce and products to Self Defense Force souvenirs. With its photogenic boulevard of metasequoia redwoods, the F4 Phantom on display on the large open lawn plus a playground area, there's something for everyone to while away the day whether its shopping or just enjoying taking a break in nature.



Yuminoshi 765, Chikujo  
Ph. 0930-52-3828  
Open 8am to 6pm (No regular closing days).  
Approx. 5 minutes by car from Tsuiki  
Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 100 spaces,  
including large vehicle spaces)



Phantom against a redwood backdrop

## Designated as a National Historic Site

## 2 Funasako Kamaato Park

Excavations here unearthed remains of a kiln used to make ceramics in the latter half of the 6th century, as well as a kiln that produced some of Kyushu's earliest tiles. Further excavations unearthed remains of a kiln from the Nara period that produced tiles for the Buzen Kokubunji temple and remains of a structure used for large-scale tile production.



1342-22 Funasako, Chikujo  
Ph. 0930-52-3771 (Funasako Kamaato Park)  
Open 9am ~ 5pm (closed Mondays)  
Approx. 5 minutes by car from Tsuiki  
Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 10 spaces)







Be moved by the powerful air displays!

### 3 JASDF Tsuiki Air Base

The air base is home to the Summer Festival in summer and the Air Show in autumn.

Nishi-Hatta, Chikujo  
Ph. 0930-56-1150  
Approx. 10 minutes on foot from Tsuiki station  
Approx. 10 minutes by car from Tsuiki Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)



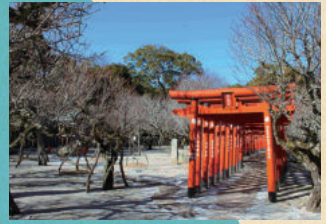
#### Popular among test-takers



### 4 Tsunashiki Tenmangu Shrine

A Tenmangu shrine connected to Sugawara no Michizane, known as the god of learning. Around the main shrine building are planted approximately 1000 plum trees of various varieties, held to be the favourite of Michizane. The Shiida Plum Blossom Festival is held here every year when they are in flower.

794-2 Takatsuka, Chikujo  
Ph. 0930-56-0238  
Approx. 10 minutes by car from Shiida IC (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 150 spaces)



### 5 Hamanomiya Foreshore

A peaceful place where a more than 300 year-old forest of black pines opens out onto the wide, shallow sands of the Hamanomiya Foreshore, voted among the top 100 nature spots in the prefecture.

Takatsuka, Chikujo  
Ph.0930-56-0300  
(Chikujo Town Office Industry Division) Approx. 10 minutes by car from Shiida Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 150 spaces)







396 Kami Fukano, Chikugo  
0930-52-2530  
General admission  
(high school age and over) ¥ 310  
Elementary/junior high age ¥ 100  
Open 9:30am~4:30pm  
(closed Wednesdays)  
※ last admission 4pm  
Approx. 5 minutes by car from  
Tsuikei Interchange (Higashi Kyushu  
Expressway)  
Free parking available  
(approx. 50 spaces, incl. spaces for  
large vehicles)

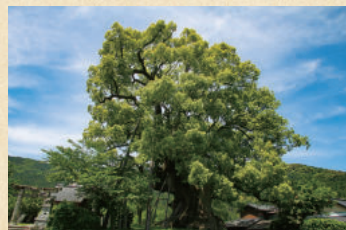


The beauty of the Japanese garden

## 6 The Former Kurauchi Residence Kyu-Kurauchi-Tei (National site of Scenic Beauty, Prefectural Cultural Property)



The residence of three generations of the Kurauchi family, Chikugo's kings of coal mining. The house and gardens, shrine, approaching pathway and bronze statue area are all maintained together as one property, bringing together exceptional modern form, design and construction methods to be named a national site of scenic beauty.



The giant tree standing watch over the town through the ages

## 7 Honjo no Okusu

A giant camphor tree that stands 25.8m tall, runs 20.6m in circumference and is believed to be approximately 1,900 years old, Honjo no Okusu is the 4th largest tree in Japan. Putting a leaf from the giant camphor tree in your pocket is said to grant long life safe from all manner of disasters.



I love Honjo  
no Okusu too!

Honjo, Chikugo  
Ph.0930-52-3371 (Funasako Kamaato Park)  
Approx. 10 minutes by car from Tsuikei Interchange  
(Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 50 spaces, incl.  
spaces for large cars)



## 10 Mt. Gekko, Tentokuji Temple

The family temple of the Utsunomiya clan, who ruled the area in the Kamakura period (12th-13th C). Next to Tentokuji stands the Oshidare-zakura, a large weeping cherry tree where the Shidare-zakura festival is held in late March each year. The cherry blossoms are illuminated at night, making for a magical atmosphere.



Tentokuji Temple



Breathtaking beauty

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361 Honjo, Chikugo  
Ph.0930-54-0258  
Approx. 20 minutes by car  
from Tsuikei Interchange  
(Higashi Kyushu  
Expressway)  
Free parking available  
(approx. 20 spaces)





Wide open grassy space for play!



The Gokaicho hidden Buddha viewing (Feb) and white spider lilies (Sep) happen once a year



## 8 Mt. Furo, Shoukoji Temple

Shoukoji temple which enshrines the Monju Bodhisattva of wisdom, is home to the Chie no Monju Grand Festival held every year on the 25th and 26th of February, where you can also see a musha gyoretsu warrior parade. In mid-September, the temple grounds come alive with white spider lilies.

## 9 Chikujo Agriculture Park (Shiida Agri Park)



The largest park in Chikujo, where you can enjoy nature and play equipment such as slides and swings, the park features a wide open grassy area, skateboard rink, futsal court and other facilities that make it perfect for many sports.

   1292 Minato, Chikujo  
Ph.0930-56-4555  
Approx. 10 minutes by car from Shiida Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 160 spaces)



  1357 Denpoji, Chikujo  
Approx. 15minutes by car from Tsuiki Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available (approx. 50 spaces)

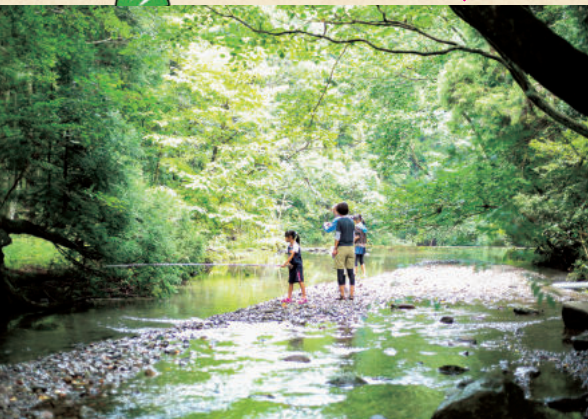






It's a popular campground!!

Enjoy time in nature!



2005-2 Sawada, Chikujō  
Bookings 0930-54-0111  
Inquiries 0930-56-0300  
(Chikujō Town Office,  
Town Planning and  
Promotion Division)  
Approx. 30 minutes by car  
from Tsuiki Interchange  
(Higashi Kyushu  
Expressway)  
Free parking available  
(approx. 50 spaces)



## 11 Makinoharu Campground

A campground set amongst abundant nature, with tent sites and bungalows accommodating groups of 4~50 people. With a traditional outdoor goemonburo bath, showers and a kiosk provided, and the Kii River running through offering a place to fish or play, it's a great spot to escape the summer heat.



## 12 Tashiro no Iroha Momiji Japanese Maple



Just a little upstream along the Kii River from Makinoharu Campground is the Tashiro no Iroha Momiji, a gorgeous free-standing maple tree rising out of the rocky surrounds.



The eye-catching beauty of contrasting

33 mins by car from Tsuiki IC (Higashi Kyushu Expressway) 3 mins by car or 5 mins walk from Makinoharu Campground Parking available for limited cars at the Jizo shrine. \*Toilets available at nearby Makinoharu Campground

The entry to Kiinokojoshi castle







## 15 Kunimi-no-Mori Nature Park

Kunimi-no-Mori Nature Park lies on the border between Chikujō and Buzen city. The top of the mountain has a lookout as well as a gazebo and benches, a perfect spot to relax after enjoying the hike up.



360° panoramic views from 637m above sea level!



Shinnyoji, Chikujō  
Ph.0930-56-0300  
(Chikujō Town Office, Industry Division) Approx. 15 minutes by car from Shiida Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available nearby

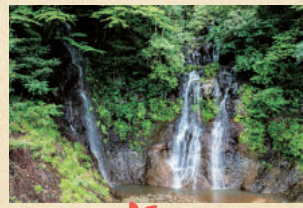
## 15 Kunimi Forest Nature Park



## 14 Oni-no-gangji-no-taki waterfall

Beautiful twin falls cascading over the bare rock face to the pool below. The falls are easy to view from the road connecting Sawada (Chikujō) and Kubote (Buzen). There is less water flowing in fine weather, so the best time to visit is after some rainfall.

Soak up the negative ions



Sawada, Chikujō  
Ph.0930-56-0300  
(Chikujō Town Hall Town Planning and Promotion Division) Approx. 10 minutes by car from Tsuiki Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)  
Free parking available nearby (approx. 3 spaces)



## 14 Oni-no-gangji-no-taki waterfall

Mt. Kubote

## Event calendar

There's so much going on!



## 13 Kiinoko-joshi

A site connected to Shigefusa Utsunomiya, believed to have been a place of refuge for villagers to flee to.



Sawada, Chikujō  
Ph.0930-52-3771 (Funasako Kamaato Park)

Approx. 40 minutes by car from Tsuiki Interchange (Higashi Kyushu Expressway)

Free parking available approx. 500m from trail (approx. 10 spaces)

\*Toilet and other facilities available at nearby Makinoharu Campground

- 1月 ● Local Hatsumode (first shrine visit of New Year) and kagura offerings
- 2月 ● Shiida Ume Matsuri Plum Blossom Festival (Tsunashiki Tenmangu grounds) 4  
● Chie no Monju Grand Festival (25th~26th) (Shoukoji Temple Park) 8  
● Chie no Monju Festival (25th) (Shimo Hinago Bunka Koen)
- 3月 ● Mt. Tenjin Shidarezakura Festival (Next to Tentokujji Temple) 10
- 4月 ● Sakura Festival (along embankments of Iwamaru and Kii Rivers)  
● Rokuden Kobo Daishi Festival (Iwamaru)  
● Yamabiraki mountain opening (Makinoharu Campground) 11
- 5月 ● Local festivals and kagura offerings
- 7月 ● Tsuiki Air Base Summer Festival 3
- 8月 ● Summer Festival in Okusu (Okusu Shrine) 7
- 9月 ● Shiroi Higanbana (white spider lily) festival (Shokoji Temple) 8
- 10月 ● Okusu Concert (Okusu Shrine) 7  
● Chikujō Festival (Shiida Agri Park) 9 10
- 11月 ● Momiji Festival (Makinoharu campground) 11  
● Tsuiki Air Show (Nov or Dec) 3
- 12月 ● Enza mochi -tsuki (1st Sunday) (Sugachi Shrine, Kami Koraku)  
● Countdown Fireworks (Hamanomiya Foreshore • Okusu Shrine) 5 7  
● Society of Commerce and Industry Festival

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New

# Chikujo Specialties

Introducing the flavours of these brand new plane-themed Chikujo specialties.

Chikujo Town  
recommends



## Air Base Karaage

The ever-popular karaage fried chicken, now offered at the self defence force air base. This karaage recipe was re-developed under the supervision of the Tsuiki Air Base to bring you the flavour it offers today.

Plane-themed products for you to eat, drink and enjoy.



Sweets, drinks, soft-serve ice cream, sundaes, toys made from local wood, letter writing sets. Take your pick!



## Plane-themed goods

## Plane-themed treats







## FanFare Farm Café

With produce by Ace Ichigo Inc.

A karaage skewer made by our local strawberry grower, where you can try motsunabe-style and tatsuta-style karaage on the one skewer.

📍1041-1 Shiromaru, Buzen (Buzen Roadside Station Okoshikake)  
On sale in store (bookings required) and at events



Chikujo Town recommends



## Yui-no-Ishigama Bakery

Motsunabe flavoured karaage sandwiched in this bakery's ever-popular, ever-so-soft and fluffy bread to make a karaage burger. The combination of bread and karaage is a delight, and is sure to leave you satisfied.

📍134 Koiji, Chikujo  
On sale at events



## Keiaikai Workland Cosmos

The subtle, delicious flavours of a bento made with great care together with the users of this welfare facility, with your choice of motsunabe-style or tatsuta-style karaage.

📍2382-1 Oyamada, Chikujo  
On sale in store (bookings required) and at events



## Torisho Karaage

Choose from all different cuts of chicken at karaage specialty store Torisho. Freshly made, piping hot and oh-so juicy, this karaage is a favourite with the local school kids.

📍 977-19 Shiida, Chikujo  
On sale in store  
(bookings required for motsunabe-style only)  
and at events

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## Makochi Kitchen

Enjoy this hot chocolate drink available at the campground cafe. Slowly melt the chocolate plane into the hot milk reminiscent of clouds to enjoy this sweet beverage.

📍 2005-3 Sawada, Chikujo  
On sale in store and at events



## Kikuyasu Café

As a cafe run by fruit-shop owners, you can always find sundaes brimming with fresh, seasonal fruit here. Choose from two colours of hand-made plane-shaped cookies to top it off.

📍 991 Shiida, Chikujo  
On sale in store and at events





## Kobo Yoshikawa

Soft-serve ice cream available to order in store. Rich, creamy ice cream topped with a milk chocolate plane, you can easily imagine the plane soaring through the clouds.

📍 1232-2 Obara, Chikujo  
On sale in store and at events



Chikujo Town  
recommends



## Kisetsu no Tegamiya

Find your fave! Beautiful book covers, bookmarks and letter sets made by a local paper goods designer inspired by Chikujo's nature and planes.

📍 233-1 Tsuiki, Chikujo  
On sale at the atelier or online



## Keichiku Brand Shop

These sweet, fragrant toys are made with Chikujo's very own high quality cypress. Made pure and naturally with no coatings, so they are suitable for children.

📍 729-1 Yuminoshi, Chikujo  
On sale in store





## Photo Gallery



Too much to fit into one guide! Use the QR code to see photos and get updates on flowering times.



Check for the latest updates on the town's attractions!



## Kagura dance



We are keeping up long-held regional traditions, with 7 different kinds of kagura still being practiced in Chikujō. Buzen Kagura has been recognized as a national intangible cultural asset.

Dance offerings that have stood the test of time



- Akahata Kagura
- Ichigibaru Kagura
- Iwamaru Kagura
- Obara Kagura
- Sawada Kagura
- Denpoji-Iwatoa Kagura
- Minato Kintomi Kagura



It's all so good!

## Local specialty produce



Chikujō's local specialties include Shan-Shan rice "Tamaki" made using the town's fertiliser program, sweetcorn, Buzen Sea single seed oysters, Shiida clams, and much much more!



Shiida clams, full of flavour!

## Furusato Nozei



If you have a salary in Japan and pay income and residence taxes to the Japanese government, you can enjoy the benefits of the Furusato Nozei (Hometown Tax) Program!



Real leather products by TakemotoKaban



Chikujō Town Website

Location



Check here for all sorts of information and updates!

Chikujō LINE ID @town.chikujō



Join us on our official LINE account!



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