In Hirokawa Town this is amazing





Hirokawa Town is a small town located about 1 hour by car from Fukuoka city. There are various attractions in small town such as "Kurume kasuri" and "Yame bamboo blinds" and Fukuoka's boasting manufacture of top class fruits.

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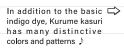
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Kurume Kasuri

Hirokawa town is the town with the biggest amount of remained studios of [Kurume kasuril - designed country traditional crafts. There are 30 different processes until completion and the time that takes for skilled craftsmen to make 1 kimono is over 2 months. Through craftsmen elaborate handcraft ,and making good use of natural materials like [cotton texture] diligence beauty is one of the features.













Biggest production in West Japan! About 160 varieties produced.

> Red, white, pink and yellow. Rich Gerbera with individuality and cuteness. Every single one has a name > There are also flower selling places in town, recommended for aifts!

Yame Sudare



In Fukuoka's governor speciality folk craftwork there is interial ornaments made from Yame area natural bamboo. Bamboo sheaths both sides sections and colors are beautifully patternized which is charecteristic of it and even these days craftsmen put together sheets one by one manually. Even in Japanese poetry it was written about this peculiar traditional craft.

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Exhibition room tour

→ **2** 0943-32-1141 (Reservation required)



太原の イチョウ

Taibaru's ginko trees

Around 60,000 tourists a year visit the scenery of ginkgo that turns everything in gold. A beautiful golden carpet made from ginkgo trees and fallen leaves is excellent

This place is privately owned and a permission to enter the land depends from the good will of the owner. Please view with retaining good manners. Moreover, access except for the autumn leaves period is prohibited.

Best time to view is From mid till late November



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Prefecture's top class production volume!

Hirokawa's strawberries are the sweetest and most delicious! In the past it has won the Prime Minister Prize and Emperor 's Cup prize and is famous as one of the nation 's leading strawberries producing Amaou regions.







フルーツ Fruits

Hirokawa Town is one of the top fruit kingdoms in the prefecture. Among them, why do not you taste the first-class fruits of nature-rich Hirokawa like strawberries, grapes, pears, peaches?

SHOP list.

Sato no Eki Hiroawa fruits village **2**0943-32-2413

♠ Yoshitsune 268, Hirokawa Town © 9:00 - 18:00 MAP F-8 New Year's Day only

Agricultural products sales office Doroya (Japanese Agriculture Fukuoka Yame Direct Sales Office) **20943-32-5311**

Rishiro 1787-5, Hirokawa Town MAP B-2 (© 10:30 - 16:30 (2) New Year's Day only

★ They also selling in Hirokawa service area



They have a nice juicy texture, so surely you will be pleased with the gift. Director of Japan Fruits Enzyme Association

Amaou strawberries in Hirokawa Town

are particularly well-balanced

with sweet and sour taste.

Fruits design cut Ex. instructor Fruit Heart (Left) Mrs. Takako Aoki / (Right) Mrs. Keiko Kitayama





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