

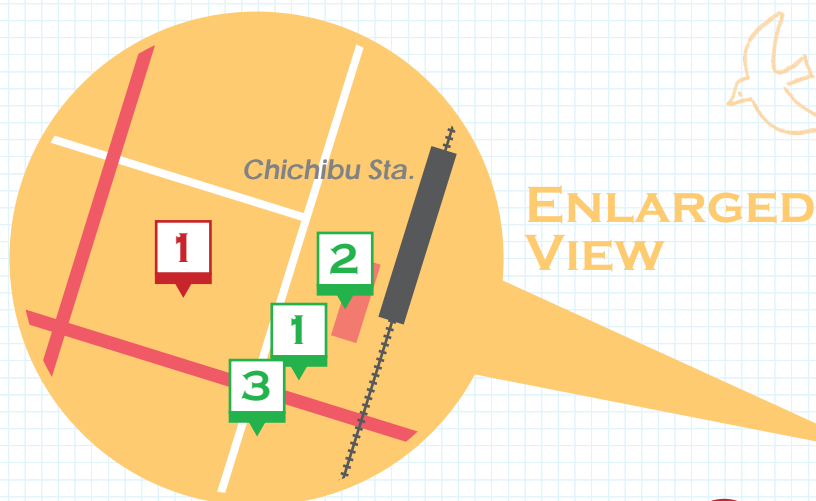
## Visiting power spots in the deep west of Chichibu

From Urayama Dam to Takizawa Dam on the Chichibu Road!

THE DEEP WEST OF  
CHICHIBU  
POWER SPOTSFrom Urayama Dam  
to Takizawa Dam

Chichibu Area is located in the western part of Saitama Prefecture. When you go there, you will find Urayama and Takizawa dams, water sources of metropolitan area. In addition, some of the well-known power spots of Kanto Region and natural beauties are spotted around. Also famous are the sacred places of Anime lovers in Chichibu City introduced in the anime "The Flower We Saw That Day." Many tourists visit Chichibu Area throughout the year. So, the 4th issue focuses on Chichibu Area as it is rich in nature and history.

\*This article is based on the survey made in Feb 2019 and the things may have changed afterwards.

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Misotsuchi-no-tsurara  
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to Dams & Canals



## START

Only 78 min. from Ikebukuro Station (Seibu-Ikebukuro Line) by Limited Express

### Seibu Chichibu Sta. of Seibu Railway Co., Ltd.

This is a gateway to Chichibu. "Matsuri-no-yu (Festival Hot Spring)" opened in 2017 adjacent to the station. This is the combined facilities of hot spring bath house, restaurants, and souvenir shops. One place serves all.



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### Chichibu Shrine

Founded about 2,100 years ago and rebuilt by Iyasu Tokugawa, the founder of Tokugawa Shogunate Government, this shrine serves as the place to pray for the safety of Chichibu of Kanto Region as the water source area of Ara River. The main shrine is built of "Gongen" style with colorful and decorative sculptures of "A chained dragon" and "A cub-rearing tiger" crafted by the famous sculptor Jingoro Hidari. Chichibu Shrine is noted for "Chichibu Night Festival" held in early December and as a power spot (mysterious energy pouring spot).

Add: 1-3 Banbamachi, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-22-0262  
Open: 5:00-20:00 (Winter season: From 6:00)  
Fee: Free Parking lot: Available



5 min. from the starting point by car

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### Hashidate Limestone Cave

This is a limestone cave found in the precinct of Hashidate-do Temple, the 28th pilgrimage site of Chichibu. It is a 140m deep cavern with varieties of height differences, weird formations of stalactites, stalagmites and limestone pillars. It was designated as natural monument of Saitama Pref. The one and only limestone cave you can explore for sight-seeing purpose in Saitama Pref.

Add: 675 Kami-Kagemori, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-404-24-5399 Open: 8:30 - 16:30  
Closed: From early Dec through End/Feb and unfixed dates  
Fee: 200yen per adult, 100yen per child  
Parking lot: Available



15 min. from [1] by car

3

### Urayama Dam

Urayama Dam, a concrete gravity dam with dam height of 156m, the 2nd highest of the same type of dam in Japan, was constructed on Urayama River of Ara River System and managed by Japan Water Agency (JWA). Sakura Lake Cafeteria in the Disaster Management Center "Urarapia" serves the Urayama Dam Curry and Rice.

\* Dam cards are provided between 9:00 and 17:00 on holidays and weekends.

Open: All days  
Fee: Free  
Parking lot: Available



#### Sakura Lake Cafeteria

Phone: +81-80-5090-7243  
Open: 11:00-13:30 (Weekends and holidays: till 14:00)  
Closed: Every Mon. and Tue.

5 min. from [2] by car

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### Road Station Otaki Hot Spring

This road station has not only the restaurant named "Gouro -kan", which serves some local specialties and Takizawa Dam Curry and Rice, but also a hot spring resort for a day visit named "Yuyu-Kan", which is well known among hot spring-goers for its quite high (the 1st or 2nd highest in Kanto Region) ion concentration of hot spring water drawn from a 1km-deep well. A museum of history and folklore is in the road station, too.

Add: 4277-2 Otaki, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-55-0126  
Parking lot: Available

#### A Day Visit Hot Spring Resort "Yuyu-Kan"

Open: 10:00-20:00 (till 19:00 between Dec and Mar)  
Closed: Thu. (open on a holiday) and year-end to new year holidays  
Fee: Adult (Junior high and up) 700yen, Elem. Students 400yen, younger than school age child 200yen

#### Restaurant "Gouro-kan"

Open: 11:00-16:00  
Closed: Thu. (open on a holiday) and year-end to new year holidays



30 min. from [3] by car

5

### Mitsumine Shrine

This shrine is also known as a power spot, located on top of the mountain with its elevation of 1,102m above sea level. Main shrine was made of Kasuga Style and built in 1661. The worship hall decorated with colorful carvings is located in front of the main building. Two divine tall trees are standing in front of the worship hall. Wolves (statues) are considered the messengers of the deity. You will be strongly inspired by the solemn atmosphere here after a long drive on the Chichibu road. You will surely feel you are regaining your power.



Add: 98-1 Mitsumine, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-55-0241  
Open: 8:30-17:00  
(prayer service 8:30-16:00)  
Closed: No closing Fee: Free  
Parking lot: Available (charged)



30 min. from [4] by car



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30 min. by car from [5]

## Takizawa Dam

Takizawa Dam, a concrete gravity dam, was constructed on Nakatsu River of Ara River System and is managed by JWA. To overcome the elevation gap of 125m between the foot of the dam body and the top of it the national highway 140 was constructed on the loop bridge named "Raiden-todoroki-bashi(bridge)". The beautiful scenery composed of the loop bridge and dam body attracts many visitors.

\*Dam cards are provided between 9:00 and 17:00 on holidays and weekends.

Open: All days  
Fee: Free  
Parking lot: Available



1

More attractions!

6 min. from the starting point by car

## Chichibu Festival Hall

This hall exhibits floats and related objects used for Chichibu Night Festival, one of the three largest float festivals in Japan, held on 2 and 3 of December every year. The float exhibit hall is equipped with project mapping, and you can feel vibrant atmosphere with real sound and picture combination of the festival listed as UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage regardless of the season.

Add: 2-8 Banbamachi, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-23-1110  
Open: 9:00-17:00 (Apr-Nov), 10:00-17:00 (Dec-Mar)  
Closed: 4th and 5th Tue. (But open on holidays)  
Fee: Adult 500yen; Elem. & Junior High School child 250yen  
(Discount avail. for a group of 25 or more)  
Parking lot: Available (charged)



2

More attractions!

6 min. from the starting point by car

## Chichibu Local Production Center

A tourism and transportation hub of Chichibu Area located in the Chichibu Station Building of Chichibu Railway, sells a lot of different kinds of local products like Japanese Sake, agricultural produce, and other local specialties. On the 2nd floor, there is a restaurant to entertain visitors with seasonal local specialties.

Add: 1-7 Miyakawa-cho, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-24-6966  
Open: 9:30-17:30 all the year round (except year-end)  
Parking lot: Available (charged)



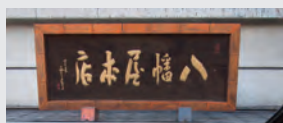
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For a short rest

## Yahataya Honten

Right in front of Chichibu Shrine is this Japanese confectionery shop. It started marketing its sweet stuff in 1902 and has received various awards, including the one at the national confectionery Exhibition. The highly recommended confectionery is "Chichibujiman" Chichibu's favorite. This is a baked cake filled with Kurian (sweet bean and chestnut paste) which offers mild sweet and smooth taste and walnuts on the cake give accent to the taste. It is right bite-size and the favorite choice for the souvenir of Chichibu.

Add: 8-18 Banbamachi, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
Phone: +81-494-22-0010  
Open: 9:00-19:00  
Fee: Free  
Parking lot: Available



4

More attractions suited for a visit in winter!

## Misotsuchi-no-tsurara (Misotsuchi Icicles)

Seeping water from the rocks forms icicles on very cold winter days, i.e. creating artistic icicle formations of roughly 8m in height and 30m in depth.

Add: 4066-1 and 4011-1 Otaki, Chichibu City, Saitama Pref.  
(Wood Roof Okuchichibu Auto Camp Site & Tsuchiuchi Camp Site)  
Phone: +81-494-55-0707 (Otaki Branch of Chichibu Tourist Association)  
Open: mid/Jan through mid/Feb  
(depending on the weather and icicle conditions)  
8:00-17:00 (Illumination time ends at 19:00 on weekdays, and 21:00 on weekends & holidays)  
Closed: No closing  
Fee: Environment maintenance cooperation fee  
Adult (junior high school students and up) 200yen  
Parking lot: Available (charged)

