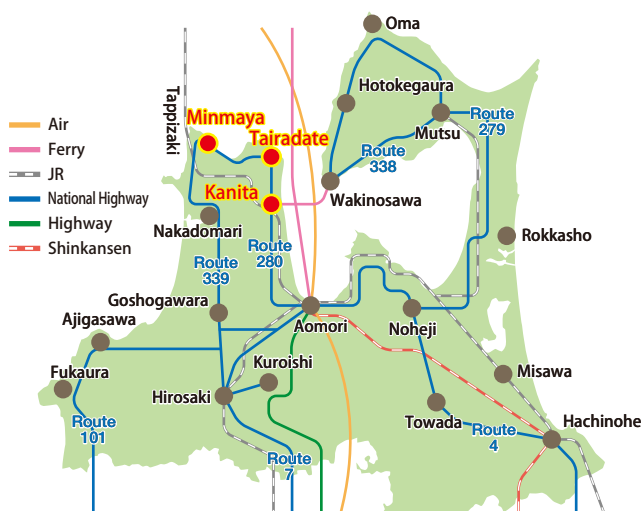


# Access Map



## JR

Tokyo – Shinkansen → Shin Aomori..... 3 Hours 10 Minutes  
 Akita – Limited Express → Aomori (Ouu Line)..... 2 Hours 45 Minutes  
 Hachinohe – Shinkansen → Shin Aomori..... 30 Minutes  
 Aomori – Limited Express → Kanita (Tsugaru Line)..... 30 Minutes  
 Kanita – Local Line → Minmaya (Tsugaru Line)..... 40 Minutes  
 Kanita – Limited Express → Hakodate (Tsugaru Strait Line)..... 1 Hour 40 Minutes  
 Kanita – Limited Express → Kikonai (Tsugaru Strait Line)..... 55 Minutes

## Local Bus

Kanita Station – Sotogahama Town Bus → Tairadate..... 45 Minutes  
 Kanita Station – Sotogahama Town Bus → Minmaya (Town Office)..... 55 Minutes  
 Minmaya Station – Sotogahama Town Bus → Cape Tappi..... 30 Minutes

## Car Ferry

Kanita (Tsugaru) – Wakinosawa (Shimokita)..... 1 Hour

(Ferry Schedule)

April 21st – November 5th, 2011 Departure Times

	Kanita	Wakinosawa	Wakinosawa	Kanita
First Boat	9:20am	10:20am	Second Boat	10:50am 11:50am
Third Boat	2:00pm	3:00pm	Fourth Boat	3:30pm 4:30pm

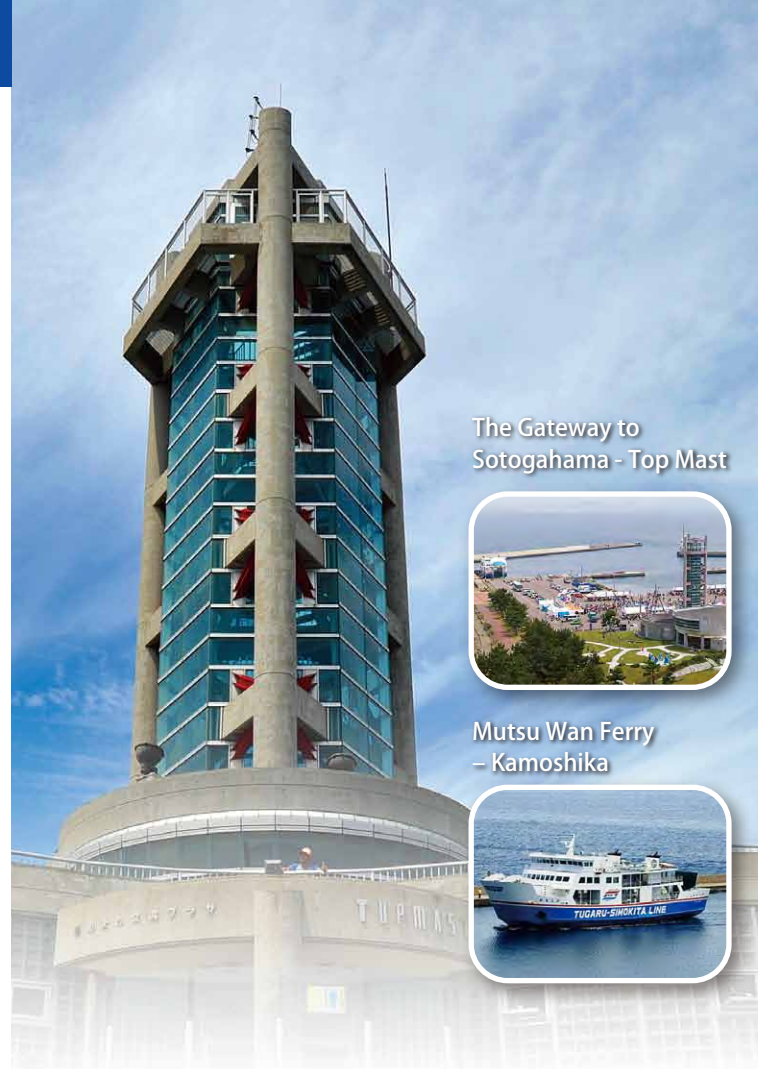
\*For specific details, please check the Mutsu Wan Ferry website

Mutsu Wan Ferry Office Telephone: 0174-22-3020

<http://www.mutsuwan-ferry.jp>

## Taxi

●Kanita Taxi Service Tel: 0174-22-2113 ☎ (0120) 391881  
 ●Kanita Kanko Taxi Service Tel: 0174-22-3399 ☎ (0120) 054915



The Gateway to  
Sotogahama - Top Mast



Mutsu Wan Ferry  
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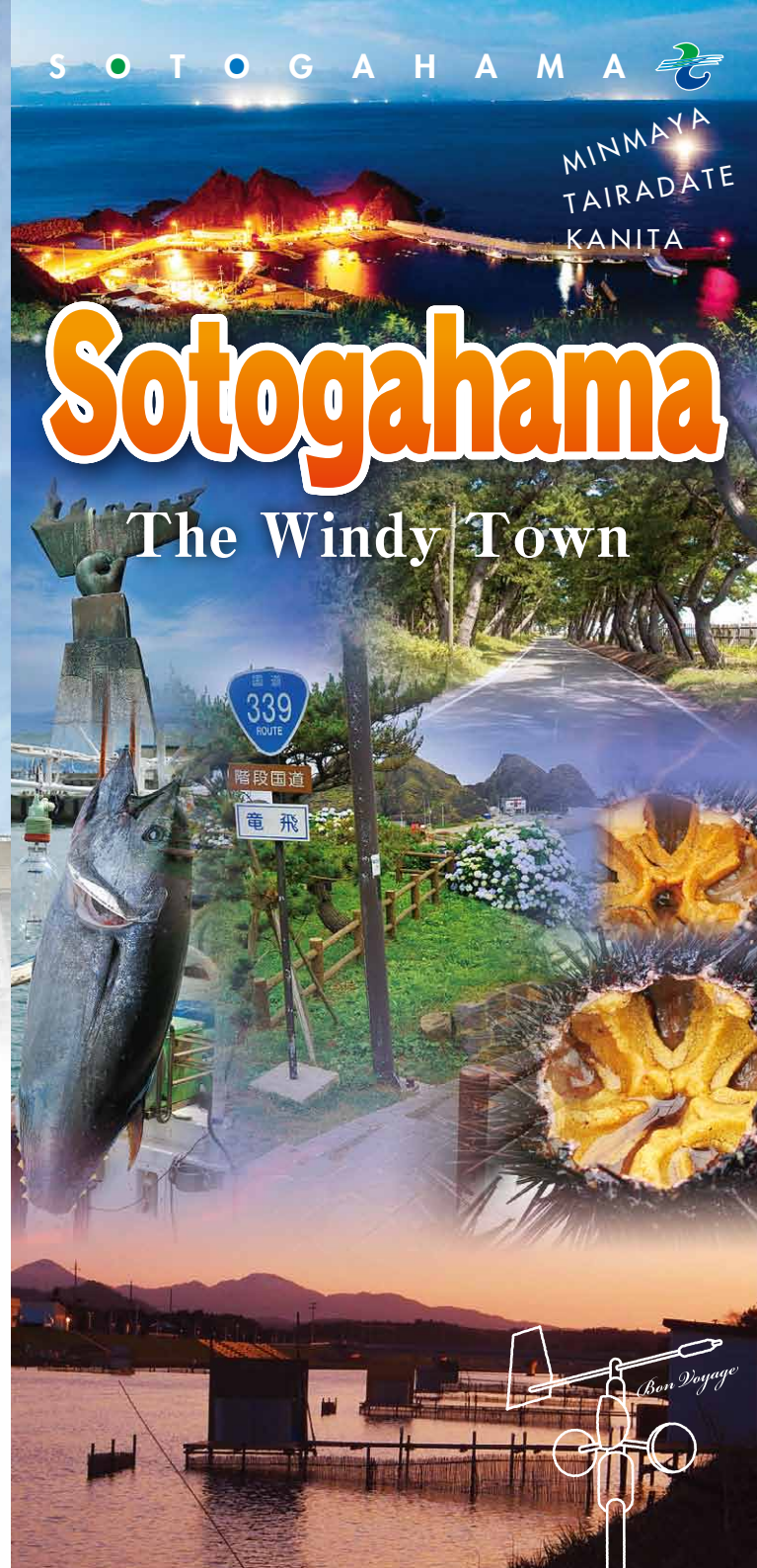


 **Sotogahama**  
The Windy Town

## Sotogahama Town Office

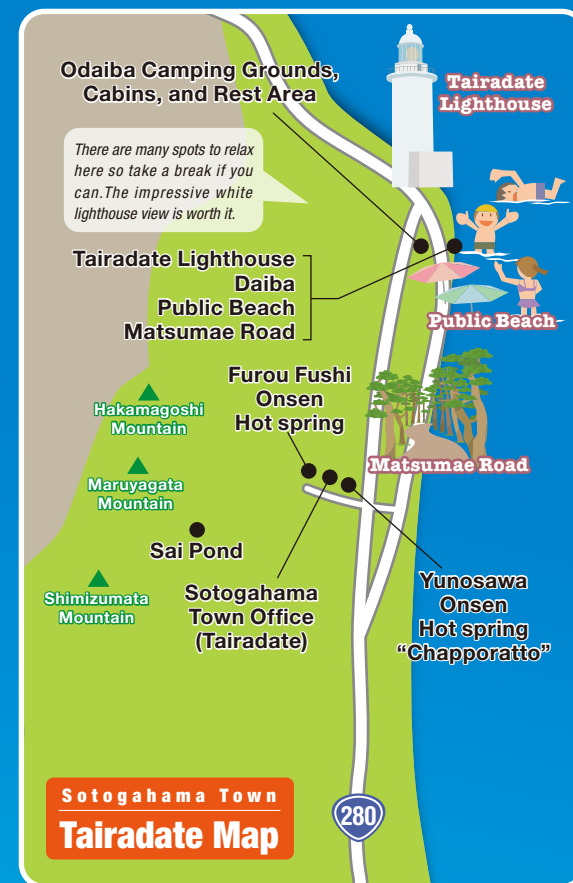
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Homepage <http://www.town.sotogahama.lg.jp/>





# Sotogahama Town Sight-seeing Illustration Map







## 1 Cape Tappi

The Tsugaru National Park area known as "Cape Tappi" is the northernmost part of the Tsugaru Peninsula. It is separated from Hokkaido's Shirakami Peninsula by a distance of 19.5 km, but is connected underground by the Seikan Tunnel. On a clear day, you can even see Hokkaido in the distance.



## 9 Odaiba Camping Ground

This cabin resort and camping ground is right next to the scenic Matsumae Road in the Tsugaru National Park. The log cottages are separated into type A and type B, with a total of 10 cottages available. There are also 20 camp sites available. Log Cottage: 16000 yen per night. Camp Site: 1500 ~ 2500 yen



## 17 WelKani

The name of this store comes from "Welcome" and the town name of "Kanita." You can buy locally-produced vegetables, flowers, fish, meat, and even souvenirs or crafts. Tel:0174-31-1112 7:30am ~ 6:00pm Schedule subject to change



## 2 Route 339 Stairway

With a total of 362 steps, this is the only national highway route that includes a stairway. Historically Route 339 served as a pedestrian thoroughfare before becoming a national highway in 1974. It is a well-known tourist spot known as the "Kaidan Kokudo."



## 10 Yoshitsune Beach Park

Hot showers and changing rooms are available at this beach park in Minmaya. You can enjoy fishing from the deck, swimming at the beach, or the various outdoor events held here year-round. Tent site: 500 yen per tent Beach is open July through August, Camp site is open from April to October "Kabuto" hours: 9:00am ~ 4:30pm



## 18 The Windy Town Plaza - Top Mast

This facility features a viewing platform 30 meters above the ground offering a beautiful scenic view of the sea. On the first floor is the ticket counter for the Car Ferry and a souvenir shop. Tel:0174-22-3181 8:00am ~ 5:00pm (Shae Lonfu:0174-22-3905 11:30am ~ 4:00pm) Closed on Mondays



## 3 Hydrangea Road

This 15km road going from the Minmaya train station to Cape Tappi is surrounded by 15000 hydrangea plants, hence the name. Thanks to these Minmaya - native flowers, every summer this road provides a very scenic way to reach Cape Tappi.



## 11 Kanranzan Park & Beach

This beach area is right next to the Top Mast tower and Car Ferry in Kanita. Toilets and showers are available (hot water 100 yen) as well as a parking lot capable of holding 200 cars (parking is free). Camping ground use: 200 yen per adult, 100 yen per child for one night.



## 19 Ooyama Historical Museum

This historical museum is most well-known for its collection of Jomon archaeological materials collected at the Odai Yamamoto Archaeological Site, which contains some of the world's oldest dated pottery. Admission:Free Tel: 0174-22-2577 9:00am ~ 4:00pm Closed on Mondays and during the New Years' holidays.



## 4 Maya Rock

This boulder has been eroded by the sea over the centuries. There is a legend that Yoshitsune, a famous general, prayed at this rock for safe passage over the Tsugaru Strait. The next morning, he saw three flying horses on top of Maya Rock, and it is said that he was able to travel safely to Hokkaido because of this good omen.



## 12 Tairadate Public Beach

This beautiful beach on Highway 280 is marked by an all-white lighthouse, and is conveniently located right next to a campground. The water is so clear you can see everything.



## 20 Tairadate Rest Area

This building is located within the Tsugaru National Park. From here you can enjoy the beach, camping grounds, cabins, and the local mountains. Parking Available for up to 100 cars/11 large-sized automobiles. 4 Handicapped spaces also available. 24 hour public toilet. General store open from 10:00am ~ 4:00pm. Closed Weekends and holidays. Tel:0174-31-2211

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## 5 Tairadate Lighthouse

This white lighthouse is one of the only lighthouses in the country that stands on a national highway. The lighthouse itself is 23 meters tall, and was built in 1899. It has watched over boats and ships coming into the Mutsu Bay for over 100 years.



## 13 Kanita Ski Ground

This ski park is mostly meant for families and beginners. It has a 240m Rope Tow to help skiers reach the top, and a rest house at the bottom. Night skiing is also available. Open Season: Beginning of January to the Beginning of March Night Skiing: Every Tuesday, Thursday from 6:00pm~9:00pm Open on Sundays from 9:00am ~ 4:00pm



## 6 Matsumae Road

This road serves as the entrance to the Tsugaru National Park, and is surrounded by towering Black Pine trees over 300 years old. This port area was once used by the Tokugawa Shogunate to raise money by charging incoming travelers for passage.



## 14 Seikan Tunnel Museum

Here, many displays, panels, video presentations and life-size models depict how the Seikan Tunnel was completed. General Admission: 400 yen Underground Tunnel Admission: 1000 yen Combined Admission (includes underground tunnel): 1300 yen Children are half-price. Tel: 0174-38-2301 8:40 am ~ 5:00pm



## 7 Obi Island

At the northernmost part of the Tsugaru Peninsula, this little island sits right at the base of Cape Tappi. But the island isn't too small - it is connected to the mainland by a road and can be reached by car.



## 15 Tappi-kan

Many famous figures including the author Osamu Dazai and his friend N-kun, as well as the artist Shikou Munakata, stayed in this former-guest-house once called the Okuya Ryokan. The building has now been changed into a tourist information center. Admission: Free Tel: 0174-31-8025 9:00am ~ 4:30pm



## 8 Cape Tappi Seaside Park

This scenic shoreline at the northernmost part of Cape Tappi is great for fishing, swimming, or even scuba-diving. 1 Tent Site - 500 yen Bungalow Rental (meant for 4 people): 4000 yen per person. Cabin House Rental (4 people): 12,000 yen per person. Cabin House Rental (6 people): 15,000 yen per person



## 16 Kabuto

Inside "Kabuto" you will find a light "refreshment" corner with a small lunch menu, as well as a local specialty called "Wakaoimanma" which is rice balls made with Konbu seaweed. Some of the local fishing equipment and history are also on display. Camping grounds are available for 500 yen per tent. Tel:0174-31-7021 8:30am ~ 5:00pm Closed on Wednesdays.

## Accommodations



Nakamura Ryokan

TEL.0174-22-2046



Ryokan Miraku

TEL.0174-22-3100



Sasaki Ryokan

TEL.0174-22-2104



Kitada Ryokan

TEL.0174-25-2312



Pension Daiba

TEL.0174-25-2138



Odaiba Camp and Cottage Park

TEL.0174-31-2211



Ishida Ryokan

TEL.0174-25-2317



Tairadate Furofushi Onsen

TEL.0174-25-2611



Cape Tappi Onsen Hotel

TEL.0174-38-2011



Guest House "Benten"

TEL.0174-38-2845



Guest House "Tappi Tsugaru-ya"

TEL.0174-38-2435



Guest House "Naritomi"

TEL.0174-38-2506



Guest House "Tsugaru Kaikyotei"

TEL.0174-38-2855



Cape Tappi Seaside Park

TEL.0174-38-2741



Tappi Ryokan

TEL.0174-37-2666