**Hirosaki Apple Park**

**Park Facilities**
- **Total Area**: Approximately 5.2 hectares.
- **Closed**: Dec.29~Jan.3
- **Hours**: 9am~5pm
- **Entrance**: Free

**Transportation**
- **Kounan Bus**
  JR Hirosaki Bus Terminal → Tokiwazaka-Iriguchi
  *From Tokiwazaka-Iriguchi to the Apple Park is approximately 5 minutes on foot.*
- **Tohoku Jidosha-do**
  Oowani Hirosaki Interchange → Apple Park

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Hirosaki

The largest producer of apples in Japan—a veritable Apple Wonderland

While here, be sure to visit Hirosaki Apple Park—a great place
to rest and relax

From the west, Mt. Iwaki watches over the Park

In spring, the apple blossoms create a cheery atmosphere

In early summer, take a leisurely stroll through the orchards

During the fall harvest season, visitors are welcome to pitch in and help

There is something to do in every season of the year

Please drop by any time you are in the vicinity
**Hirosaki Apple Park Map**

- **Apple Collection:** A display of apple-related goods collected over the years.
- **Apple "a la carte" Corner:** Information on apples and health is available here. Recipes for apple desserts and other dishes are also available.
- **The Apple Classroom Corner:** An area to learn about the history and production of apples.
- **The "Apple Experience" Corner:** Where kids can learn about apples using a variety of games.
- **Apple Merchandise:** Over 1,000 products are on sale.
- **The Café:** The menu offers a variety of foods containing apples.

**Apple Experience Operations**

- **Pollination (May)**: Growers pollinate the flowers to ensure the apples mature. Because this takes time, honey bees are now used.
- **Thinning (May-July)**: The maturing fruits are thinned by hand, leaving only those that will grow into the largest and most beautiful apples. This is called "Mitsuburi."  
- **Pruning+Rotation (Aug-Oct)**: Peripheral leaves are removed to ensure the apples get enough sunlight. They are then rotated to ensure the entire fruit becomes red. This is called "Harison" and "Mitsuburi."  
- **Harvest+U-Pick (Aug-Nov)**: During this period you can pick your own apples. Cost: ¥500/10 apples. Limit: 2/kg/person.  

Guided Tours:
- By Reservation
- 30-minute sessions
- Limit: 20 people (in Japanese only)

Guidance Office
Guidance regarding the production of apples is available.

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**Table of errata**

Sorry. The explanation of 4 and 5 has reversed.

Correct:

4. Mt. Suribachi Viewpoint
5. Leisure Grounds