

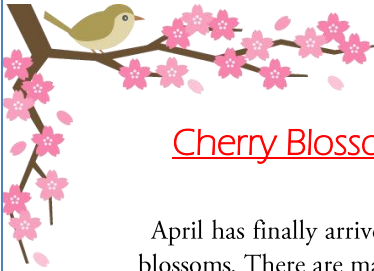


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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots in Iwaki

April has finally arrived and so too has the blooming season of the cherry blossoms. There are many spots to view the beautiful pink scenery in Iwaki with some places offering a night viewing so you can enjoy the cherry blossoms after dark. Spring style festivals offering food stalls, handicrafts and performances will also be held at some venues.

Unfortunately the cherry blossoms will only be in full bloom for a couple of weeks. So don't miss out on enjoying a *hanami* (cherry-blossom viewing) with friends this April! Here are some of the main cherry blossom light-ups and festivals in Iwaki.

Area	Location	Date & Time	Inquiries
<u>Taira</u>	Mishima-Hachiman Shrine (300 and 500 year-old weeping cherry blossoms)	During the blooming period 6:00pm-9:00pm	Mishima-Hachiman Shrine TEL: 0246-23-3410
	Iwaki-Taira Castle Ruins	Light-up: Fri-Sat 6-7, 13-14, 20-21 Apr 5:00pm-8:00pm Festival: Sat-Sun 7-8, 14-15, 21-22 Apr 10:00am-3:00pm	Taira Town Planning TEL: 0246-21-7777
<u>Onahama</u>	Tomigaura Park	Early April 5pm-12am	Onahama Citizens' Congress for Town Planning TEL: 0246-52-1275
	Yada River (near Kashima Shopping Centre Everia)	Light-up: Sun 1 Apr – Mon 30 Apr 5pm-10:00pm Festival: Sun 15 Apr 10:00am-5:00pm	Kashima "Fure-Ai" Cherry Blossom Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-29-2250
<u>Joban</u>	Miyukiyama Park (near Yumoto Station)	Sun 1 Apr – Mon 30 Apr 5:00pm-2:00am	Iwaki Yumoto Onsen Cherry Blossom Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-43-3017
	Kannyonama Park	Sun 1 Apr – Sun 6 May 6:00pm-11:00pm	
	Kamiyunagaya Park	Light-up: Early April 5:00pm-9:00pm Festival: Sat 7 Apr – Sun 8 Apr 10:30am-5:00pm	
<u>Ogawa</u>	Ogawa Suwa Shrine (500 year old weeping cherry blossoms)	Light-up: Wed 4 Apr – Tue 17 Apr 6:30pm-9:00pm Festival: Sat 14 Apr – Sun 15 Apr	Ogawa Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-83-0178

Counselling Service for Foreigners

Yoriso Hotline (Helpline for Foreigners):

Consultation service available in Japanese, English, Korean, Tagalog, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese and Thai. Available languages vary depending on time. Are you having a problem with your visa, nationality, family, work, everyday living, discrimination, domestic violence, confinement or human trafficking? Please call us about any problem you may have. Your privacy will be protected. Free.

TEL: 0120-279-226. Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

TELL Lifeline:

TELL is a professional non-profit organisation that provides counselling to English-speaking foreigners all over Japan. The lifeline is staffed by highly trained volunteer phone counsellors and provides free, non-judgemental and confidential phone counselling and information 365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.

TEL: 03-5774-0992.

For more information, check out their website at <http://www.telljp.com> or e-mail them at admin@telljp.com.

Safety and Consultation Centre for Women

(Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): For consultations related to women's safety. Free. Can only speak Japanese. 10am-6pm daily. TEL: 0246-25-9344.

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(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

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Iwaki Festivals and Events



Your guide to what's happening around Iwaki City this month

Event	Time & Date	Venue	Details	Inquiries
Horuru Cherry Blossom Festival	Sun 8 th Apr From 9:30am	Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum, Joban	Celebrate the cherry blossom season with Horuru's annual springtime festival. To celebrate 50 years since Futabasaurus Suzukii was discovered in Iwaki, a "real" dinosaur may also make an appearance! There will also be a dinosaur Easter egg hunt as well as performances, a magic show, food/drink stalls and much more. You can also receive discounted entry into the museum if you show the reception staff a copy of the event flyer or the event page on your mobile device.	Iwaki Coal and Fossil Museum Email: info@sekitankasekikan.or.jp Website: http://www.sekitankasekikan.or.jp/event/1608.html
3-Chome Jamboree	Sun 8 th Apr 11am-4pm	3-Chome shopping district, Taira	Held several times a year, this miniature festival includes up to 20 stores offering goods, accessories and food at the 3-Chome shopping district near Iwaki Station. Live performances will also be held in front of the Kikuya Music Store.	3-Chome Jamboree TEL: 0246-24-0727 Website: https://www.facebook.com/3Jamoree
Iwaki Balloon Festival	Sat 14 th – Sun 15 th Apr 7am-9:30am	Kids play area, 21 st Century Forest Park, Joban	The first 300 people have a chance to ride in a hot air balloon.	AirB TEL: 042-394-9078 Website: http://www.air-b.com/airb_new/news/news180315_01.html
Spring Festival	Sat 21 st - Sun 22 nd Apr 10am-4pm	Iwaki Flower Centre, Taira	There will be a large variety of events on offer for the festival, including exhibitions, hands-on events, hula performances and direct markets selling handicrafts and flower products.	Iwaki City Flower Centre TEL: 0246-22-5667 Email: flowercenter@jobankaihatsu.co.jp
Spring Festival	Sun 22 nd Apr 10am-4pm	Snake Museum of Contemporary Art (SMoCA), Taira	A spring-style festival will be held at this outdoor art gallery hosted by the Iwaki 10,000 Cherry Blossom Trees Project. More details about stalls and performances will be released on their Facebook or Twitter page.	Iwaki 10,000 Cherry Blossom Trees info https://twitter.com/99000_sakura/status/965569183512543232

*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.



Iwaki Hospital Guide

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The following is a guide to hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays in Iwaki City during April and early May

April Guide

Sunday 1 April

Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Nishiyama Ear, Nose & Throat Doctor's Office	9-5	56-8733
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Uchigo Area	Aihara Paediatrician's Office	9-12	26-5551

Sunday 8 April

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Shiga Children's Clinic	9-12	58-5505

Sunday 15 April

Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Sumitaka Internal Clinic	9-5	75-1560
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Joban Area	Joban Nephrology & Urology Clinic	9-5	43-1200
Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Nagai Paediatrics	9-12	28-2535

Sunday 22 April

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Onahama Area	Fukaya Ear, Nose & Throat	9-5	58-1187
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Joban Area	Haruyama Doctor's Office	9-5	44-4011
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Wakamatsu Doctor's Office (paediatrics)	9-12	22-3838

Sunday 29 April

Taira Area	Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	8:30-11:30	25-5691
Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Kobayashi Gastroenterology & Proctology Doctor's Office	9-5	53-4466
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Joban Area	Hakozaki Doctor's Office	9-5	42-3131
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722

Monday 30 April

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Nakamura Hospital	9-5	53-3141
Tono Area	Kojima Internal	9-5	74-1500
Joban Area	Oriuchi Doctor's Office	9-5	44-1133
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

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Thursday 3 May

Onahama Area	Ishii Neurosurgery & Ophthalmology Hospital	9-5	58-3121
Nakoso Area	Kushida Hospital	9-5	63-3202
Nakoso Area	Mori Children's Clinic	9-5	38-7227
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-5	43-4175

Friday 4 May

Taira Area	New Town Internal & Nephrology Clinic	9-12	46-0606
Onahama Area	Iwaki Central Clinic	9-5	53-3511
Nakoso Area	Kojima Jiai Hospital	9-5	63-5141
Nakoso Area	Yano Internal & Gastroenterology	9-5	62-3262
Joban Area	Iwaki Kusakidai General Clinic	9-5	28-1145
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

Saturday 5 May

Taira Area	Hasegawa Orthopaedic Surgeon's Office	8:30-11:30	25-5691
Onahama Area	Onahama Seikyō Hospital	9-5	53-4374
Nakoso Area	Nakoso Hospital	9-5	65-7755
Nakoso Area	Clinic Tabata	9-5	63-1476
Joban Area	Hatano Ophthalmology	9-5	42-2040
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

Sunday 6 May

Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Taira Area	Yamaguchi Doctor's Office	9-5	24-1811
Onahama Area	Kashima Hospital	9-5	58-8010
Nakoso Area	Kureha General Hospital	9-5	63-2181
Nakoso Area	Hanada Internal Clinic	9-5	62-5000
Joban Area	Kamome Clinic	9-5	28-1010
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175

Sunday 13 May

Uchigo Area	Suda Doctor's Office	8:30-12	27-6060
Onahama Area	Yamaguchi Orthopaedic Surgery	9-5	29-7000
Nakoso Area	Yabuki Hospital	9-5	63-1818
Joban Area	Iwaki Yumoto Hospital	9-5	42-3188
Joban Area	Joban Hospital	9-3	43-4175
Taira Area	Chuodai Tanaka Ophthalmology	9-2	29-1722
Joban Area	Muramatsu Paediatrics	9-12	72-0707

Emergencies

Emergency Dental Care

All emergency dental care will be provided at the **General Health and Welfare Centre (Sogo Hoken Fukushi Senta)** in Uchigo.

This centre is open on Sundays and all national holidays from 9am to 12pm and 1pm to 4pm. The reception closes at 3:30pm.

For more information please contact the centre on 27-8620.

After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre

(For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics)

(Located in the **General Health and Welfare Centre**)

If you need to see a doctor urgently in the evening or on a weekend or public holiday, the **After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre** is open at the following times:

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

5 May (Sat): 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 7am (next day)

TEL: 27-1208

Please make sure whenever possible to bring a Japanese-speaker with you when visiting the hospital in Iwaki.

Emergency Contact Numbers

Police: 110

Fire & Ambulance: 119

Children Emergency, First-Aid

Telephone Consultations

The Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (*Fukushima-ken Kodomo Kyūkyū Denwa Sodan*) is a free telephone service that provides professional advice when your child has become sick during the night. This telephone service is available in Japanese only.

TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000

From 7pm to 8am (next day).

**Other hospitals and clinics apart from the above may be open on Sundays and public holidays. Inquire with your regular doctor or visit Iwaki City's website to confirm which other medical facilities are open.*

**How to check hospital information on Iwaki City's website:*






Go to Foreign Languages and select English > Living & Area > In times of emergency > Sudden illness > Doctors on duty (daytime on Sundays and public holidays).

Event Calendar for April 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 	4 	5 	6 Primary and JHS Entrance Ceremonies	7 IIA Cherry Blossom Viewing
8	9	10 	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17 	18 IIA Japanese Course Placement Test 	19	20	21
22	23	24 	25 JLPT Applications Close 日本語能力試験 JLPT 	26 	27	28
29 Showa Day 	30 Substitute Holiday					

Test Date: 1st July 2018 (Sun)
Applications open until 25th April 2018 (Wed)
Details: <http://info.jees-jlpt.jp/info/application/>

IIA Custom Made Plans

-  Yu no Hanakai – Inquiries to Ohba-san 0246-42-2135
-  Lac lam Thai - Inquiries to Aizawa-san 090-6629-7225
-  Interpreters in the Making – Inquiries to Nishiyama-san 090-7197-1913
-  Cape Town – Inquiries to Kashiwabara-san 090-9320-5177
-  Parang-Sae – Inquiries to Takagi-san 090-2364-4970

#Please confirm the event date with the relevant representative if you're participating for the first time



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations. Scheduled days are as listed on the calendar; however these are subject to change. Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.

For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

Other Legal Support for Foreign Residents

Japan Legal Support Centre (Houterasu)

Futaba Sub-branch Office (Iwaki within this jurisdiction) – 050-3381-3805

Fukushima District Office – 050-3383-5540

Fukushima Bar Association Iwaki Branch Office – 0246-22-1320