

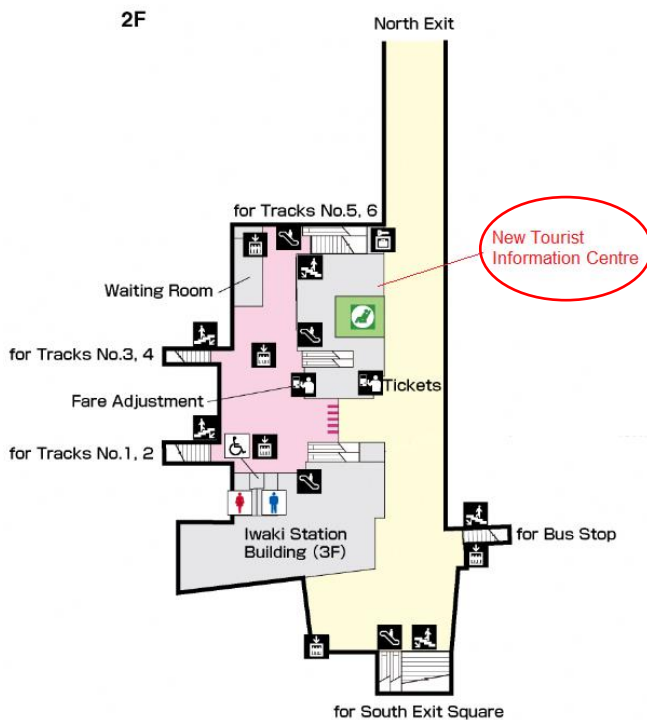


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### Opening of Newly-Built Tourist Information Centre at Iwaki Station

The Tourist Information Centre opened its new facility on 27 December 2019. The new centre offers more convenience, with a larger indoor space, pamphlets, displays of local specialty products touch-panel screen and free Wi-Fi internet. The centre is located next to the JR East ticket office inside Iwaki Station.



The facility is open all year (except New Year's Day) from 10am to 6pm.

For inquiries, please call the Tourist Information Centre (TEL: 0246-23-0122).

### Iceless Skate Rink Event at Spa Resort Hawaiians

To commemorate the upcoming 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the establishment of Spa Resort Hawaiians, an iceless skate rink will temporarily open in the facility. The skate rink will be surfaced with wax to produce a gliding effect similar to natural ice.

Open Period	From Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> to Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February
Open Hours	10:00am-5:00pm
Location	Spring Park Plaza inside Spa Resort Hawaiians
Fee	¥200 for 30 minute skating session *Fee includes helmet, knee protectors and insurance

In addition to skating on the iceless rink, you can also take part in a game with the Hawaiian's fire knife dancers from 3:00pm-3:35pm on weekends and public holidays during this event period (each game limited to 10 participants).

These types of iceless skate rinks are rare in Japan, so don't miss out on the opportunity to experience "Ice Skating in Hawaii".

For inquiries, please call Spa Resort Hawaiians (TEL: 0570-550-550).



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The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.



# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Tsurushibina Festival	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> – Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 10am-4pm Seiko-kan, Nakanosaku, Onahama	Tsurushibina are decorative hanging ornaments which will be hung around the Nakanosaku area. There will also be cafes, local goods stalls as well as a tea party on the 2nd floor of the Seiko-kan building (held on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> only). Entry into the building is ¥100 and a further ¥500 to take part in the tea party.	Mamaya TEL: 0246-55-6280
Opening of an Interactive Fish Shop	Sat 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb; 11am-3pm Hamakaze Kirara, Hisanohama	Hamasui is a new type of facility that serves as both a direct-sales fish market and a space for children to learn about fish and the sea. On this facility's opening day, you can purchase local sea products or take part in various fish workshops such as cutting an angler fish whilst it is hanging on a hook. Kaisei High School Students will also be selling coffee that goes well with seafood. Entry into the facility is free.	Hamakara TEL: 080-5738-5417 Email: <a href="mailto:iwaki.fishermans@gmail.com">iwaki.fishermans@gmail.com</a>
Iwaki Strawberry Festival 2020	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb; 10am-2pm Onahama Bishoku Hotel	You can enjoy tasting and purchasing a variety of fresh strawberries or strawberry-themed sweets. Not only is entry into the event free, but the first 300 arrivals will also receive free local strawberries. Free strawberry-flavoured popcorn will also be handed out for the first 150 customers from 12:30pm.	Agricultural Development Division of Iwaki City Hall TEL: 0246-22-7479
Setsubun Festival	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb; From 11am and 3pm West side plaza of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Setsubun is a traditional bean-throwing festival held around this time of year to help drive away evil spirits associated with misfortune.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Setsubun Festival	Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb; From 3:30pm Kunitama Shrine, Nakoso		Kunitama Shrine TEL: 0246-65-2384
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 11am Iwaki City Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing, Kashima, Onahama	At this setsubun festival, you can see special charms made of sardine and holly branch placed in front of the entrances of houses to ward off demons. Sweets will also be thrown out to visitors during the bean-throwing. Admission fee required.	Iwaki City Museum of Folklore and Traditional Housing TEL: 0246-29-2230
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From noon Akaidake Yakushi Temple, Akai, Taira		Akaidake Yakushi Temple TEL: 0246-36-2161
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 1pm Shogyo Temple, Yumoto, Joban		Shogyo Temple TEL: 0246-43-2576
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 1:45pm Hase Temple, Kamiyunagaya, Joban		Hase Temple 0246-42-4644
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 2pm Kokuwakura Shrine, Taira		Kokuwakura Shrine TEL: 0246-25-2091
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 2:30pm Iino-Hachiman Shrine, Taira	In addition to the bean throwing, arrows are fired at several locations to ward off evil spirits. You can pick up the arrow and take it home as a good-luck charm. Mochi rice cakes will also be thrown out as part of the bean throwing ceremony.	Iino-Hachiman Shrine TEL: 0246-21-2444
Setsubun Festival	Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; From 5pm Onahama Suwa Shrine		Onahama Suwa Shrine TEL: 0246-92-2656
Thousand String Lottery	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sun 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb; From 9am Central entrance area of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	You can take one attempt at the lottery for every ¥2000 worth of purchases inside La La Mew. Prizes include local specialty products and more.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Magatama Bead-Making in Pairs	Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb; Morning session 9:30am-11:30am, Afternoon session 1:30pm-3:30pm Iwaki City Archaeological Centre, Joban	In the lead up to Valentine's Day, why not try and make a special pink-coloured magatama bead with your partner, friend or family? Participants will also receive free magatama-shaped cookies and a hot drink. Participation is ¥500 per person. Pre-registration required by 5 <sup>th</sup> February. Limit of 20 pairs for each session.	Iwaki City Archaeological Centre TEL: 0246-43-0391
Iwaki Sunshine Marathon	Sun 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb; Full marathon starts at 9am Full Marathon Start: Iwaki Athletics Stadium, Taira Finish: Aquamarine Park, Onahama (all other races start and finish here)	Courses: Full marathon, 10km, 5km and 2km runs plus 2km parent-child team event. Although the entries closed for the marathon a long time ago, you are more than welcome to come along and cheer for the runners for free. Free shuttle buses run frequently from Iwaki, Yumoto and Izumi Stations as well as other locations towards the start and finish points.	Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Executive Committee TEL: 0246-22-7607 Website: <a href="https://www.iwaki-marathon.jp/">https://www.iwaki-marathon.jp/</a>
Historical Walking Tour	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 10am-12pm Starts and Finishes at Wonder Farm, Yotsukura	Starting at Wonder Farm, this walking tour will take you to Konko Temple, which is said to be the oldest temple in Iwaki, before returning to Wonder Farm to enjoy picking fresh tomatoes. Participation fee is ¥1000 (free for primary school students and younger).	Wonder Farm TEL: 0246-38-8851
Anime Film Screening	Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Feb; 2pm-5:30pm (Doors open at 1:30pm) Small Theatre, Alios, Taira	As part of the annual Pole Pole Film Festival (held 14 <sup>th</sup> February until 1 <sup>st</sup> March), there will be a screening of the anime <i>Hulaing Babies</i> and <i>Jinriki Senkan!</i> ? <i>Shiokaze Sawakaze</i> , both of which are set in Iwaki. Tickets for this screening are available at Alios for ¥500. Alternatively, you can purchase a set of 5 discount tickets at Pole Pole for ¥2000, which can also be used to watch other films screening at all venues throughout the film festival period (only the first 30 people who contact Alios in advance can use these discount tickets). Inquire with Pole Pole or check their website for more details about other films and screening venues during the film festival.	Alios Ticket Centre TEL: 0246-22-5800 (closed Tuesdays)  Machi Pole Iwaki TEL: 0246-22-3394 <a href="http://www.polepoleiwaki.com/">http://www.polepoleiwaki.com/</a>

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