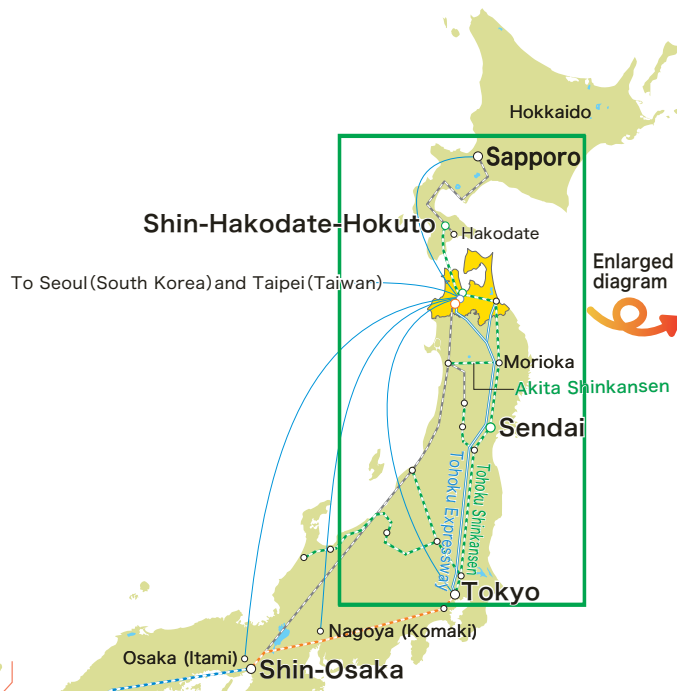
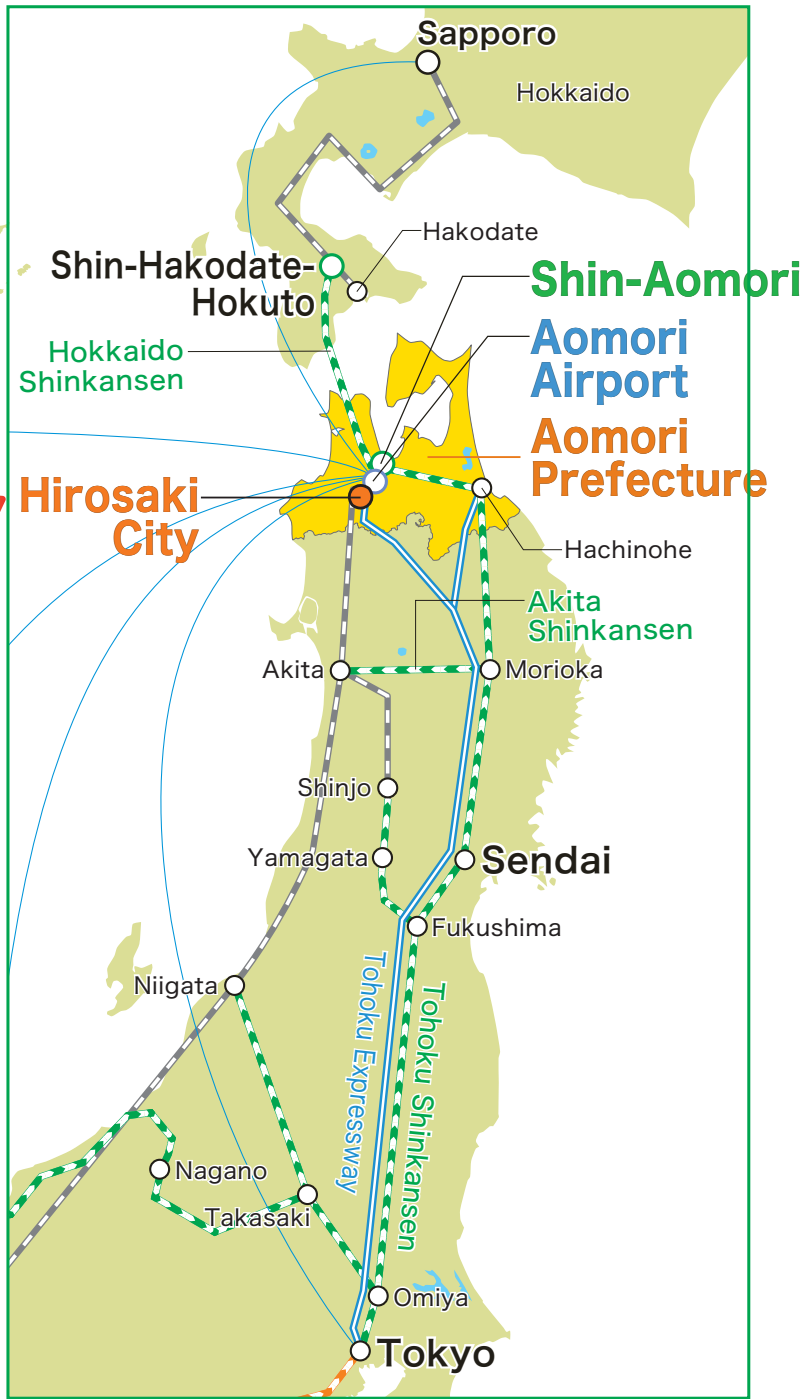


Access to Hirosaki City



- By air By train
By shinkansen By bus
By expressway

By air	
Tokyo (Haneda)	Duration: Approx. 1 hr. 15-20 min.
Osaka (Itami)	Duration: Approx. 1 hr. 45-50 min.
Sapporo (New Chitose)	Duration: Approx. 40-50 min.
Nagoya (Komaki)	Duration: Approx. 1 hr. 20-25 min.
Seoul, South Korea (Incheon)	Korean Air Duration: Approx. 2 hr. 20 min. to 3 hr.
Taipei, Taiwan (Taoyuan)	EVA Air Duration: Approx. 2 hr. 30 min. to 3 hr. 20 min.
Aomori Airport	Konan Bus, Aomori Airport Line Duration: Approx. 55 min.



By JR (shinkansen and train)	
Sapporo	Limited Express Hokuto Duration: Approx. 3 hr. 30 min.
Shin-Hakodate-Hokuto	Hokkaido Shinkansen Hayabusa Duration: Approx. 1 hr.
Shin-Aomori	Tokaido Shinkansen Nozomi Duration: Approx. 2 hr. 30 min.
Shin-Osaka	Hokkaido Shinkansen Hayabusa Duration: Approx. 3 hr. (shortest)
Tokyo	
Shin-Aomori	Train (Rapid, Limited Express, or Local) Duration: Approx. 25-40 min.
Hirosaki Station	

Inquiries and information

Hirosaki Tourist Information Center
(1F, JR Hirosaki Station)
● 08:45-18:00 (opening hours may be extended during festivals)
● English-speaking staff available

● Website: Hirosaki Municipal Tourist Center
E-mail: kankokan@hirosaki-kanko.or.jp

● Instagram: Hirosaki City Tourist Information
Visit Japan Hirosaki

● Information shown is as of June 2026

HIROSAKI

Guide

Apple Capital of Japan

Apple Pies, Apple Culture, Apple Everything



Japan's Apple Capital

Did you know that about 20% of all apples grown in Japan come from Hirosaki City? Hirosaki apples are renowned for their exceptional quality and rich, full flavor, thanks to dramatic day-to-night temperature swings, fertile soil, and refined farming expertise. Hirosaki is also one of the best places in Japan to immerse yourself in apple culture. Ever since the city's first apples were harvested in 1877, Hirosaki has maintained a deep bond with this beloved fruit. Apples appear everywhere—on local signs, street clocks, logos, and crafts. Even the famous cherry trees in Hirosaki Park benefit from techniques originally developed for apple cultivation.



Hirosaki's Delicious Apple Pies

Hirosaki is home to many confectionery shops offering pies made with locally grown apples from Aomori Prefecture. The Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide features about 40 must-try pies. Scan the 2D code on the right to view the Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide and the Apple Pie Spots List.

What is the Hirosaki Apple Pie Guide?

Based on feedback from Hirosaki's tourism concierges who have personally sampled each pie, the guide provides data on sweetness, tartness, and other characteristics, along with descriptions of each one.

How to read the apple pie data

- Sweetness:** The sweetness of ingredients such as apples, caramel, and cream is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).
- Tartness:** The tartness of ingredients such as apples and lemon juice is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).
- Cinnamon:** The strength of the cinnamon flavor is rated on a scale of 1 to 5 (5 being the strongest).

Eating in Stores with this mark have seating available. Eat-in hours vary by store.



Data from
Apple Pie Guide



Apple Pie
Spots List

Sweetness

Tartness

Cinnamon

Low Strong

Noel de HIROSAKI

2-2-101 Shinakawa-machi, Hirosaki-shi
09:00-18:00 (from 10:00 on Wednesdays and Thursdays) • Closed on Tuesdays
• For sale: Year-round (using Fuji apples)
*Reservations required during Golden Week

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Sample listing for apple pie shops

This apple pie, with a moderately sweet flavor and a rich scent of cinnamon, give the apples center stage. It took home the 2nd Hirosaki Apple Pie Contest Mayor's Award in 2002 with its carefully crafted, local taste. These pies use Fuji apples for year-round availability.

Taste the Apple in Every Bite and Sip!



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Ringo-no-Ie (inside Apple Park)

The park features specialty apple shops, restaurants serving apple-inspired dishes, and museums showcasing various aspects of this iconic fruit.

Apple pie tasting

A sampler plate featuring three of Hirosaki's most popular apple pies.

Apple Park Easy Picnic Plan

Enjoy a specially prepared bento lunch beneath the apple trees, paired with your choice of cider or apple juice.

Apple juice tasting

Sample five different varieties of apple juice.



Taisho Roman Kissashitsu



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Galette

A delicate galette made with locally grown buckwheat flour, topped with apple, vanilla ice cream, and other delicious touches.

Hirosaki Museum of Contemporary Art cafe & shop BRICK



Cider tasting

A café with its very own on-site cider brewery. Sample three varieties of cider brewed here in Aomori Prefecture.

Discover Beautiful Arts and Crafts Inspired by Apples!

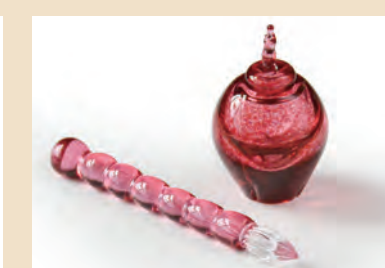
Crafts featuring apples



Shitakawara-yaki clay figurine: Apple seller

A charming clay figurine made using the traditional Shitakawara-yaki technique, inspired by apple sellers.

Shop: Tsugaru-han Neputa Village



Apple glass pen and inkwell

A handcrafted Tsugaru Vidro glass pen and inkwell.

Shop: Hirayama Mannendo (105 Dote-machi, Hirosaki-shi; 09:00-18:30, but closed on New Year's Day)



Kogin-zashi: Apple pouch

A lovely pouch featuring Tsugaru Kogin-zashi, a traditional embroidery technique celebrated for its distinctive geometric patterns.

Shop: Craft & Wa-cafe Takumikan Sakura House



BUNACO petite RINGO

A small beechwood container created through a unique manufacturing process specific to this craft.



Instagram: BUNACO Showroom

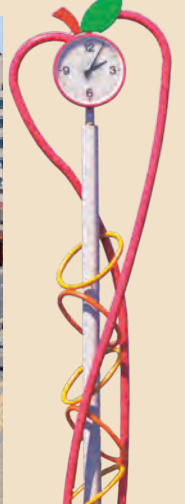
Art featuring apples



A mailbox topped with an apple ornament



Some bus stops feature apple-themed designs



A decorative street clock in front of Hirosaki Post Office



Can't decide which apple pie to try? The Apple Pie Concierge is here to help! Taxi drivers who know Hirosaki's apple pies inside and out will whisk you away to some must-try spots, including hidden gems.

Apple Pie Concierge search
Hokusei Kotsu (Japanese only): www.hokuseikotsu.co.jp

Apple Picking

Nothing beats the taste of an apple picked straight from the tree. At Hirosaki City Apple Park, you can enjoy a whole season of apple picking from early August through mid-November.

Experience rural Japan at Hirosaki City Apple Park

Hirosaki City Apple Park is home to 2,300 apple trees across 80 varieties. Stroll through the sprawling orchard, step inside historic farmhouses, and try your hand at apple farming.

- Apple blossom picking (Thinning) (early May)
- Apple fruit thinning (late May to early July)
- Apple picking (early August to mid-November)



Facility information for
Hirosaki City Apple Park



Apple picking Apples with Mount Iwaki in the background

Store information for the items listed above

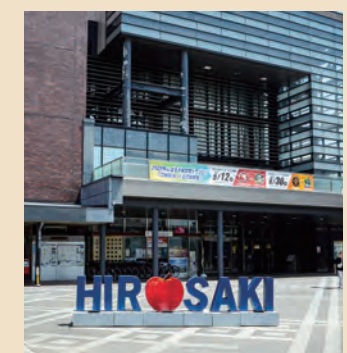
Tsugaru-han Neputa Village
Facility information

Craft & Wa-cafe Takumikan
Instagram: Craft & Wa-cafe Takumikan

Sakura House
Instagram: Sakura House



Map of apple-themed art



A popular photo spot in front of JR Hirosaki Station