



Samidare wo
Atsumete hayashi
Mogamigawa

Basho Matsuo
The greatst master of
haiku

KAWAGUCHI GUARD STATION

Kawaguchi Bansho is a facility where officials from the Shonai Domain changed the handprints of people passing through the Kiyokawa River, and is the main building in Kiyokawa Historical Park.



BOAT WATCH STATION

The Funami Bansho (boat watch station) monitored cargo traveling on the Mogami River. The current Funami Bansho was built in the same place as it was then.



SPECIALTY DISHES

If you come to Kiyokawa Historical Park, you'll want to enjoy some history at Restaurant Gotenchaya. You can enjoy handmade soba, udon noodles, Japanese sweets, and more. During your drive, it would be nice to take a break at the Gotenchaya restaurant.



EXPERIENCE THE HISTORIC TOWN OF KIYOKAWA



MOGAMI RIVER IN THE SHOWA ERA



KIYOKAWA FESTIVAL



KANKIJI TEMPLE

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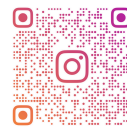
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EXPERIENCE CULTURE
in **KIYOKAWA**

WHERE HISTORY AND CULTURE THRIVE



Kiyokawa Tourism Guide Association

【Guide fee】

per hour 1,500 yen

Using Kiyokawa Barrier as a base, we will guide you to the tourist attractions in Kiyokawa.

Note

Please apply at least 7 days before the date of use.
Number of people: Up to 10 people per guide

1.The entrance to the Dewa Sanzan pilgrimage

Kiyokawa Barrier is one of the cultural properties that make up the Japan Heritage site “A Journey of Rebirth, Where Nature and Faith Coexist ? The Three Mounts of Dewa, which begins with 2,446 stone steps surrounded by cedar trees that are over 300 years old.” At the time, it was called “Ise-mairi in the west, Oku-mairi in the east” , and as many as 100,000 people came to make the pilgrimage to the Three Mounts of Dewa every year. Kiyokawa, at the entrance to the mountain, was also said to be bustling with activity.It is said that this name comes from the fact that Mount Yudono, one of the Three Mounts of Dewa, was called the “inner sanctuary.” Among the famous people who are said to have visited the Three Mounts of Dewa, one you definitely want to remember is Matsuo Basho.



3. Late Edo period | The pioneer of the Meiji Restoration

Located close to Kiyokawa Historical Park is Kiyokawa Shrine, which enshrines Kiyokawa Hachiro.Hachiro Kiyokawa is an indispensable figure when talking about the history of the Kiyokawa and the Meiji Restoration.The event that led to Hachiro being known as the pioneer of the Meiji Restoration occurred in 1863.Despite being a supporter of the Sonno Joi faction, Hachiro offered to be an escort for the Shogun who was traveling to Kyoto. The people he gathered were r?shi (masterless samurai) from various domains, as well as samurai who had been laid off due to the worsening economic situation of their domains. A political movement that supports respecting the Emperor and expelling foreign powers.On February 23, Hachiro went to Kyoto with 234 other ronin and loudly declared that their true purpose was to revere the Emperor and expel the barbarians. This was the event that led to Hachiro being called the pioneer of the Meiji Restoration.



2.Kitadate Grand Seawall

In the early Edo period, signs began to appear that the area around Kiyokawa would later become a rice-producing area of Shonai.Although the water source of the Mogami River is located right next to the area, it flows at a lower level than the land, making it impossible to draw water and making it difficult to cultivate rice.At the time, Yoshimitsu Mogami ruled the Dewa Yamagata domain, which included the Shonai region. As a feudal lord, it was convenient for him to produce as much rice as possible.Mogami Yoshimitsu ordered his vassal, Kitadate Daigaku Toshinaga, to build a dam in this area.

4.Meiji Period | Shonai, the site of the Boshin War

Everyone has heard of the Boshin War in history classes. Many people probably imagine the Byakkotai of the Aizu clan and the Battle of Goryokaku. In fact, a battle between the Shonai clan and the new government forces also took place in Kiyokawa. The battle took place in Gotenbayashi, located in Soba, Kiyokawa Historical Park. It is very pleasant to stroll through the Gotenbayashi forest, and it is hard to believe that a battle took place here some 400 years ago. However, there is also a somewhat solemn atmosphere, and it is a space where you can really feel the depth of history.

Basic information

Kiyokawa Historical Park

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●Opening hours

10:00~17:00

●Opening period

March to November

●Closed Days

Monday

(If a public holiday falls on a Monday, the next weekday)

●Admission

Free

● Restaurant Gotenchaya

Open Saturday, Sunday and holiday

Hours 11:00~14:00

Seating capacity : 24 seats

Large shared table : 10 seats