

祭 Festival

※Event dates and locations are subject to change

Acacia Festival Kosaka MAP P19F2/P22B2

3 million acacia trees, resistant to smoke damage, were planted in Kosaka when the local mine was still operating. In June, the townspeople celebrate the trees' blossoming white flowers and fragrance with a festival complete with local goods and food stalls.

開催地/小坂町中央公園およびその周辺(小坂町小坂砂森)

When 2nd Sat & Sun of June



When July 14th-15th

Kitaakita MAP P18D2/P21E2

Hachiman Tsuzureko Festival

Townspeople play taiko drums, the largest 3.8m in diameter, while walking through the town. Held for over 700 years, the beating of the festival drums is said to reach the heavens and act as a prayer for rain and a bountiful harvest.

開催地/綴子神社(北秋田市綴子字西館46)

Kosaka MAP P19F2/P22B2

Kosaka Tanabata Festival

Started in the late Meiji period by mine workers who wanted to bring the flavor of their hometowns to Kosaka. Nowadays, each neighborhood parades unique floats around town to the sound of traditional festival music. The festival reaches a climax on the second night when all the floats gather to celebrate at the town center.

開催地/各町内で運行、合同運行は明治百年通り

When First Sat. & Sun. of August



When Mid-August



Odate MAP P19E2/P20A5

Odate Daimonji Festival

Odate celebrates the last day of the summer festival with a fireworks show and Japan's largest "okuri-bi", or large mountainside bonfire in the shape of a Chinese character. Daytime events include dances and performances.

開催地/昼...おおまちハチ公通り(大館市大町)
夜...長木川河川敷(大館市長木川南の川沿い)

Shinmeisha Festival Odate MAP P19E2/P20A5

Through rain or shine, the people of Odate have been celebrating this harvest festival for over 400 years. Each neighborhood parades their decadent floats around the city culminating in singing and dancing together on the 10th and a water fight on the 11th.

開催地/おおまちハチ公通り(大館市大町)ほか

When September 9-10



Odate MAP P19E2

Odate Kiritampo Festival

Over 130,000 visitors come every year to enjoy the fresh kiritampo and Hinai Jidori chicken served at the festival. Guests can taste test various restaurants' dishes and even try their hand at making kiritampo from scratch!

開催地/ニプロハチ公ドーム(大館市上代野字稻荷台1-1)

When Sports Day 3-day weekend in July



When August 14th

MAP P18D5/P21F5

Neko Bangaku

Kitaakita

Surrounded by mountains, the hamlet of Neko is a representative Matagi village. The Neko Banraku, said to have been started by Kyoto royalty fleeing war, is performed to ward off illness and bring an abundant harvest. It is a designated Important Intangible Folk Culture Property.

開催地/根子番楽伝承館(旧根子小学校体育館)

When Mid-August to September



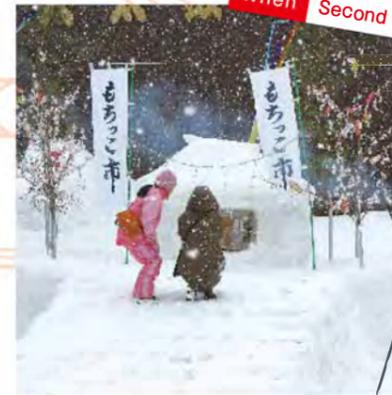
Kamikoani MAP P18C4,C5/P22C4,B5,D6

Kamikoani Project

The Kamikoani Project art festival first began in Niigata in 2012. Since then, the festival moved to Kamikoani and has continued to expand in size as while attracting the best in modern art, music, and folk traditions.

開催地/八木沢集落(北秋田郡上小阿仁村沖田面西山下3-7)ほか

When Second Sat. & Sun. of February



Kitaakita MAP P18D2/P21F2

Mochikko Ichi

A celebration of the mochi (rice cakes) that have been handmade in the Takanosu area for generations. Vendors offer a wide variety of mochi in an array of flavors and styles, including popular butter mochi.

開催地/道の駅たかのす「大太鼓の館」駐車場(北秋田市綴子大堤道下62-1)

When 2nd Sat & Sun of February



Odate MAP P19E2/P20A5

Amekko-Ichi (Candy Festival)

According to legend, the local mountain god descends during the festival to buy special candy which is said to ward off colds. Celebrated for over 400 years, street vendors line the streets selling their unique and original candies.

開催地/おおまちハチ公通り(大館市大町64)

When Held Throughout February

Kosaka MAP P19H1/P22D2

Lake Towada Winter Carnival

Featuring nightly fireworks displays, local food stalls, and beautiful illumination, the Lake Towada Winter Carnival is a hot spot during the chilly Akita winters.

開催地/十和田湖畔休屋 冬物語特設会場(青森県十和田市大字奥源字十和田湖畔休屋486)

