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- Nursing Room
 - Barrier-Free Toilet
 - Wheelchairs Available
 - Assistance Dog Access
 - Guide Dog / Assistance Dog Access
 - Restaurant
 - Cafe
- Guided Tour**
- Shop
 - Coin-Operated Lockers
 - Audio Guide
 - Pamphlet
 - Signpost
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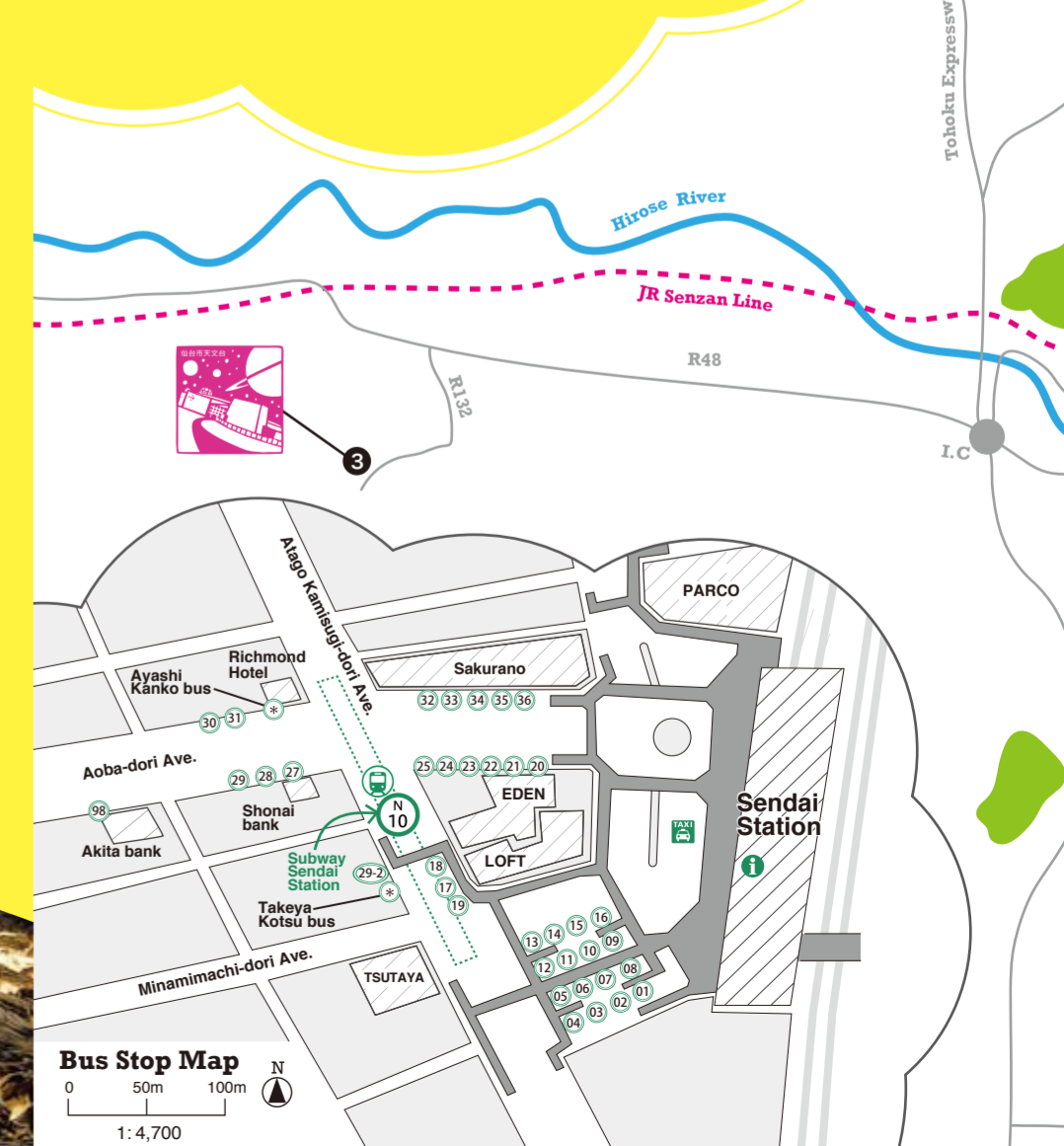
- *1) Have discounts for groups, youth / children and international students. Also, additional admissions fees may apply for special exhibitions and events.
- *2) Are open on national holidays, even when they fall on the museum's closed days. The museum will be closed from the end of December to early January.
- *3) Are closed from the end of December to early details.

Please inquire for further details.



Museums

With a unique history as one of the prominent cities in the Tohoku region and richly diverse geographical features, Sendai is a multi-layered, kaleidoscopic city. And it is museums that best embody the city's diversity and dynamism. From paleolithic stone tools to cutting-edge contemporary art, from an underground forest to stars in the daytime, museums are there to take you on the wonderful journey of curiosity.



1 Sendai City Science Museum
 Located in the lush Daimonura Forest Park, there are 3 exhibition rooms for natural history, science and technology, and lifestyle. This museum has restored a village that dates back to the Jomon era, excavated at the historic ruins of Yamadaonodai. It offers workshops such as making earthenware.

10-1 Yamada Ueno-dcho, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0815
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3
 Admission: 500 yen * 1
 Access: 5 minute walk from Ashihagaoka station on the Yamkoku subway line.



2 Jomon Site Park
 This museum introduces the lifestyle and history of Sendai since the Meiji period. Banmu Doi, Tsouen Shimazaki, and Hisashi Inoue, the first museum director, as well as currently active writers, prefecture, which previously served as army barracks.

7-1 Kizuna 2-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-0902
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Last admission 4:30 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays, the 4th Thursday of every month * 2 * 3
 Admission: 200 yen * 1
 Access: 30 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 7 or 8 (outside Sendai Station West Exit). Get off at the 'Yamada Taihaku Shobomae' bus stop, then walk for 5 minutes.



3 Sendai Literature Museum
 This facility offers citizens activities related to art and visual culture, and is furnished with libraries, galleries and studios, as well as serving other functions.

2-1 Kasugamachi, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8212
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. (some services may have varying opening times)
 Closed Days: The 4th Thursday of every month, except for December * 3
 Access: 20 minutes by bus (excluding express buses) from bus stop No. 20, 21, 22 or 23 at Sendai Station West Exit. Get off at the 'Kizuna 2-chome / Bangkoku-mae' bus stop, then walk for 5 minutes.



4 Tomiwa Site Museum
 A comprehensive astronomical exhibition gallery equipped with a planetarium, astronomical telescope named Homma room and a 1.3 m diameter telescope named Homma.

29-23 Nishigaoka 9-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 989-1123
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Saturday until 9:30 p.m., exhibition room until 5 p.m.). Last admission is 30 minutes before closing time. * 2 * 3
 Closed Days: Wednesdays, the 1st Tuesday of every month * 2 * 3
 Admission: Exhibition Room 600 yen, Planetarium 600 yen, Exhibition Room and Planetarium (1 time) 1,000 yen * 1
 Access: 30 minutes by Aiyashi Kanko bus from bus stop in front of Richmond Hotel, near Sendai Station. Get off at the 'Nishigaoka 7-chome Kita / Temnodai Rinsen' bus stop. Then walk for 5 minutes. Takeya Kousu bus 'Akiu-Kawasaki West Sendai Tamae' leaves from Sendai Station West Exit. Get off at the 'Sendai Tamae' bus stop, which is right in front of the facility. Passengers with seat reservations have priority.



9 Sendai mediatheque
 Rare fossils, minerals, earthenware, stone tools, skeletal specimens, preformers, corals and other items gathered from all over the world by university researchers are exhibited.

6-Aomaki Aza-Aoba, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-8578
 Tel: 022-795-6767 Fax: 022-713-4482
 Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
 August * 2 * 3
 Access: From Sendai Station West Exit, take the bus from bus stop No. 9. Get off at the 'mediatheque' bus stop. You can also walk from Kotodai-koen Station on the Yamkoku subway line (6 minutes). Alternatively, you can get off at the 'Joho Kagaku Kenkyu-mae' bus stop, then walk for 4 minutes. You can also use the 'Loopie Sendai' sightseeing bus.



3 Sendai Astronomical Observatory
 This museum presents the works of dye artist Keisuke Setzura-ya, a living national treasure and representative of Japan, in addition to the artworks he collected from around the world.

8-1 Kunimi 1-chome, Aoba-ku, Sendai 981-8222
 Tel: 022-717-3118 Fax: 022-717-3324
 Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 300 yen * 1
 Access: Get off the JR Sendai line at Tohoku Fukushi-mae station and walk for 10 minutes. At the West exit of Sendai Station, you can also take the bus from bus stop No. 24 or 25 for 25 minutes, then get off at 'Tohoku Fukushi-mae' bus stop.



10 The Tohoku University Museum
 This museum introduces the history and culture of Tohoku University. It features a variety of exhibits, including scientific specimens, historical artifacts, and modern art.

2-1-1 Sendai, Tohoku University
 Tel: 022-251-1111 Fax: 022-251-1115
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (Last admission 4:15 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 400 yen * 1
 Access: 10 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9 in front of Sendai Station West Exit. Get off at the 'Habibushian / Kokusai Center-mae' bus stop, then walk for 3 minutes. You can also use the 'Loopie Sendai' sightseeing bus.



4 Sendai City War Reconstruction Memorial Hall
 This museum houses materials related to Sendai's history, culture and arts and crafts, including cultural assets donated by the Date family. Approximately 1,000 items are permanently exhibited.

1-1 Nagamachi-minami 4-chome, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0012
 Opening Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (Last admission 4:15 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 400 yen * 1
 Access: 5 minute walk from Nagamachi-minami station on the Yamkoku subway line.



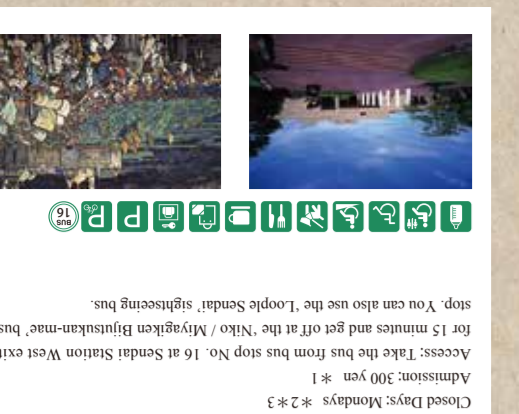
11 Tohoku Fukushi University Cerata Museum
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 Opening Hours: 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 300 yen * 1
 Access: Get off the JR Sendai line at Tohoku Fukushi-mae station and walk for 10 minutes. At the West exit of Sendai Station, you can also take the bus from bus stop No. 24 or 25 for 25 minutes, then get off at 'Tohoku Fukushi-mae' bus stop.



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 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 400 yen * 1
 Access: 10 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9 in front of Sendai Station West Exit. Get off at the 'Habibushian / Kokusai Center-mae' bus stop, then walk for 3 minutes. You can also use the 'Loopie Sendai' sightseeing bus.



12 The Miyagi Museum of Art
 A collection of modern and contemporary Japanese art, including artwork from the Tohoku region, and works by overseas artists such as Kandinsky and Klee. You can also have a hands-on art experience in the studios.

34-1 Kawasumi-Motohachiku, Aoba-ku, Sendai 980-0861
 Tel: 022-221-2111 Fax: 022-221-2115
 Opening Hours: 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (Tickets sold until 4:30 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 300 yen * 1
 Access: Take the bus from bus stop No. 16 at Sendai Station West Exit for 15 minutes and get off at the 'Mito / Miyagi-kan Miyajima-mae' bus stop. You can also use the 'Loopie Sendai' sightseeing bus.



6 Sendai Zoological Park
 Almost 500 animals from all over the world are displayed according to their habitat and taxonomy.

43 Yagiyaama Hondcho, Taihaku-ku, Sendai 982-0801
 Tel: 022-229-0631 Fax: 022-229-8419
 Opening Hours: From March to October 9:00 a.m.-4:45 p.m. (Last admission 4:00 p.m.). From November to February 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (Last admission 3:00 p.m.)
 Closed Days: Mondays * 2 * 3
 Admission: 400 yen * 1
 Access: 25 minutes by bus from bus stop No. 9, 11 or 12 from Sendai Station West Exit. Get off at the 'Dobutsu Keen-mae' bus stop.



SMMA Museum Map Online
www.smma.strikingly.com

Google Maps-based English maps and addresses of the SMMA museums are available online, as well. The website is compatible with multiple devices and will assist you in getting to the museums in a variety of situations, from collecting information on your PC before coming to Sendai to getting directions along the way on your tablet or smartphone.

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For travel information, basic questions about daily life, and to bridge communication gaps between the Japanese and you. The service is available:
 - from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
 - in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Portuguese and Vietnamese.
 *Interpretation service is free of charge. Normal telephone charges apply.

The Sendai Museum Experience

This leaflet is designed to support you in enjoying museums in Sendai, and is specifically designed for foreign visitors and residents in Japan. One side provides you with basic information, such as a list of museums and a map of the area, while the other side offers you a more casual, first-hand museum report from foreigners living in Sendai, sharing with you the charms of the museums from a foreign perspective. Sendai's wide and rich variety of museums is one of its highlights. We hope this leaflet will enrich your experience in the city!

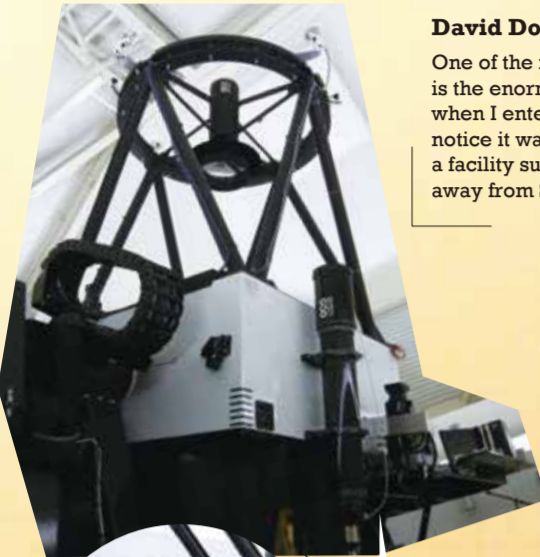
Sendai Astronomical Observatory

仙台市天文台



David Donovan / UK

One of the many highlights of this museum is the enormous telescope. Due to its size, when I entered the room I didn't even notice it was a telescope! It's great to have a facility such as this only half an hour away from Sendai's city centre.



The telescope is touch panel-operated. Just touch the star you want to see, and it automatically moves towards it!



Huge!

Did you know that you can see stars even in the daytime? Being able to see stars shining in a blue sky is a fantastic experience!

Hitomi Telescope
One of the largest telescopes in Japan, with a 1.3m aperture! It is capable of observing stars as dark as 17th magnitude.



Mesmeric!

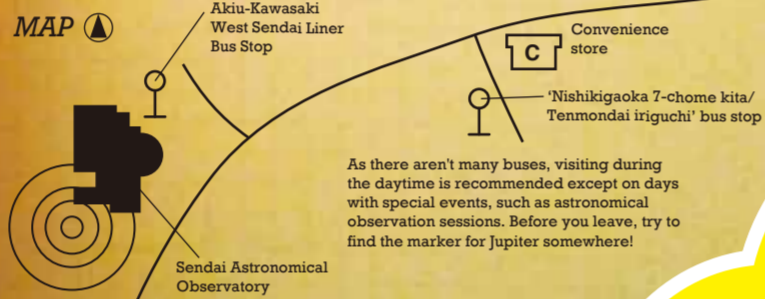
It was the most realistic planetarium I have ever seen. As you look up you really feel like you're travelling through the Milky Way!

The museum shop



The museum shop is full of amazing souvenirs like Japanese space food! Don't miss it!

25m Diameter Horizontal Dome
A hybrid planetarium fusing optical and digital planetarium systems, delivering a powerful visual experience that takes you on a galactic journey.



As there aren't many buses, visiting during the daytime is recommended except on days with special events, such as astronomical observation sessions. Before you leave, try to find the marker for Jupiter somewhere!

More Than Just Seeing

Museums Offering Workshops and Sensory Experiences

Astronomy, an ancient Jomon village and a glacial period forest ... This edition features museums where you can directly interact with exhibitions, touching, making and experiencing them. It doesn't matter whether or not you understand Japanese. Physical sensations and hands-on experiences will give you a universal sense of discovery and learning.

Sendai City Tomizawa Site Museum

(Chitei-no-mori Museum)
仙台市富沢遺跡保存館(地底の森ミュージアム)



Monica Kassab / USA

What's unique about this museum is that it was built around the unearthed remains of a 20,000-year-old forest in order to preserve them. When you enter the spacious underground chamber you're drawn into a mysterious world. The museum is also conveniently located close to a subway station and a large shopping mall.

Tomizawa Site
This is the first museum in the world to preserve and exhibit an entire archaeological site where the remains of a forest and traces of human lives were found, including traces of a Paleolithic-era bonfire and more than a hundred fragments of stone tools.



Walking around this huge site stimulates the imagination!

This 916m² exhibition room is located 5m underground and protected by 80cm-thick walls!

Velvety!

When you see the remains you might be curious about their texture. There's a display where you can touch a precious, 20,000-year-old piece of wood. You won't believe what it feels like!

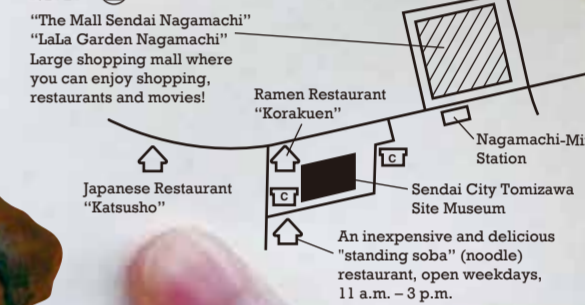


Outside the museum they've re-created a glacial-period forest. Researchers check to make sure that no plants from other periods have started growing there.

Glacial Period Forest
Imagine a herd of deer coming to drink water here, or Paleolithic men camping on the hill!

At the stone-tool-making workshop that is held as a special event, you can make a spearhead. Even experts can't distinguish the finished product from an ancient artifact, so you have to write your name on it!

MAP



Sendai City Jomon Site Park

仙台市縄文の森広場



Alise Donnere / Latvia

In the 4,000-year-old village unearthed here, you can experience the life of the Jomon Period with a wide variety of workshops that will make a perfect souvenir of your journey. It's a place you should lay back and enjoy for a nice and slow day.



I was impressed by the huge pillars and sophisticated building techniques. It's amazing a whole house from 4,000 years ago has been reconstructed!

Other-worldly!

Excavation is still ongoing, and there's still so much to be known. It's great fun to imagine what it was like by looking at the artifacts and the restored village!

Yamada Uenodai Site
On this site, a Jomon Period dwelling site as well as storage holes and traps to catch animals have been unearthed.



Making a *magatama* accessory starts off from rounding a stone. It takes a bit of time, but when you finish polishing it, you've got your own original accessory!

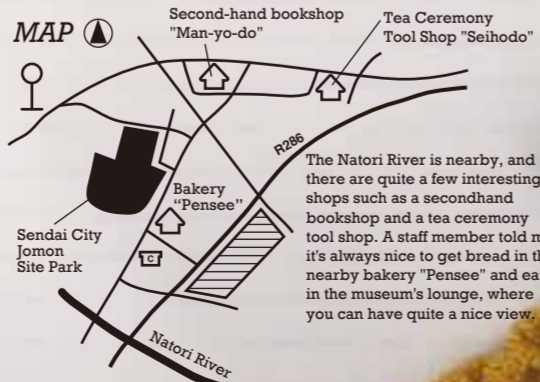
Magatama
This is a kind of accessory from prehistoric Japan. Although it is believed to have been used for ceremonies, much remains unknown.



There are dozens more Jomon workshops to try, such as making pottery, clay dolls and fire! It's just so exciting to think about what to do next!



You can try on Jomon clothes!



The Natori River is nearby, and there are quite a few interesting shops such as a secondhand bookshop and a tea ceremony tool shop. A staff member told me it's always nice to get bread in the nearby bakery "Pensee" and eat it in the museum's lounge, where you can have quite a nice view.

Other Voices



Although we could only share stories with you from three people this time, internationals in Sendai are enjoying our museums and we are collecting a lot more voices. Just to share a few...



FU WENTING
China

Sendai City Jomon Site Park

I enjoyed the outside exhibitions amidst rich greenery, as well as experiencing the life of Jomon people. It's really a museum I'd like to recommend to my friends. Hana, the mascot character of the museum, is quite cute, too. Don't miss it!

Sendai City Tomizawa Site Museum

I quite liked the 3-D photos that showed what it looked like when things were unearthed. The video was also very interesting and comprehensive, letting us know what people were doing here back then!



NGO DUC THUAN
Vietnam

Information

Temporary Closure of Sendai City Museum
December 1, 2014 - March 27, 2015

Due to refurbishment and the hosting of an exhibition for guests at the World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Sendai City Museum is closed to the general public from December 1, 2014 to March 27, 2015. It is a complete closure that includes not only exhibition rooms, but also the restaurant, museum shop and reference room on the ground floor.

Our apologies for any inconvenience, and thank you for your understanding.

URL <http://www.city.sendai.jp/kyouiku/museum/>
(available in Japanese only)

SMMA

SENDAI MIYAGI MUSEUM ALLIANCE
仙台・宮城ミュージアムアライアンス

About the Sendai-Miyagi Museum Alliance (SMMA)

SMMA is a joint project wherein various museums from the Sendai / Miyagi area put together their intellectual resources to achieve better functionality for the region. SMMA aims to create a new-era museum that meets the needs of the region. To achieve this, SMMA intends to gather knowledge and know-how from each museum's curators and specialists through joint events spanning several fields. SMMA also aims to do this by collaborating with school education, nurturing and assisting the talented people active in the region and by opening tourist attractions, efforts that were before hard to realise inside a single museum.

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