ASAHIKAWA GUIDE MAP

Who is Asappy?

Asappy is a mysterious unidentified animal that is part polar bear and part spotted seal. He wears a shirt with a picture of the Daisetsuzan mountains, an Asahibashi Bridge belt, and ramen noodles on his arms to show his love of Asahikawa. He is a symbolic character to promote Asahikawa.

Asahikawa's Symbolic Character
あさっぴー

Who is Yukkirin?

Yukkirin is a giraffe girl who has been friends with Asappy since they were little. She loves the Asahikawa snow so much that one day some snow became part of her. She's feisty but has a tender heart underneath.

Asahikawa Character
ゆっきりん

Getting to Asahikawa

Trains(Limited Express) Asahikawa ⇔ Sapporo (L-Express) Every 30 min.

Twinkle Plaza (JR Travel Center) Asahikawa Branch ..... ☎0166-22-8180
JR Hokkaido Telephone Information Center ..... ☎0166-22-1441

Intercity Buses

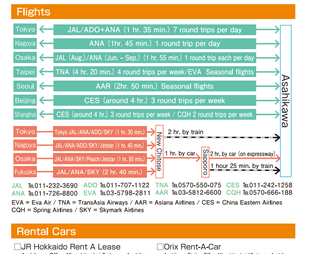
Local Buses

- **Asahikawa Denkikidou Co., Ltd.**
  Bus Information Office 1-jodori 7-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-23-3355
- **Dohoku Bus Co., Ltd.**
  General Information Office Kyoshashoder 7-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-22-1461
- **Hokkaido Chuo Bus Co., Ltd.**
  Asahikawa Branch Kaikan 7-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-25-3000

Taxis

- **Asahikawa Hire Association**
  TEL 0166-51-5423
- **Private taxi radio center**
  TEL 0166-58-1163
- **Asahi Taxi**
  TEL 0166-48-1151

Flights



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ANA ☎011-726-8800 EVA ☎03-5798-2811 AAR ☎03-5812-6600 CGH ☎070-6656-188
EVA = Eva Air / TNA = TransNusa Airways / AAR = Asiana Airlines / CES = China Eastern Airlines
CGH = Spring Airlines / SKY = Skymark Airlines

Rental Cars

- JR Hokkaido Rent A Lease
  Asahikawa Office Miyashitadori 7chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-23-2498
- Times Car Rental
  Asahikawa Station Office Miyashitadori 11-7B5, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-24-5656
  Asahikawa Airport Office 94-1, Higashikagura Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-83-4670
- Toyota Rent A Lease
  Asahikawa Station Office Miyashitadori 6chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-23-0100
  Asahikawa Airport Office Sugino Higashi 1-jo 4chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-83-3701
- Honda Rent A Lease Asahikawa
  Asahikawa Idoi Office Kagura 5-jo 9-chome 1-23, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-69-5588
  Asahikawa Airport Office Higashi Sugino 1-jo, Higashikagura Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-83-0088
- Nippon Rent-A-Car
  Asahikawa Station Office Miyashitadori Nishi 4-115-1, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-24-0919
  Asahikawa Airport Office 94-1, Higashikagura Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-83-0919
- Orix Rent-A-Car
  Asahikawa Station Office Miyashitadori 10chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-26-0543
  Asahikawa Airport Office 94-1, Higashikagura Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-83-5757
- Nissan Rent-A-Car
  Asahikawa Station Office Miyashitadori 10chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-26-3323
  Asahikawa Airport Office Kita 3jo 3kl, Higashikagura Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-83-3923
- Choinori Rent-A-Car
  Sunhiro Higashi Office Sunhiro Higashi 1-jo 4-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-51-7573
  Tenshinbashi Office Nagayama 3dji 8-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-48-9267
  Midorimachi Office Midorimachi 13-chome, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-21-9836
  Biei Office Onsaki 2chome, Biei Town, Kamikawa-gun
  TEL 0166-82-1905
- AG Rent-A-Car Free pick up & drop off service within Asahikawa
  Suehiro 3jo 1chome 7-8, Asahikawa
  TEL 0166-74-6588
- Itsumo Rent-A-Car Minami 6-jodori Office
  (Suehiro Office Nagayama Kanji Office Toyooka 13kn Office)
  TEL 0166-32-8887 (Minami 6-jodori Office)

Inquiries about This Guide Map or Joining This Association

Asahikawa Tourist & Convention Association
2F Asahikawa Food Terrace, 5-jodori 7-chome, Asahikawa, Hokkaido
TEL0166-23-0090 FAX0166-23-1166
http://www.atca.jp
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Asahikawa Tourist Information

Asahikawa Tourism and Convention Association Information Center

Address Miyashita-dori 8-chome 3-ban 1-go, Asahikawa (in front of the east ticket gate at JR Asahikawa Station)
TEL 0166-26-6665
FAX 0166-22-6704
Opening Hours 8:30am~7pm (June ~ September) 9am~7pm (October ~ May)
Closed December 31 to January 2

This center provides information about tourist attractions and restaurants in Asahikawa and other areas of northern and eastern Hokkaido. It also has a souvenir shop selling local products and sweets.

Eki naka (souvenirs/restaurant)
TEL 0166-24-2552
Opening Hours 8:30am~7pm (June ~ September),9am~7pm (October ~ May)

Asahikawa General Tourist Information Center(Asa Terrace)

Address 2F Asahikawa Food Terrace 5-jodori 7-chome, Asahikawa, Hokkaido
TEL 0166-27-7777
Opening Hours 9am~7pm
Closed December 30~January 4

This center provides information on popular sightseeing spots in Asahikawa. The Machinaka Koryukan shop next door sells souvenirs from Asahikawa. There's also a restaurant on the first floor.

Asahikawa Airport General Information Center

An information booth is available in the arrivals lobby.
TEL 0166-83-3716
Opening Hours 8:10am~7:50 pm(opening hours may vary depending on the flight schedule)

Economy and Tourism Department, Tourism Division, Asahikawa City Government
2F Asahikawa Food Terrace 5-jodori 7-chome, Asahikawa, Hokkaido
TEL0166-25-7168 FAX0166-26-8585
http://www.city.asahikawa.hokkaido.jp/files/kankou

Emergency Care
Asahikawa Night Emergency Center(10pm-8am)
TEL0166-25-0297
Kinsei-cho 1-chome 1-ban 50-go, Asahikawa

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1 Asahikawa City Asahiyama Zoo — Area D-3 on the map

Address Asahiyama Higashi Asahikawa-cho, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-36-1104

Japan's northernmost zoo, Asahiyama Zoo focuses on "behavior-based exhibits" to show the animals' activity in the most natural way possible. Observe the animals at their liveliest as they swim or climb in simulated environments. Watch the animals in the snow in winter and see them at night for a limited time.

Admission Fee

	Adult	Zoo Passport
	820yen	1,020yen
Omotenashi Pass (2-day pass)	820yen	Combined Passport for Zoo and Science Museum
*Only for guests staying in accommodations such as hotels and inns in Asahikawa		1,820yen
Group (25 or more people)	720yen	Kids aged 15 and under: Free

*Asahikawa residents 590 Yen

	Open Season	Opening Hours	Closed
Summer	April 29 – October 15	9:30 am – 5:15pm (Last Admission, 4 pm)	Open every day
	October 16 – November 3	9:30 am – 4:30 pm (Last Admission, 4 pm)	
Night Zoo	August 9 – 15	9:30am – 9:00pm (Last Admission, 8 pm)	
Winter	November 11 – April 9	10:30am – 3:30pm (Last Admission, 3pm)	New Year Holiday (December 30 – January 1)

BUS Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 24 25 42 ▶ Alight Asahiyama Zoo Travel time About 40 min.

2 Asahiyama Miura Teien Garden — Area G-3 on the map

Address Sakuranuma, Higashi Asahikawa-cho, Asahikawa (adjoining Asahiyama Zoo)
☎ 0166-36-6811
Opening Hours April 29 (Sun) – October 15 (Sun)
Closed Open every day during open season
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (last admission at 4:30 pm)
Admission Adult: 300 Yen (150 yen for those also visiting the zoo) Person with disabilities and 1 caregiver: 150 Yen each Children aged 13 and under: Free

This garden was created by the late Mr. Takeshi Miura in 1965, and has been tended and developed with the utmost love and care throughout the decades since. From the end of June to the beginning of August, you can see over 2000 kinds of colorful water lilies and many wild flowers across the 29 acres of the garden.

3 Asahikawa Science Center Sci-Pal — Area D-7 on the map

Address Miyamae 1dji 3-chome, Asahikawa (Kitasato Asahikawa Civic Core District)
☎ 0166-31-3186
Opening Hours 9:30 am – 5:00 pm (Last Admission: 4:30 pm)
Closed Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, it is closed on Tuesday), Open every day from June to September, *New Year Holidays (December 30~ January 1 and January 3 and 4) *On the last weekday of every month (for inspection and maintenance of the machinery)
Admission Adult: 400 Yen Student aged 16-18: 250 Yen (Planetarium not included) Child aged 15 and under: Free

At this famous Planetarium and Observatory you will not only find regular exhibitions about "Northern Lands", "The Earth" and "The Universe", but also all sorts of laboratories where you can observe natural phenomena. Learn through Bird-watcher experience.

BUS Bus Stop ❷ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 29 32 ▶ Alight Kagakukan-mae Travel time About 1 min.
Bus Stop ❶ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 33 ▶ Alight Shunkoen-mae Travel time About 1 min.

4 Asahikawa City Museum — Area D-7 on the map

Address Kagura 3dji 7-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-69-2004
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Last Admission 4:30 pm)
Closed *On the second and fourth Monday of each month from October to May (When Monday is a holiday, it is closed on Tuesday) *New Year Holidays (December 30 – January 4)
Admission Adult 300 Yen, student aged 16-18: 200 Yen, child aged 6-15: Free

The Asahikawa City Museum offers an easy-to-understand compendium of the Ainu culture, based on the analysis of precious historical documents and the results of the latest research.There is no better place to get a general understanding of Asahikawa's history and nature.

BUS Bus Stop ❶ Dohoku Bus 14 18 24 25 42 ▶ Alight Kagura 4-7 Travel time About 8 min.
Bus Stop ❷ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 29 32 ▶ Alight Kagura 4-8 Travel time About 8 min.

5 Hokuchin Memorial Museum — Area C-6 on the map

Address 0000F Asahikawa Base, Shunkoucho, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-51-5111 (内2496)
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00pm April • October; 9:30 am – 4:00 pm November • March
Closed Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, it is closed on Tuesday)
Admission Free

Learn more about Hokkaido's development and the history of its self-defense force through this museum's collection of documents on the formation of the Tonden Army settlers, the 1JA Seventh Division of the Japanese Army, and the work of the Second Division of the Japan Ground Self-Defense Force.

BUS Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 8 51 ▶ Alight Gokoku Jinja-mae Travel time About 10 min.
Bus Stop ❷ Dohoku Bus 52
Bus Stop ❹ Dohoku Bus 8 14 18 33

6 Asahikawa Heison Memorial Museum — Area F-4 on the map

Address Higashi Asahikawa Minami 1-jo 6-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-36-2323
Opening Hours 9:00 am • 4:30 pm (April 24 • October 25)
Closed Tuesdays
Admission 5 min. walk from Higashi-Asahikawa Station Adult: 500 Yen, Student aged 16 and up: 400 Yen, Child aged 6-15: 200 Yen

Here you can find historical evidence of the hardships and grueling training that the Tonden Army settlers in Asahikawa had to go through every day.

BUS Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 26 41 42 ▶ Alight Higashi Asahikawa 1-6 Travel time About 20 min.

7 Yasushi Inoue Memorial Museum — Area D-7 on the map

Address Shuhro 5jo 7-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-51-1188
Opening Hours 9:00 am-5:00 pm (Last Admission 4:30 pm)
Closed Mondays (when Monday is a holiday it is closed on Tuesday), New Year Holidays,Open every day from June to September,
Admission Adult: 200 Yen,Student aged 16-18: 100 Yen, Children aged 15 and under: Free

Asahikawa is the birthplace of the iconic Japanese writer, Yasushi Inoue. This exhibition encompasses his 83 years of life, comprising a collection of precious documents, Inoue's original study and drawing room (relocated to Asahikawa from his home in Tokyo), and his hand-written notebooks where he poured out his feelings for his birthplace.

8 Asahikawa Museum of Sculpture in Honor of Teijiro Nakahara
formerly Asahikawa Kakosha, a building designated as a National Important Cultural Property
Address Shuhro 5jo 7-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-69-5858 (Asahikawa Museum of Sculpture Office)
Closed for renovation — Area D-6 on the map

This museum's exhibition centers on 12 pieces of art by Nakahara Teijirou, one of the most influential sculptors in Japan's modern art scene. It's hard to believe that the building, now appointed as a National Important Cultural Property, was originally established in 1902 as a watering hole for military officers.

BUS Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 5 ▶ Alight Shunkoen-mae Travel time About 19 min.
Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 22
Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 23

9 Kawamura Kaneto Aynu Memorial Museum — Area D-6 on the map

Address Hokumonmachi 1-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-51-2461
Opening Hours 9:00 am • 5:00 pm (9:00 am • 6:00 pm July • August)
Closed Open every day
Admission Adult: 500 Yen, Student aged 13-18: 400 Yen, Child aged 6-12: 300 Yen

Opened in 1976, this private museum is one of Hokkaido's best history museums. It works to preserve and pass on the Ainu culture and folklore. The museum's collection displays Ainu utensils used in everyday life, various documents of historical relevance, and even a traditional dwelling called "Chise".

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 23 ▶ Alight Aynu Memorial Museum Travel time About 10 min.

10 Statue and Poetry Monument of Takuboku Ishikawa — Asahikawa City

Address Kawamoto 3chome, Asahikawa
Inside the Asahikawa Tourism and Local Products Information Center in JR Asahikawa Station)
☎ 0166-26-6665
Opening Hours Tuesdays 9:30 am – 7:00 pm June – September; 9:00 am – 7:00 pm October – May
Closed New Year holidays

A life-sized statue of poet Takuboku Ishikawa was erected in 2012, a century after his death, in gratitude for his Ainu-inspired collaborative poem of 31 syllables) that he dedicated to Asahikawa in his anthology Ichiaku no Suna (A Handful of Sand). You can sit next to the statue for a commemorative photo.

11 Asahikawa Museum of Sculpture in Honor of Teijiro Nakahara: Asahikawa Station Gallery — Asahikawa City

Address Miyashitadori 8chome, Asahikawa (In front of the east ticket gate in JR Asahikawa Station)
☎ 0166-69-5858 (Asahikawa Museum of Sculpture Office)
Opening Hours 10:30 am • 6:30 pm (Last Admission 6:15 pm)
Closed Mondays except June ~ September (When Monday is a holiday, it is closed on Tuesday), New Year holidays.

Asahikawa is known as a city of sculptures. In its gateway, Asahikawa Station, you'll find a gallery specializing in sculptures, where you can enjoy the showcased artworks by local sculptors such as Teijiro Nakahara and Bikky Sunazawa.

12 Tokiwa Park — Asahikawa City

Address Tokiwa Park, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-22-1934
(Asahikawa Parks Association)

Included in Japan's Top 100 Most Beautiful City Parks, this park truly is a jewel within the city. With its two ponds and cluster of trees, the park gives off an aura of calm and serenity, and is one of the Asahikawa citizens' most beloved places for cherry blossom and fall foliage viewing.

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 23 ▶ Alight Tokiwa Park Travel time About 5 min.

13 Hokkaido Asahikawa Museum of Art — Asahikawa City

Address Tokiwa Park, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-25-2577
Opening Hours 9:30 am – 5:00 pm (Last Admission 4:30 pm)
Closed Mondays (When Monday is a holiday, it is closed on Tuesday), New Year Holidays,
Admission Varies according to the exhibition

In addition to planning and hosting a wide range of national and international exhibitions, this museum also strives to promote local art by systematically collecting and preserving a selection of exquisite artworks and wooden sculptures from throughout northern Hokkaido.

BUS Bus Stop ❸ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 8 51 ▶ Alight Tokiwa Park Travel time About 5 min.
Bus Stop ❷ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 5
Bus Stop ❹ Dohoku Bus 22 32 50

14 Tetsuo Nishikawa Literature Museum — Asahikawa City

Address 1-dori 8chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-25-8700
Opening Hours 10:00 am – 5:00 pm May – October (closed in winter)
Closed Mondays and Tuesdays (except when Monday or Tuesday is a holiday)
Admission Adult: 400 Yen, University student: 300 Yen, Student aged 13-18: 200 Yen

This museum is dedicated to the memory of Tetsuro Nishikawa, an Asahikawa-born poet who was one of Japan's representative haiku poets.

15 Hokkaido Folk Arts and Crafts Village — Area B-8 on the map

- Yukara Ori Craft Museum Traditional Dyeing and Weaving Art Museum
- Snow Crystal Museum ☎ 0166-63-2211

Address Kawamoyama 3chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-61-6161
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Closed New Year Holidays (the International Dyeing and Weaving Art Museum is closed from November to March)
Admission Adult: Yukara Ori Craft Museum: 500 Yen International Dyeing and Weaving Art Museum: 600 Yen Snow Crystal Museum: 700 Yen
Special discounts for combined tickets and for children

An acclaimed cultural complex comprising the Yukara Ori Craft Museum, International Dyeing and Weaving Art Museum, Snow Crystal Museum. You can also weave your own piece from threads in your favorite colors at the Yukara Ori Craft Museum (reservation required).

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Dohoku Bus ▶ Alight Takasagodai-higuchi Travel time About 12 min.
Central Bus Terminal: Hokkaido Chuo Bus, Sorachi Chuo Bus (Fukakyu Line, Ashikyu Line), Alight at Takasagode Entrance

16 Asahibashi Bridge — Hokkaido Cultural Property

Address Takiwadori 3chome, Asahikawa ~ Motomachi 1-chome/Asahimachi 1-jo 1-chome,
☎ 0166-21-1934

This bridge connecting the north and the south side of the city was built in 1932, using the most cutting-edge technology available at the time. To this very day, its elegant, arched shape makes it an unmistakable and beloved symbol of the city for many of its inhabitants.

17 Kuraimu — Asahikawa City

(Modern Industrial Heritage Site)
Address Hoshizuki 11-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-22-2487
Access 1 min. walk from JR Asahikawa Station

The Kamikawa warehouses are century-old historical buildings that have been reopened for other purposes, such as a local beer brewery and a design gallery, to showcase the culture of the area.

Design Gallery and Shop Kuraimu Closed on Mondays

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 8 51 ▶ Alight Tokiwa Park Travel time About 5 min.
Bus Stop ❷ Dohoku Bus 22 32 50

18 Arashiyama Park — Area A-7 on the map

19 Hoppo Yasoen (Northern Wild Plants Garden)

Address Arashiyama Park, Takizu Town, Kamikawa-gun
☎ 0166-55-5779 (Arashiyama Park Center)
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Last Admission 4:30 pm) from end of April – October 15
Access Open every day Admission Free

Once a sacred place for the Ainu people, who called it "Chinomishiri" ("the mountain on which we pray"), this mountain was renamed as "Arashiyama" during the late 19th century due to its striking resemblance to a famous mountain with the same name in Kyoto. Inside the park you can visit Hoppo Yasoen, a botanic garden with a vast collection of native plants from northern regions.

20 Kita no Arashiyama — Area A-7 on the map

Blending gracefully with a quiet residential area, Kita no Arashiyama is a cultural spot interspersed with glass, ceramic and crafts studios, art galleries and cafes.

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 3 33 ▶ Alight Hoppo Yasoen Iriguchi Travel time About 20 min.

21 Miura Ayako Literature Museum — Area D-7 on the map

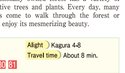
Address Kagura 7dji 8-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-69-2626
Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Last Admission 4:30 p.m.)
Closed New Year holidays
Admission Adult: 500 Yen, Student aged 16 and over: 300 Yen, Child aged 6-15: 100 Yen

Miura Ayako was the author of many literary masterpieces such as "Hyouten" (Freezing Point), "Siokari Touge" (Shiokari Pass)" and "Juukou" (Gun Point), all dealing with the question of "how people survive". The museum holds a permanent exhibit of autographed manuscripts, draft notebooks and literary commentaries, in addition to hosting a variety of events.

22 Foreign Tree Specimen Forest — Area D-8 on the map

Access Kagura 7dji 8-chome, Asahikawa

Famous for being the setting for the novel "Hyouten (Freezing Point)" by Miura Ayako, this nationally owned forest has a variety of non-native trees and plants. Every day, many visitors come to walk through the forest or simply enjoy its mesmerizing beauty.



BUS Bus Stop ❶ Dohoku Bus 4 45 46 ▶ Alight Kagura 4-8 Travel time About 8 min.
Bus Stop ❷ Dohoku Bus 5
Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 23 31

23 Heiwa-dori Kaimono Koen — Asahikawa City

Built in 1972, Heiwa-dori Kaimono Koen was the first permanent pedestrian street to be built in Japan. The tree-lined avenue extends about one kilometer from the north side of Asahikawa Station, surrounded by sculptures, boutiques and cafes. Events are held here throughout the year.

24 Shujitsu no Oka Hill — Area M-2 on the map

Access Shujitsu no Oka Hill

Entry to farmlands nearby is prohibited.

This hilly land located southeast of Asahikawa Airport offers a breathtaking view of the highest peaks of the Daisetsuzan mountains and the Tokachi mountain range. It is also an excellent photo spot to capture the rolling hills of Asahikawa and Biei Town.

25 Ueno Farm — Area F-1 on the map

Address Nagayamachi-1chome, 1956banchi, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-47-8741
Opening Hours 10:00 am – 5:00 pm Visits to the Gardens: April 23 – October 16 Cafe closed December 21 – January 14
Access Open every day while the garden is open (cafe closed on Mondays when the garden is closed)
Access 15 min. walk from JR Sakuraoka Station
Admission Adult: 800 Yen, Child aged 12 and under: Free, Groups of more than 15 people: 700 Yen per person

A Hokkaido-style garden designed for the northern climate and environment. It is the art of the genius mind of designer Sayuki Ueno, who is known for her unique design of Kaze no Garden in Furano, and is tended with the help of her family.

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 3 33 ▶ Alight Hoppo Yasoen Iriguchi Travel time About 20 min.

26 Plane Tree Boulevard — Area E-7 on the map

Address Higashi Asahikawa Minami-gaoka District, Asahikawa

This almost 3km-long plane tree-lined boulevard is nothing short of magical. In summer, its foliage covers the roadway above, forming a bright green tunnel, while in fall, the blazing colors of its leaves attract countless visitors. With many stylish stores on both sides, it is no wonder that this road is also known as "Romantic Road".

27 Kamuikotan — Area B-10 on the map

Address Kamuikotan, Kamuicho, Asahikawa
(One of Japan's Top 100 Geological Features)

Kamuikotan is without a doubt one of the most beautiful scenic spots in the city.The multifaceted beauty of this gorge changes with the seasons: it is resplendent with cherry blossoms in the spring, greenery in summer and colorful leaves in fall, then in winter it is covered with glittering snow.Kamuikotan is known for being a sacred place for the Ainu people, who still pass down legends about some of its strangely shaped rocks and groups of crevices. Every year, during the Kotan Festival, the Ainu people perform a ritual for the safe crossing of the gorge.

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Dohoku Bus Rumoi Line 55 ▶ Alight Yumedono Kannon Travel time About 26 min.
Central Bus Terminal: Hokkaido Chuo Bus, Sorachi Chuo Bus (Fukakyu Line, Ashikyu Line), Alight at Yumedono Kannon

28 Otokoyama Nature Park — Area C-1 on the map

Address Higashiyama, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-57-2131 (Otokoyama Nature Park Office)
Opening Hours 7:00 am – 5:00 pm Mid-April – Mid-May
Admission Free

Right in front of the Yumedono Kannon Bus stop, you can see Hokkaido's largest colony of dogtooth violets (including those on the Tosshozan mountain). For a better view, you can walk to a beautiful round promenade inside the park in about 20 min.

BUS Bus Stop ❷ Dohoku Bus 2 (non-express buses only) 55 ▶ Alight Otokoyama Koenmae Travel time About 32 min.

29 Kaguraoka Park — Area D-7 on the map

Address Kaguraoka Park, Asahikawa

Once called "Hecchisshi" or "Hill of the Dancing God" by the Ainu people, nowadays Kaguraoka Park is a beloved destination for many local people all year-round. Enjoy cherry blossom viewing in spring, camping in summer, colorful leaves in fall and winter sports such as skiing in winter.

30 Kamikawa Jinja Shrine — Area D-7 on the map

Address Kaguraoka Park, Asahikawa

In 1889, Takeshire Nagayama, the Commissioner of Hokkaido, submitted a proposal to the Cabinet for the construction of a "Northern Capital" in Kamikawa.The proposal did not meet the cabinet's favor at first, so "Northern Capital" was considered an inappropriate name. When Nagayama changed the name to "Hokkaido Royal Villa", the government approved the proposal without further ado. However, many complications arose, causing the project to eventually be scrapped. In Kaguraoka you can find a stone monument telling you the story of the royal villa that was almost built here.

BUS Bus Stop ❹ Asahikawa Denkikidou Bus 22 32 ▶ Alight Kamikawa Jinja Shrine Travel time About 10 min.

31 Asahikawa Kitasaito Garden — Area D-7 on the map

Address Miyashitadori 8chome, Asahikawa

The unique location of this garden, directly connected to the JR Asahikawa Station and close to the city center, has earned it attention nationwide. Cross the concourse on the west side of the station and you'll find a pedestrian-only shopping street called Heiwadori Kaimono Koen. On the south side, you can enjoy the refreshing view of the Chubetsugawa River, set against a backdrop of Asahikawa's abundant nature. In Winter, don't miss the chance to go skiing or snowshoeing through the park.

32 Asahikawa Hasshin Land Sakuraoka Mongolian Village — Area F-2 on the map

Address Sakuraoka 3-5-3, Higashi Asahikawa-cho, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-37-1113
Opening Hours 10:00 am – 6:00 pm (Early May – Late October)
Closed Thursday
Admission 40 min. by car from JR Asahikawa Station

Located in Asahikawa Hasshin Land Sakuraoka Hill, the Asahikawa Mongolian Village campsite offers an insight into the lifestyle of Mongolian nomads. You can sleep in a "Gertu" tent, visit old cultural facilities, ride a pony riding, relax in a Goemon bath, enjoy crispy bread and pizza baked in a stone oven, and much more. You can also find an observatory on top of a small hill, where you can see a 360-degree panoramic view of Asahikawa.

33 Asahikawa Ginza Shopping Street — Asahikawa City

Address 1-jodori to 4-jodori, 14 and 15-chome, Asahikawa
☎ 0166-23-1210
Opening Hours Varies depending on the store
Access 5 min. by car from JR Asahikawa Station

This shopper's paradise is the second street in the city, after Heiwadori Kaimono Koen, to be open only to pedestrians. An irresistible retro atmosphere pervades the area, which is chock-a-block with stores, restaurants, shopping malls and markets.You can enjoy the Benten Festival in June, the Star Festival in August and the Ginza Tabe Marche (Ginza Food Market) in January.

Local Products (For further details please ask at each facility)

Across the Crystalbashi Bridge from JR Asahikawa Station, you'll find stores selling local products and delicacies, a food court serving local cuisine, delicious bakeries and all the tourist info you could need (open from the end of April until the end of October). Stop by and indulge in Hokkaido food and culture!

Roadside Station

Area D-7 on the map

- **Michinoeki Asahikawa Roadside Station**
  Address Kagura 4-ab 5-chome 1-12, Asahikawa
  ☎ 0166-61-2283
  (Asahikawa Center for the Promotion of Local Industries)
  Opening Hours Stores: 9:00 am – 7:00 pm Bakeries and Cafes: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Food Court: 11:00 am – 8:00 pm
  Access About 3 min. by car from JR Asahikawa Station
  URL http://www.asahikawa-jobasan.com

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Asahikawa Furniture

Area D-4 on the map

- **Asahikawa Furniture Center**
  Address Nagayama 2jo 10-Chome, Asahikawa
  ☎ 0166-48-4135
  Opening Hours 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
  Closed Open holidays (Festival of Souls, August), New Year holidays
  Access 15 min. by car from JR Station
  URL http://www.asahikawa-kagu.jp/

Asahikawa's Furniture Center, the home of Japan's top-class furniture, is a place where you can see, touch and feel the city's reputation as one of the best furniture manufacturers in the nation. At the Asahikawa Furniture Center, you can see the industry's newest creations, with a permanent display of 1,000 pieces of furniture.

Experiences (For further details please ask at each