

Come and relax in nature of Taku.

A Golf course

There are four golf courses in the city. (In order of distance from Taku Interchange Highway: "Tenzan Country Club North Course", "Tenzan Country Club", "Taku Golf Club", & "Saga Classic Golf Club.") Please refresh yourself within Taku's nature.



C Mt. Oninohana Forest

There are entertainment facilities such as the Red Ogre Slide and Grass Ski Slide. In the open areas, one can enjoy a leisurely picnic with family and/or friends. Hikes to the top of the hill, view all of Saga prefecture.



D Kyushu Natural Walkway Hachimandake Route



Stone monument of the Matsuurasayo princess legend

E Kyushu Natural Walkway Tenzan Route



There are two routes that go through Taku: "Tenzan Route" & "Hachimandake Route." Hike up the mountain and the view from the summit is beautiful. Maps are available at the City Hall, so please feel free to use them.

F Central Park

This is a park that is next to a city area. There are sports grounds, such as running tracks baseball fields near the park and have a good time every season. This park is also known for its Sakura (Cherry Blossom) flowers.



play&rest

festival&event

Experience the Festivities of Taku

Taku Festival

Enjoy traditional local and Yosakoi dances, ballads, or go shopping for farm produce in this entertaining festival.



Taku Yamagasa



Taku's Summer festival is a 50year old tradition that features human and paper lantern floats that dance to the rhythm of flutes and taiko drums. Parading near Taku station, this lively festival includes a spectacular fireworks finale.

Confucian Temple Fair

This fair takes place at the Confucian Temple. The Temple Fair is held annually from New Years Eve to New Years Day.



An Analects of Confucius Karuta Competition



Compete in a karuta "grabbing card" competition with the teachings of Confucius.

Nanakusa Porridge Fair



Eat Nanakusa porridge at the Kudozukuris homes for good luck for the year.

The Sekisai Festival of Taku's Confucian Temple

With over 300 years of history, the Sekisai Festival commemorates Confucius in a Chinese style festival held twice a year in the Spring (April 18th) and autumn (the fourth Sunday of October). Come watch performances of court music and ceremonial rituals of sacrificial offerings made to Confucius, Yanzi, Tsengtzu, and Zishizi. In this ceremony, Mencius's order consecrates sweet wine, almonds, chestnuts, Japanese parsley, vegetables, meat, bamboo shoots, rice cake, etc. Chinese poems, collected nation wide, are read aloud. After a ceremony, a dance of sekisai which is an entertainment of the Chinese tradition of a race is shown by the students of the local junior high school and high school. Also has Mr. Zhao Yong's Yang Harp performance, is a highlight of the Fall Festival.



Ceremony



Sekisai dance

Mr. Zhao's playing

Confucian Festival

A Confucian festival has been held after Autumn Sekisai. Since a cultural exchange with Qufu, China, in 1992, Traditional Chinese events, such as the Lion dance and Chinese drums are performed.

Children participate in a traditional Chinese dance



Child drum



Lion dance

Event Calendar

- 1 JANUARY
Nanakusa Porridge Festival
An Analects of Confucius Karuta Competition
- 4 APRIL
Taku Confucian Temple Spring Sekisai
(April 18th, Taku Confucian Temple)
- 7 JULY
Kanyun Mocton of Taisiguo ceremony
(July 14th, Senshoji)
Sunahara 25th night festival
(23th July, Sunahara-ku)
- 8 AUGUST
Taku Yamagasa
(August 15, 16 around Taku station)
Kakawa Tug-of-war
(August 15th)
- 9 SEPTEMBER
Tenzan Monument Ceremony
September 19th, Top of Mt.Tenzan
- 10 OCTOBER
Taku Confucian Temple Sekisai Autumn Festival
(Fourth Sunday in October, Taku Confucian Temple)
- 12 DECEMBER
Believers Festival
(Second Sunday in December, Yoshida Cutting tool shop)
Taku Confucian Temple Fair
(December 31st to January 1st, Taku Confucian Temple)

There are a lot of Taku products.

Kishikawa Manju



Some families in Kishigawa, Kitataku (northern Taku) still make "Sake Manju" using generational recipes and the traditional methods. Various types of manju. There are various types of manju

Taku Manju



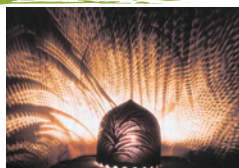
Their origins are traced back to the first year of the Meiji Period. These special manju were given to visitors who traveled to Taku. The 5types of manju include: red bean paste, brown sugar, potato, and so on.

"Confucius Manju", "Four Seasons of Tankyu"



"Four Seasons of Tankyu" is made with chestnut, plum, kumquat, and apricot products mixed into cakes. "Confucius Manju" is made with a puff cake filled with select bean paste.

Studio "Tourei"



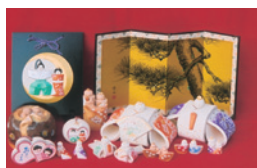
Using a "Light Ceramics" method, these attractive Karatsu Ceramic styled productions can hold mountain grass, flowers, incense, etc.

Kanogama



Created with "Karatsu Ceramic" techniques, these works vary from daily basic tableware to egg-like objects as motif are gathered here.

Doll Workshop "Seishinbo"



Peace and tranquility are the themes of these works. The most popular ones are those of scholars, Kanshi dolls of Japanese music courts, and Hina dolls.

Yoshida Stage Tool Shop



Their sickles for cutting weeds are top graded throughout Japan. The company's direct sale location has many different products.

Studio "Yakitake Yume Koubou"



Using bamboo grown in Taku, The bamboo is fashioned into a one of kind work of art. The works' sizes vary from 30cm to 3m.

Product House Houraian

Confucius Analects Karuta card and study charms (blessed by Confucius, the "god of studies") can be purchased here along with pickled goods and other locally made product.

speciality&souvenir



Taku Hometown Information Center "Bansen-no sato"

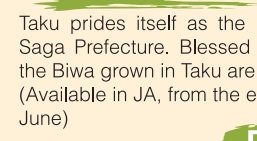
Grown and harvested in Nishi Taku (West Taku), mountain vegetables, soft-shelled turtles, seasonal flowers, handmade crafts, etc. are sold here at reasonable prices.

"Onnayama Daikon"(Radish)



This is a rare red daikon that has been cultivated in Nishi Taku since ancient times. It is a bit sweet, and it does not get mushy easily while being boiled. (Available in Bansen-no sato, from November to February)

Biwa



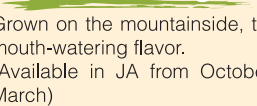
Taku prides itself as the leading producer of Biwa in Saga Prefecture. Blessed with sunshine and irrigation, the Biwa grown in Taku are especially sweet and juicy. (Available in JA, from the end of May to the beginning of June)

Peaches



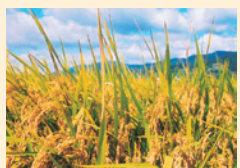
Cultivated near the end of March, Taku's peaches are known for their sweet nectar fragrance that coincide with the blooming of flowers. Try these peaches when they are completely red in color. (Available in JA, from mid-May to the beginning of July)

Unshu oranges



Grown on the mountainside, these oranges bare mouth-watering flavor. (Available in JA from October to beginning of March)

Taku's Rice "Hinohikari"



Rice that is grown through the warm climate and water creates the highest quality in taste. (Available in JA, Local Rice Shop)

scene&natural

Year long Attractions.

Taku River



as the kingfisher.

If you take a walk along the Taku River, you will feel relaxed. It is the perfect place for taking a stroll. You can see wild birds, such

Maki Hedges



spread of a fire.

Approximately in 280 years ago, A feudal lord of Taku seems to have commanded to plant a tree of maki for prevention of

The Three Cedar of Taku Hachimanjinia



Prefecture. They are 35meters high and 5.15m in diameter.

Enjoy the natural beauty of the four seasons in Taku.

Huge Azalea Tree
(June 10, Senshoji)

2000 Years Old Lotus
(End of June to Middle of July Shoukouji, South of Taku Confucian Temple)

summer

夏

春

spring

Sakura Blossoms
(From the end of March to the beginning of April, Seikei Park, Central Park, Iwayazankai Keiou Park)

Rape blossoms
(From March to April, Nounso usizu riverside)



White eye



Kingfisher

In taku blessed by nature, other than the beautiful seasonal flowers, one can also see 140-150 different types of birds alone in Taku. Flowers, trees, birds, fish, insects, etc. - they are all our valuable friends.

冬

winter

秋

autumn

Sakura (Cherry Blossom) of Seikei Park

Azalea Tree of Senshoji

Mt. Funa During Winter

Autumn foliage of Seikei Park

Colored Leaves
From mid to end of November, Seikei Park, Takujiinja

Sunflower
(End of October, Shoukouji)