

Minamiboso Events Calendar

English Version, January 2014

Check out these events going on in the heart of Minamiboso

Jan 1st ~ May 6th

Strawberry picking (various locations)

Five different varieties of local strawberries will come into season at the green houses that are scattered across Minamiboso. Whether you're with family or a group of friends, this is a fun hands-on activity that tastes good too! Come savor these carefully grown fruits at their freshest they can ever get!

Where: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club, Minamiboso City

Time: 9:30am - 4pm

Registration: required

Fee:

Jan 1st - Jan 13th 1600 yen

Jan 15th - Mar 30th 1500 yen

Apr 1st - May 6th 1100 yen

Contact: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club, 0470-33-4611

http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/co_shisetu/view/status3.asp?id=47

Where: JA Awa Tateno Branch Tateyama Strawberry Picking Center, Tateyama City

Time: 9:00am - 3pm

Registration: required

Fee:

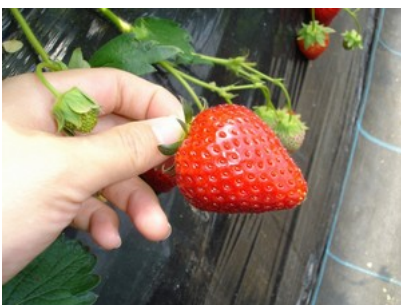
Jan 1st - Jan 13th 1600 yen

Jan 14th - Mar 31st 1500 yen

Apr 1st - May 6th 1100 yen

Contact: Tateyama Strawberry Picking Center, 0470-22-3466

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Where:

Tateyama
Tourism
Strawberry
Picking
Center,
Tateyama City

Time: 9:00am
- 3pm

Registration:
required

Fee:

Jan 1st - Jan 10th 1600 yen

Jan 11th - Mar 31st 1500 yen

Apr 1st - May 6th 1100 yen

Contact: Tateyama Tourism Strawberry Picking Center, 0470-23-1130 or 0470-22-4717
<http://ichigo.mboso.ne.jp>



January 1st

See the first sunrise from Wada-ura Station! (JR Plan)

JR View is offering a special round trip ticket offer that includes a 1000 yen coupon you can use at the Wada-ura Roadside Station, as well as an original

whale hand towel. The Roadside Station will be open for special early morning hours that day, so you can spend a relaxing early morning after seeing the first sunrise of the year appear from the clear ocean of Minamiboso.

Cost: 7000 yen* for adults, 4600 yen for children

*If leaving from Shinjuku Station. Price will differ depending on boarding station

Where: Roadside Station Wadaura Wa.O!, Minamiboso City

Registration: required

Contact: View Reservations Center, 0570-04-8929

http://www.jreast.co.jp/chiba/view/magazine/03460_0101/?Page=3

January 1st

Horse trek as you view the first sunrise

Horse Trekking Park Tateyama is a relatively new business that opened, offering various horse trekking opportunities for beginner and

experienced riders alike. Enjoy the scenery as you are lead through mountains and ocean by horse. Their New Year's Day special is an early trek by the ocean as you view the first sunrise of the year (limited to mid-level riders).

Time: from 4:00am, about 2 hours

Cost: 26000 yen, include a snack

Where: Horse Trekking Park Tateyama, Tateyama City

Registration: required

Contact: Horse Trekking Park Tateyama 050-5820-7286

tateyama@horsetrekking.jp

<http://horsetrekking.jp/event/>



January 1st ~ 5th

New Year's mochi pounding and throwing

The Tateyama Family Park will have mochi pounding and throwing to celebrate the New Year. Try your hand at these Japanese New Year's traditions, and be sure to eat your fill of the rice cakes as well! Visit the park itself afterwards for some poppy, sea lavender, and stock flower picking while you're there.

Mochi pounding

When: Jan 1st ~ 3rd

Time: 10:30am~

Cost: free

Where: Entrance to Tateyama Family Park

Mochi Throwing

When: Jan 4th ~ 5th

Time: 2:00pm~

Cost: park entry fee (530 yen adults/ 320 yen elem. school child)

Where: Children's Field of Tateyama Family Park

Contact: Cosmos Village, Tateyama Family Park

<http://familypark.jp/blog/2013/12/11/>

January 5th

Winter Break Candle Making Class

Participate in this workshop with your child, as they make a snowman candle while you make an aroma spice candle. Limited to 6 people per class, local Tateyama candle artist Suji will teach you how to hand-make candles using all natural ingredients that give off little smoke and are better for your health.

Time: 10am and 1pm

Cost: 2500 yen for child/ 3500 yen for adult

Where: Bluto's Cafe, Minamiboso City Shirahama-chou Takiguchi 5786-1

Contact: Bluto's Cafe 0470-38-2129

<http://waxartsuji.com/index.html>

January 5th

Sunday marché

Every first Sunday of the month, the Minamiboso Organic group hosts a morning market featuring various food, plants and goods stands. This month's marché will include a free italian high-class vegetables tasting by Takura Farms.

Time: 9am - 3pm, or until items sell out

Where: Tateyama Pioneer Farm, Tateyama City Masaki 411

Contact: 090-2459-1094

<http://vegitable1mb.wiki.fc2.com>

January 13th

Biwa Club Tea Time Concert

~New Year Concert~

The New Philharmonic Orchestra Chiba will have a New Year's concert at



the Atrium of the Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club. Enjoy some complimentary tea and sweets as you listen to the violin, cello and piano trio and soprano accompaniment. Songs will range from opera classic "O mio babbino caro" to more recent pieces like "Time to say goodbye."

Time: 3:00 - 4:00pm

Cost: 500 yen

Where: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club,
Minamiboso City
Contact: Roadside Station Tomiura Biwa Club,
0470-33-4611
<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/event/showsai.asp?mode=2&pn=12&id=8684>

January 18th

67th Tateyama Bay Cold Waters Swim

Test your spirit and endurance in this winter swim that carries on the tradition of attempting to beat nature and the cold in Tateyama Bay. Up to 500 registrants from middle school age and older will be taking a dip in the freezing waters, but at least with the comfort of knowing there is complementary pork broth *tonjiru* soup waiting for them.

Time: registration 9:30am, opening ceremony 11:00am, swimming starts 11:30am (about 10 min)

Where: Hojo Beach (by the south rest spot), Tateyama City

Registration: Required by Jan 4th (Fri). Register your address, name, age, gender, contact information and agree to the safety waiver by phone or mail.

*must not have any health complications as declared by doctor

Contact: Tateyama City Board of Education Sports Division (Tateyama City Hall Main Building 3F)

〒294-8601 Tateyama City Hojo 1145-1

Tel. 0470-22-3696/ Fax 0470-23-3115

<http://www.city.tateyama.chiba.jp/sports/event100041.html>

*January
18th ~
19th*

Furari Narcissus Festival

Enjoy the beautiful flowers that line the

Narcissus Walkway Hike which starts at Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama. During this season, the fragrance of narcissus flowers fills the fresh air. Be one of the first 300 visitors and get a narcissus seedling to take home too!



Cost: free

Where: Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama,
Minamiboso City

Contact: Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama,
0470-57-2601

<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/event/showsai.asp?mode=2&year=2014/1/19&pn=6&id=8679>

January 19th

Yamada-san's Handmade Soba Class

Learn how to make your very own soba noodles from scratch! Yamada-san's family is known for their noodles, and the class always fills up quickly, so reserve your spot soon.

Time: 10:00 ~ 12:00 noon

Where: Miyoshi Agriculture Environment Improvement Center, Minamiboso City
2nd floor cooking room

Fee: 1000 yen (includes 2~3 servings of noodles to take home)

Bring: apron, towel

Registration: call the Community Building Association "Miyoshi" Office

Contact: Community Building Association "Miyoshi" Office, 36-1185
<http://www.chiba-ns.net/trail/>

January 25th

2nd Minamiboso Long Trail

The Minamiboso Long Trail in full is 65 km long, split into four parts for the sake of this program. The area stays relatively warm even in the winter, making it great for hikes all year round. This time, the hike will involve 13 km around the Sato-yama and Dainichi-yama area.

Target: those of high school age and older

Time: gather at 9:30am and return at 4:00pm

Where: meet at Roadside Station Furari Tomiyama, Minamiboso City

Fee: 4500 yen (includes guide fee, insurance and lunch)

Registration: required

Contact: Taibusa Youth Nature Home,
0470-33-4561
<http://www.chiba-ns.net/trail/>

January 26th
**Wakashio
 Marathon**

This full and half marathon along the coast of Tateyama offers great scenery for runners as they race to the finish line. A marathon clinic and festival the day before are some of the options available to participants.



*Unfortunately, registration has already closed for this event. Please look out for registration for the 2015 race which will open up around October. Also, please be aware of road closures and congestion.

Time: registration starting 7:30am, road closures between 9:20am and 4:00pm
Where: (registration) Nanso Culture Hall, Tateyama City
Contact: Tateyama City Board of Education Sports Division 0470-22-3696
<http://www.tateyama-wakasio.jp/course.html>

January 26th
**Mineoka Ranch Academy Field Seminar
 “The origin of dairy farming”**

Learn about the historic Mineoka Ranch which housed the beginnings of dairy farming in Japan. Limited to the first 20 registrants, this is part of a series of seminars on dairy farming in the area.

Time: 9:00am - 12:30pm
Where: Chiba Prefecture Dairy Farming Village, Minamiboso City
Fee: 1700 yen (+800 yen for lunch, optional)
Contact: Dairy Farming Village, 0470-46-8181
<http://www.mboso-etoko.jp/cgi-bin/event/showsai.asp?mode=2&pn=15&id=8687>

by February 1st
Registration: Minamiboso Flower March
 Secure your spot to participate in one of Minamiboso City’s largest events, the Flower March, held on March 1st and 2nd. Choose from one of three courses, each with varied lengths to walk with your friends and family as you enjoy the natural scenery. The event is also sister events with the Two Day March in Blankenberge, Belgium.

Registration by: February 1st
 *Registration after the 1st is still accepted. However, your name will not be in the participants’ booklet and there may not be enough commemorative badges left for you.
Cost:
 Adults - 1500 yen for out of town/1000 for Awa residents
 High School - 800 yen for out of town/500 for Awa residents
How:
 Make a deposit to bank account #00180-7-472878 (Flower March Committee)
 OR
 pay in person at the Minamiboso City Hall Industry and Tourism Division or Asai Administrative Center
 OR
 register online and pay at a convenience center or with credit card
Where: Minamiboso City
Contact: Minamiboso City Industry and Tourism Division, 0470-33-1092
<http://www.city.minamiboso.chiba.jp/0000005433.html>

Have a great January and Happy New Year!

