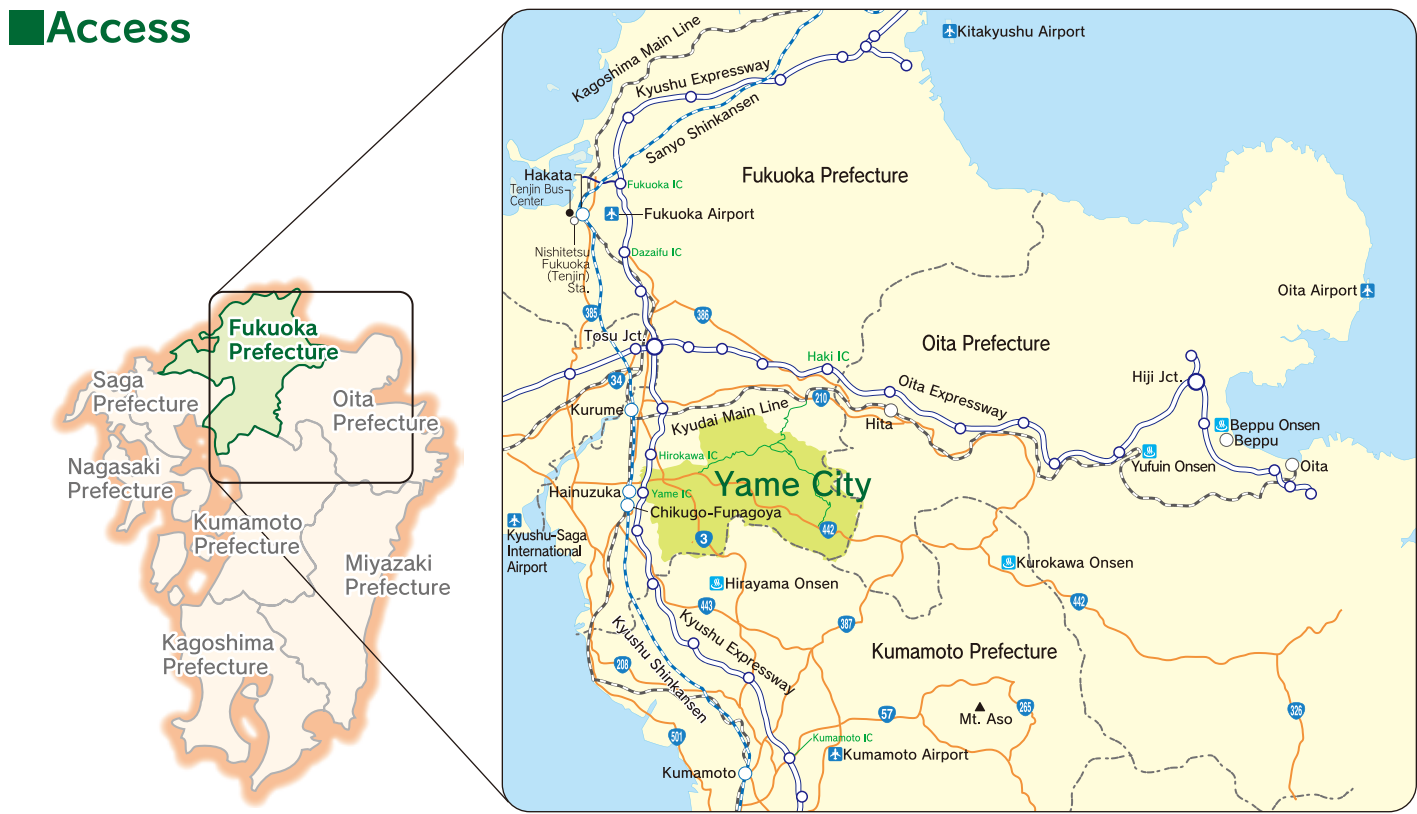


Access



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By Shinkansen

Tokyo Sta.	6hrs.(approx.)
Shin-Osaka Sta.	3hrs.(approx.)
Hakata Sta.	30min.(approx.)
Kumamoto Sta.	25min.(approx.)
Kagoshima Chuo Sta.	1hr.20min.(approx.)

Chikugo Funagoya Sta.
Hainuzuka Sta. (transfer to local line)

Horikawa Bus 20 min. (approx.)
Yame City

By Train

Hakata Sta.	JR Kagoshima Main Line 45min.(approx.)	Hainuzuka Sta.	Horikawa Bus 20 min.(approx.)	Fukushima bus stop
Nishitetsu Fukuoka Sta.	Tenjin-Omuta Line 40min.(approx.)	Kurume Sta.	Nishitetsu Bus 40min.(approx.)	

By Car

Fukuoka City (Urban Expy., Tenjin IC) 15min.(approx.)
Dazaifu IC 30min.(approx.) Fukuoka Airport
Hirokawa IC 30min.(approx.)
Yame IC 15min.(approx.)
Yame IC 5min.(approx.) Yame City
Kumamoto IC 10min.(approx.)
Kumamoto IC 30min.(approx.) Kumamoto Airport
Kumamoto City 20min.(approx.)

By Expressway Bus (from Fukuoka or Kumamoto)

Fukuoka City	Hakata	Tenjin	Yame IC	7min.on foot (approx.)	Fukushima bus stop
	10min.(approx.)	50min.(approx.)	Yame Interchange bus stop		
Kumamoto City	Kumamoto Transportation Center	75min.(approx.)	Yame IC	7min.on foot (approx.)	13min.by bus (Horikawa Bus) (approx.)

By Car (Yame City Hall Branch Offices)

Yame City Hall	9.5km	Joyo Branch Office	14.3km	Hoshino Branch Office
	20min.(approx.)		20min.(approx.)	
Tachibana Branch Office	4km	10min.(approx.)	12.6km	5km
	22min.(approx.)		7min.(approx.)	
Kurogi Branch Office	9km	15min.(approx.)	21km	24km
			30min.(approx.)	40min.(approx.)
				Yabe Branch Office

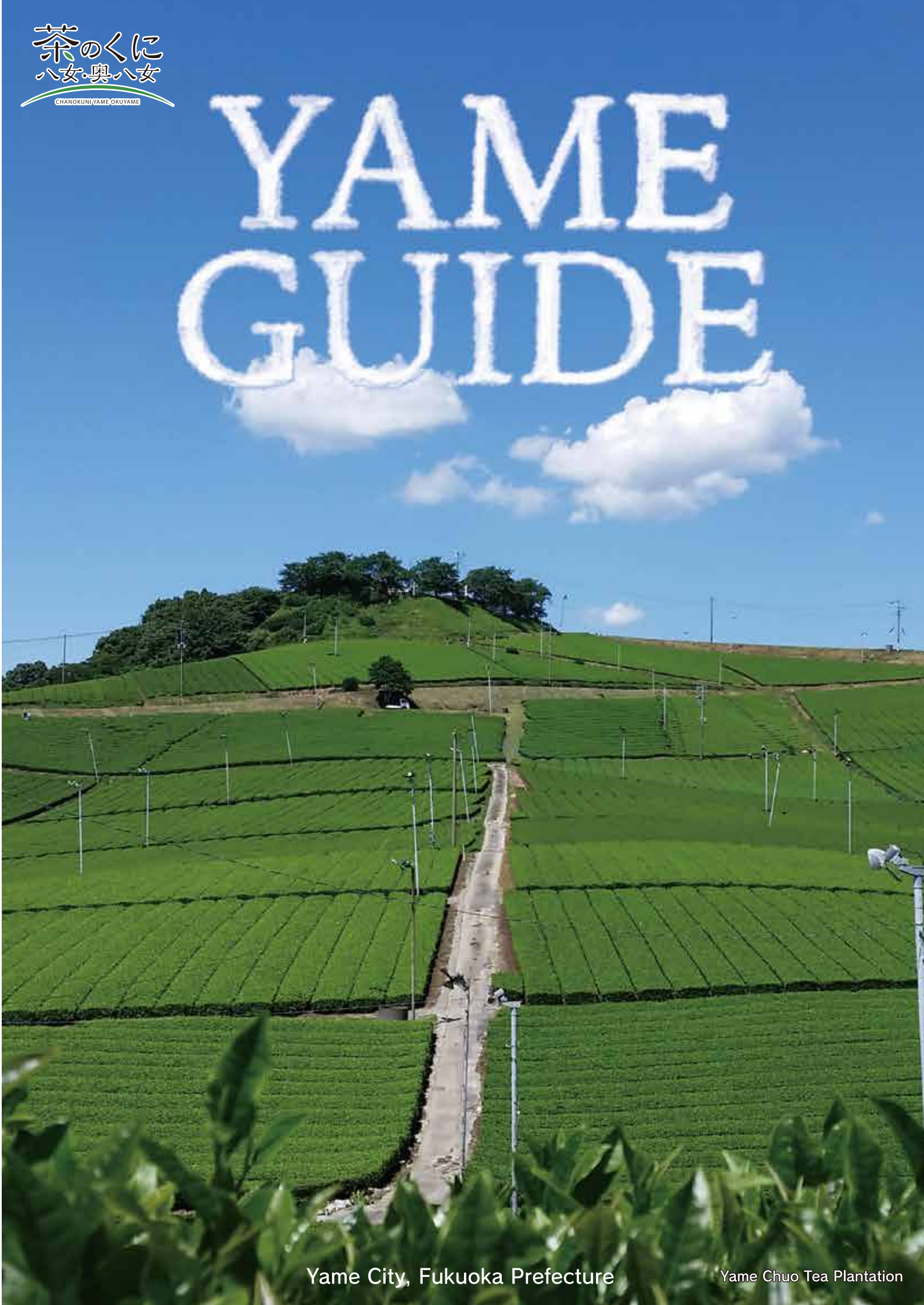
Rental Car and Taxi Services (Yame Area Code: +0943)

Toyota Rent a Car-Yame (Yame)	807-1 Motomura	Tel: 0943-24-0100
Yame Rent a Car (Yame)	151-1 Tatsugahara	Tel: 0943-24-3315
Nobu Rent a Car (Yame)	634 Murooka	Tel: 0943-23-1190
Manabe Shokai (Yame)	378 Kitoin	Tel: 0943-23-0765
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Maruho Taxi	Tel: 0943-22-2105 (Yame)	Kawashima Taxi Tel: 0943-42-2124 (Kurogi)
Yame Sogo Taxi	Tel: 0943-42-0043 (Yame)	Yabe Taxi Tel: 0943-47-2123 (Yabe)
Sanko Taxi	Tel: 0943-45-0210 (Kurogi)	Hoshino Taxi Tel: 0943-52-2072 (Hoshino)
Hyugami Taxi	Tel: 0943-47-2027 (Yabe)	Daimaru Taxi Tel: 0943-37-0045 (Tachibana)
Nikoniko Yahime Taxi	Tel: 0943-23-0909 (Yame)	

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Validity Good for one day only
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Yame City, Fukuoka Prefecture

Yame Chuo Tea Plantation

Yame: A City of Traditional Crafts

【Nationally Designated Traditional Craft】

Yame Fukushima Buddhist Altars

The pinnacle of craftsmanship



Craftsmen began making Buddhist altars in this area in 1821. Time-tested techniques are used to apply lacquer and gold leaf.



Nowadays, the artisans also use their expertise to craft metal accessories and lacquered interior pieces.

【Prefecturally Designated Specialty Craft】

Yame Handmade Paper

The paper of choice of many artists



Locally sourced mulberry, which has longer fibers than other plants, yields tough yet elegant handmade paper. Yame handmade paper was the paper of choice of the famous printmaker Shiko Munakata.



Yame handmade paper is used for lacquered papier-mâché and shoji paper screens, and with some additional processing, it can also be used to make stylish bags.

【Nationally Designated Traditional Craft】

Yame Chochin

Traditional paper lanterns for Obon



Yame's paper lanterns, made from Yame's own handmade Japanese paper, are decorated with flowers, birds and landscapes. Since the Taisho period (1912-1926), these elegantly crafted lanterns have held a major share of the Obon lantern market.



Now, artisans are using traditional lantern-making techniques to develop handbags and other new products.

【Prefecturally Designated Specialty Craft】

Yame Stone Lanterns

Simple and sublime stonework



The stone used for these lanterns can resist extreme temperatures and is conducive to moss growth. It can also be carved into unique shapes because it is soft and malleable.



In the white-walled Fukushima district of Yame, you will find small shrines with statues made from Aso tuff.



Yame Japanese Tops

【Prefecturally Designated Specialty Craft】

Children have played with tops since ancient times. In Japan, they are considered symbols of good luck.



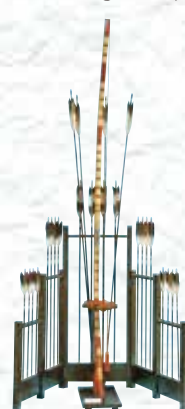
Incense

Made from powdered Japanese cedar pulverized by a water wheel, Yame incense is popular for its natural aroma.



Wooden Tubs

Traditional hand-made tubs made from locally grown wood can last 20~30 years with regular repairs.



Yame Arrows

【Prefecturally Designated Specialty Craft】

These are the arrows of choice for many traditional kyudo archers. They are renowned throughout Japan for their beautiful design and for flying straight and true.



Boys' Day Dolls

Although Yame is more famous for Girls' Day dolls, craftsmen here also make Boys' Day dolls, decorative arrows and battledores.



Yame Bamboo Crafts

【Prefecturally Designated Specialty Craft】

Yame is known for crafts made from sturdy, high-quality bamboo grown in the area. Tebo, or bamboo tea-picking baskets, are a part of everyday life in Yame.



Kurume-gasuri

This area is famous for the dark navy Kurume-gasuri textiles, but weavers make many other colorful combinations as well.



Yame Pottery

Numerous kilns, each making unique pieces, can be found in the Yame area.



Hoshino-yaki pottery (Hoshino)

Hoshino-yaki pottery flourished in the Edo period under the patronage of the Kurume Clan. Even today, Hoshino remains a highly regarded style of pottery.



Ganzuki-yaki Gozen-gama (Yabe)

An up-and-coming pottery kiln run by Shinichi Fuchinoue.



Onoko-yaki pottery (Tachibana)

Onoko-yaki pottery began about 400 years ago when the head of the Yanagawa Clan brought some pieces back from the Korean Peninsula. For the next 80 years, it served as the official kiln of the clan.

Yame Traditional Craftwork Center Inset Map ①



A craftsman assembles a Buddhist altar

Craftsmanship Demos
Watch local masters assemble and carve Buddhist altars, make handmade Japanese paper, fabricate bamboo crafts, and more!



Hands-on Workshops
Try your hand at making traditional handmade paper under the supervision of master craftsmen.

Scan here for details!



Scenic Landscapes



Tanikawa Plum Orchard MAP D-4
Tachibana is one of the biggest plum producing regions in Kyushu. This spacious, hilly orchard spans 80 hectares and is home to about 30,000 white plum trees. It attracts numerous visitors every year.



Rhododendron Park MAP H-4
When in season, nearly 10,000 rhododendrons of different varieties burst into bloom on a hillside. This popular spot also has walking paths, so you can come here to enjoy a leisurely stroll.



Kurogi Ofuji MAP E-4
Susanoo Shrine is home to the Kurogi Ofuji, a wisteria arbor spanning about 3,000 m2. Every year in mid-April, the purple flowers begin to bloom, and some of them grow to longer than one meter.



Fireflies MAP D-3
Fireflies light up the night sky in early summer. You can enjoy large numbers of the glowing insects in the bucolic Joyomachi district.



Mt. Gozen & Mt. Shaka MAP I-5・J-5
People flock from all over Kyushu to hike one or both of these peaks and enjoy breathtaking views from the summits. A system of trails connects the two mountains.



Yame Chuo Tea Plantation MAP D-3
This massive carpet of green tea fields is the symbol of Yame. On a clear day, you can see downtown Yame and the Ariake Sea in the distance.



Fall Foliage at Yame Tsuhime Shrine MAP H-6
In early November, shrine-goers from the Kaminoiwaya district hold the Momiji (maple leaf) Festival on the grounds of Yame Tsuhime Shrine and adjacent museum.



Cherry Trees at Hyugami Dam MAP G-5
Hyugami Reservoir, a scenic man-made lake with unique rock formations, is a well-known spot for viewing cherry blossoms.



Yabe River MAP C-5
The Yabe River meanders slowly from its source in Yabe Village through Yame City before emptying into the Ariake Sea. Stroll down the riverside walking paths in spring to enjoy the yellow expanses of field mustard.



Night Sky in Hoshino Village
Hoshi no Bunkakan (Star Culture Center) is home to one of Kyushu's largest telescopes, measuring 65 cm in diameter. When the weather is clear, you can view bright stars like Vega even during the daytime.



Heart Rock MAP H-5
Legend has it that the gods of Hyuga (modern day Miyazaki) were drawn to Hyugami Gorge by its natural beauty, which is exemplified by Heart Rock, Japan's biggest heart-shaped rock and well-known power spot.



Terraced Rice Paddies of Hirouchi and Uebaru MAP G-2
Hoshino Village is renowned for its terraced rice paddies which afford gorgeous scenic vistas all year round.



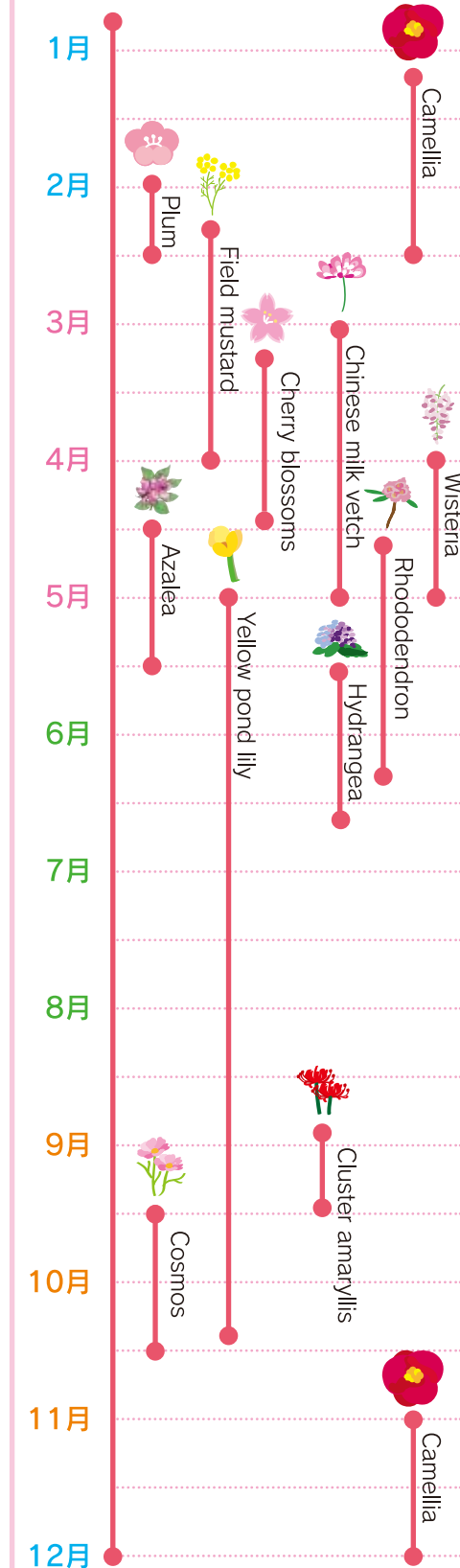
Cherry Trees and Stone Bridges MAP D-3
Kitakawauchi Park, situated along the Hoshino River at the foot of the mountains, is well known for its 600 somei yoshino cherry trees.



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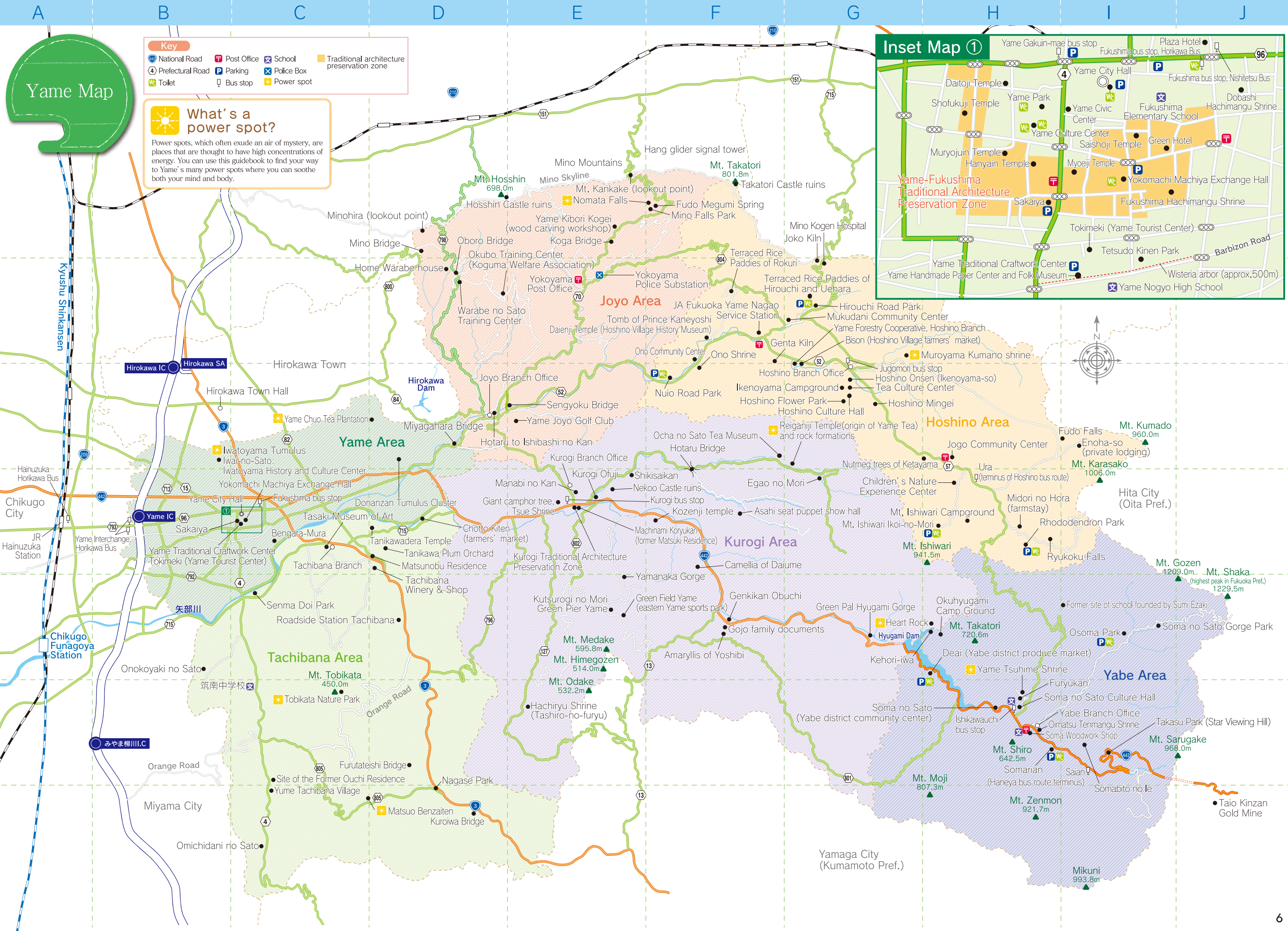


Yame Flower Calendar



Check the homepage for bloom updates!
<http://yame.travel>





Yame Map

Key

National Road

Prefectural Road

Toilet

Post Office

Parking

Bus stop

School

Police Box

Traditional architecture preservation zone

Power spot

What's a power spot?

Power spots, which often exude an air of mystery, are places that are thought to have high concentrations of energy. You can use this guidebook to find your way to Yame's many power spots where you can soothe both your mind and body.

