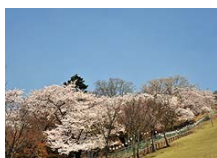


Let's enjoy cherry-blossom viewing in Nara: strolling to your nearby site

In Nara there're many famous cherry-blossom viewing sites such as Mt.Yoshino, nice spot to visit, however, I would here prefer to tell you nearby good places to enjoy it. (source: MyTown Nara Vol.515)



Nara Okuyama Driveway



Wakakusayama



Ukimido, Nara Park



Todajji-temple



Sahogawa-river



Heijyokyo

site (inquiry)	access	contents	URL
Nara Okuyama Driveway (Shinwakakusayama Jidosha co. 0742-26-7213)	from R.369, go to the backs of Shosoin, and you find the Driveway entrance gate	Enjoy the tunnel composed of row of 1000 cheree-blossom trees by car (generic sedan: ¥510 RT~)	Japanese http://www5.kcn.ne.jp/~shinwaka/
Wakakusayama (Nara Park Control Office 0742-22-0375)	from JR-/Kintetsu Nara- St., get on the city circulating bus, get off at Daibutsuden Kasugataisha, and take a walk 10minutes	300 cherry-blossom rees welcome you (open: 9-17:00 Mar.20-June.20, fee adult ¥150, kid ¥80)	English http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mount_Wakakusa http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/dd.aspx.itemid=1496.htm#temid1496
Nara Park (Nara Park Control Office 0742-22-0375)	from JR-/Kintetsu Nara- St., get on the city circulating bus, get off at Daibutsuden Kasugataisha	nationwide popular spot with 1700 cherry-blossom trees in even the flat area only. Enjoy Ukimido, and so on.	English http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/dd.aspx.menuid=1021.htm http://www.pref.nara.jp/english/Entrance_fee(08.9.3).doc
along Saho-River (Mr.Nishida, Sahogawachiku Social welfare Association 0742-33-1338)	from Shimochokeibashi in the northern part of Funabashi Street to Hachijo	Cherry-blossom festival: Mar.28-Apr.9, Apr.2-4 with lantern light. (site: take a 5 minutes walk to the north from Kintets Shinomiya St.)	Japanese http://www.kasugano.com/kankou/naraburyo_sakura/
Heijo Palace Site (Nara-City Tourism Center 0742-22-3900)	Take a 10-15 minutes walk from Kintetsu Saidajji St to the east	1,000 cherry-blossom trees around the Former Imperial Audience Hall in the large precinct(120ha)	English http://www.pref.nara.jp/nara_e/dd.aspx.itemid=1501.htm#temid1501 http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Heij%C5%8D_Palace
along Akishino-River (Mr.Hashimoto 0742-44-9566)	from Kintetsu-Gakuenmae St., get on Asahicho circulating bus, get off at Nakayama-Nishi Ichome	The local residents started to rear and preserve 156 cherry-blossom trees about 10 years ago	Japanese http://agua.jp.org/yamato/saho/akisino.html
Yagyuhanjinyaato/Hotokuzenji (Yagyu Tourism Association 0742-94-0002)	from JR/Kintetsu Nara St, get on bus to Yagyu/Tugigase. Get off at Yagyu and take a 10 minutes walk	500 cherry-blossom trees. Cherry-blossom Festival: 10-16:00 April.10-11at Jinyaato. Lighted up in early to late April	Japanese http://blog.goo.ne.jp/finablu7966/e/ac8861d53c38ba3ce85d93a2942d8fa8 http://nagata.kanagata.net/yoshino_shiseki/Yamato_Yagyu_Hotokuzenji_01.html
both banks of Tsukigase Lake (Tsukigase Tourism Hall 0743-92-0300)	from JR/Kintetsu Nara St, get on bus to Tugigase. Get off at the last stop (it takes 70 minutes)	2,000 cherry-blossom trees around Tsukigase-bridge & Yahata-bridge. Lighted up in the viewing season.	Japanese http://hanami.walkerplus.com/kansai/nara/S2904.html English http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tsukigase,_Nara
Mt.Kasagi & along Kizu-river (Kasagi-cho Administration Planning Div.,0743-95-2301)	10 minutes walk from JR Kasagi Station. Kizu-river dry bed & around Mt Kasagi	3,000 cherry-blossom trees along Kizu-river. Cherry-blossom Fest: 10-14:00, Apr.4 at the Industrial Promotion Hall	Japanese http://www.geocities.jp/ootosirarakisen/kasagi/ English http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kasagi,_Kyoto
Kizugawa-City Fureai Square (Kizu-Cho Park & Urban-Greening Association 0774-72-6050)	along R.163, the north of Kizugawa-City Central Gymnasium	216 cherry-blossom trees in the square, and 151 on the banks. Festival: 10-15:00 Apr.3	Japanese http://www.kbs-kyoto.co.jp/sakura/areaspot/19_kizu/ http://www.city.kizugawa.lg.jp/article.php?id=4986f2748tcac
Keihanna Commemorative Park(Keihanna Commemorative Park Control Office 0774-93-1200)	from JR-Hoozono St or Kintetsu- St., get on bus to GakkenTomigaoka, and get off it at KeihannaKinenKoen	300 cherry-blossom trees. The Suikei-En is lighted up on Mar.27, 28, Apr. 3 and 4. Spring lighted up concert is held 18-19:00 on Apr.3	Japanese http://www.keihanna-park.jp/ http://www.pref.kyoto.jp/koen-annai/kei.html
Iimori Rei-En (Iimori-Rei-En Association 0743-78-1195)	Shimotawara, Shijonawate-City. Along R.163, the east side of Kiyohara-Daiichi-Tunnel.	40,000 cherry-blossom trees in the precinct(56ha). The rows of cherry-blossom trees and the view from the athletic open space are recommended.	Japanese http://www.iimorieienkumiai.shijonawate.osaka.jp/
Ikoma Sanroku Koen (Ikoma Sanroku Koen communication center 0743-73-8880)	from Ikoma Tozanguchi on the Hanna-road, enter Shigi-Ikoma Sky-Line by car	300 cherry-blossom trees donated by citizens. You can also enjoy bath in the communication center.	Japanese http://web1.kcn.jp/ikoma36-park/
Shigi-Ikoma-SkyLine (Kintetsu Leisure service 0743-74-2125)	from Ikoma Tozanguchi on the Hanna-road, enter Shigi-Ikoma Sky-Line by car	2,000 cherry-blossom trees produce rows of the trees.	Japanese http://www.kintetsu.co.jp/leisure/skyline/
along Tattagawa (Ikona-City 0743-74-1111)	along Tattagawa-River from Kintetsu-Nabata St., to Minami-Ikoma St.	150 cherry-blossom trees planted by Ikoma-City	Japanese http://www.kcn.ne.jp/~koi/tatuta.htm http://blogs.yahoo.co.jp/minreiphoto2/25338553.html
Koriyama-Joshi (YamatoKoriyama-City Tourism Association)	from Kintetsu-Koriyama St., about 7 minutes walk	The 50th YamatoKoriyama Oshiro Matsuri(Festival) from Mar.26 to Apr.9. 1,000 cherry blossom trees.	Japanese http://park14.wakwak.com/~eiki/sanpo/kori.html
Yamato Minzoku Koen (Nara Prefectural Folk Museum 0743-53-3171)	from Kintetsu Koriyama St., get on bus to Koizumi-Higashi-Guchi, get off at Yata-Higashiyama, and take a 10 minutes walk.	700 cherry-blossom trees. The well developed walkway enable wheel chair movement.	Japanese http://www.pref.nara.jp/bunkak/minpaku/ http://www.pref.nara.jp/bunkak/minpaku/shokubutu/someisaabura.html