

Higashiyoka-higata



Registered under the Ramsar Convention as an internationally important wetland in 2015.

Higashiyoka-higata is a tidal mudflat that spans the inner part of Ariake Sea at the south of Saga City. The tidal range of Ariake Sea is the largest in Japan, with a maximum of about 6m. At low tide, the vast tidal mudflat appears to spread as far as the eye can see.

The number of migratory birds, such as sandpipers and plovers, is the highest in Japan, making it one of Japan's most prominent migratory stopover and wintering sites for shorebirds, including endangered species. In addition, many unique creatures indigenous to tidal mudflats such as mudskippers, odontamblyopus lacepedii, and fiddler crabs also inhabit the tidal mudflat.

Wild birds visiting the tidal mudflat

(Picture of birds: taken by Chihaya Kuriyama)



Grey Plover
(August ~ May)



Dunlin
(August ~ May)



Eurasian Curlew
(August ~ May)



Black-faced Spoonbill
(November ~ April)



Saunders' Gull
(November ~ May)



Common Shelduck
(December ~ April)

Living creatures in the tidal mudflat



Great Blue-spotted Mudskipper
(April ~ October)



Shuttles Mudskipper
(April ~ October)



Fiddler Crab
(April ~ October)



Suaeda Japonica
(Autumn leaf season
Late October ~
Early November)

Wise use of tidal mudflat



Image of nori (seaweed) production
Both production volume and sales of "Saga nori" are the highest in Japan.



Takappo fishing
"Takappo fishing" - the traditional fishing method of mudskippers since ancient times.



Shigi no Ongaeshi Rice
A gift of gratitude from the sandpipers gathering on the tidal mudflat, aiming for the coexistence of people and nature.

Higatayoka Park

The park adjacent to Higasasu. There are wide grassy areas, interesting bicycles, and playground equipment for families to enjoy. The "Jabujabu Pond" is very popular among children.



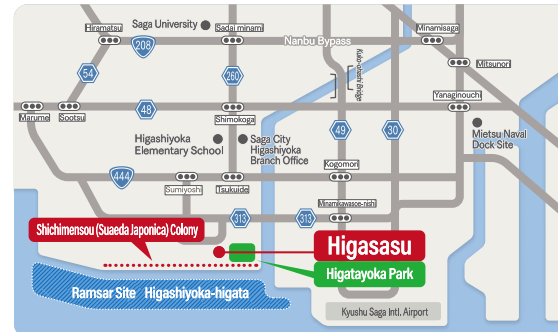
ACCESS

🚆 JR Nagasaki Main Line 30 minutes by car from Saga Station

🚗 Nagasaki Expressway 50 minutes by car from Saga-Yamato IC

✈️ By air 10 minutes by car from Kyushu Saga International Airport

Ramsar Site
Higashiyoka-higata



To get to Higatayoka-higata/Higasasu, please head for "Higatayoka Park".

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東よか干潟ビジターセンター

Higasasu Higashiyoka-higata Vistor Center

Opening hours/ 9:00 - 17:00 Closed days/Mondays
(the next weekday if it is a holiday), New Year holidays
Admission fee/ Free

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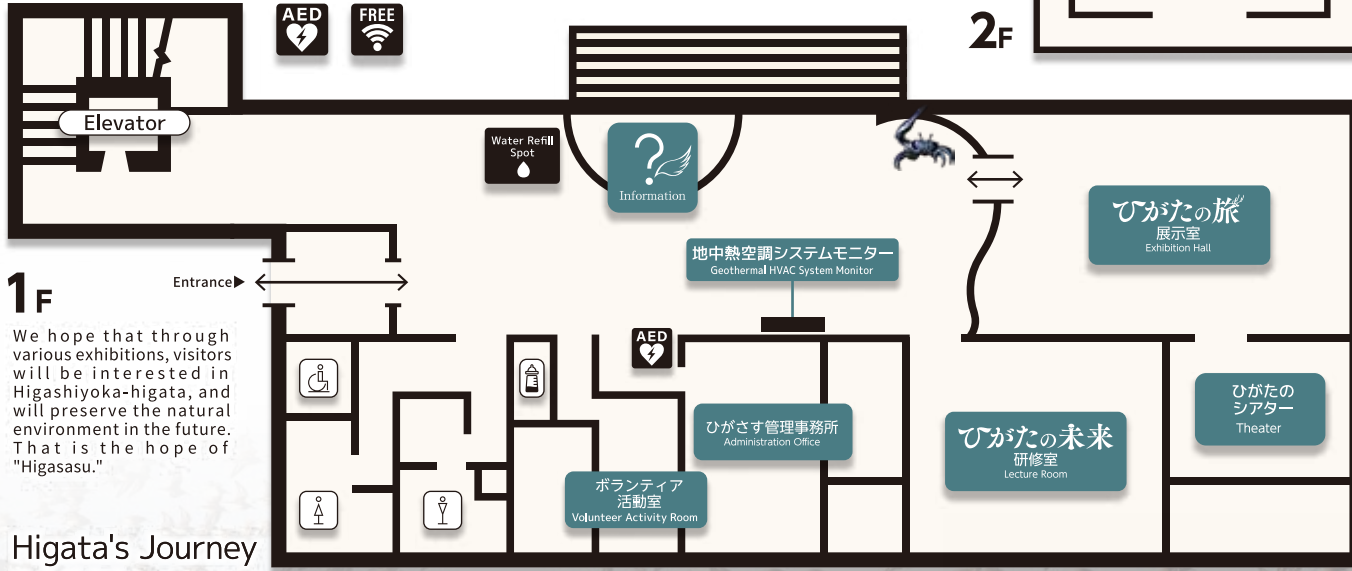
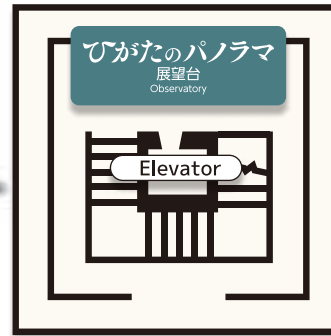
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INFORMATION

Higashiyoka-higata - where various creatures live. Let's experience the world-recognized value and charm at Higasasu!



We hope that through various exhibitions, visitors will be interested in Higashiyoka-higata, and will preserve the natural environment in the future. That is the hope of "Higasasu."

Higata's Journey Exhibition room



Higata no Theater

Flocks of thousands of wild birds and living creatures exclusive to tidal mudflats. See the four seasons of Higashiyoka-higata with beautiful images.

HIGATA VISION Projection Mapping

You can enjoy the journey of migratory birds and the formation of Higashiyoka-higata with impressive projection mapping.



Tidal mudflat and wild bird zone

There is an exhibition of the (actual) Ramsar Convention registration certificate. You can also get an overview of the tidal mudflat and the wild birds that most commonly visit this place.



Living creatures zone

Creatures living in the tidal mudflat are on display. There are also transparent skeletal specimens and rare burrow specimens. When you look up, you can see...

Tidal mudflat and our lives zone

The relationship between our lives and the tidal mudflat. Also, a message from the "guardians" who work on the conservation of the tidal mudflat.



Higata Panorama Observation

From the observatory floor, you can see the vast tidal mudflat in the south and the rural scenery of the Saga plains in the north. It is absolutely magnificent. From the binoculars, you can also see the creatures living in the tidal mudflat.



Higata no Mirai Lecture Room

A lecture room that can be used for multiple purposes such as meetings or workshops. We also accept rental requests. 65m²/Accommodates up to 36 people (when set as a classroom)



Higasasu Live Camera

You can see the ever-changing scenery of Ariake Sea and the tidal mudflat in real time.



Geothermal HVAC System Monitor

At Higasasu, we use the heat energy from the ground for air conditioning. You can observe the geothermal heat utilization mechanism and the status of energy saving on the monitor.

Let's observe the tidal mudflat close-up.

You can observe various living creatures and wild birds depending on the season.



Caution regarding observation of living creatures

- You can see migratory birds in close range for about 1 - 2 hours before and after the high tide of the spring tide.
- After observing the creatures in the tidal mudflat, please return them to their original location.
- Please bring your trash home with you.
- Please do not park on the embankment.

Higasasu contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

