

Map of Karuizawa



Mt. Asama (Photo by Ou JIka)

Hike
 Mt. Hanare: From the elementary school at the foot, 40 min. walk. The cave where bandits lived.
 Mt. Atago: From Kyu Karuizawa 30 min. walk. Atago shrine dedicated to the God of fire. Unique rock called "Organ Rock".
 Usui Pass Area: From Kyu Karuizawa 60 min. walk. From the front of Tourisit information center, 10 min. bus (one-way ¥500, round-trip ¥800, only in summer). The hike of these three mountains is easy and the scenery is wonderful on a sunny day. Attention to wild animals.

Hot Spring

	Adults	children	opening hours
Hoshino Torbo no Yu	¥1200	¥700	10:00~ 22:00
Shiotsubo	¥1000	¥500	11:00~ 21:00
Sengataki	¥1100	¥800	11:00~ 22:00
Yusuge	¥500	¥300	10:00~ 20:00
Chyachi	¥380	¥150	8:00~ 21:00

Fees and opening hours change depending on season and weekends.

The History of Karuizawa
 Karuizawa locates at 1,000 meters above sea level. During the Edo era (1600-1868), Karuizawa was the town of stopovers for Nakasendo Highway. A.C. Shaw, a Canadian missionary liked the natural beauty and fresh air. In 1888 he built a vacation house at Daikayama of Kyu Karuizawa. Soon more vacation houses began to be built for missionaries, foreigners and intellectuals. The stay of Imperial family, and John Lennon and Ono yoko made Karuizawa a well-known town all over the country. Now Karuizawa becomes a popular tourist spot and a resort area throughout the year.

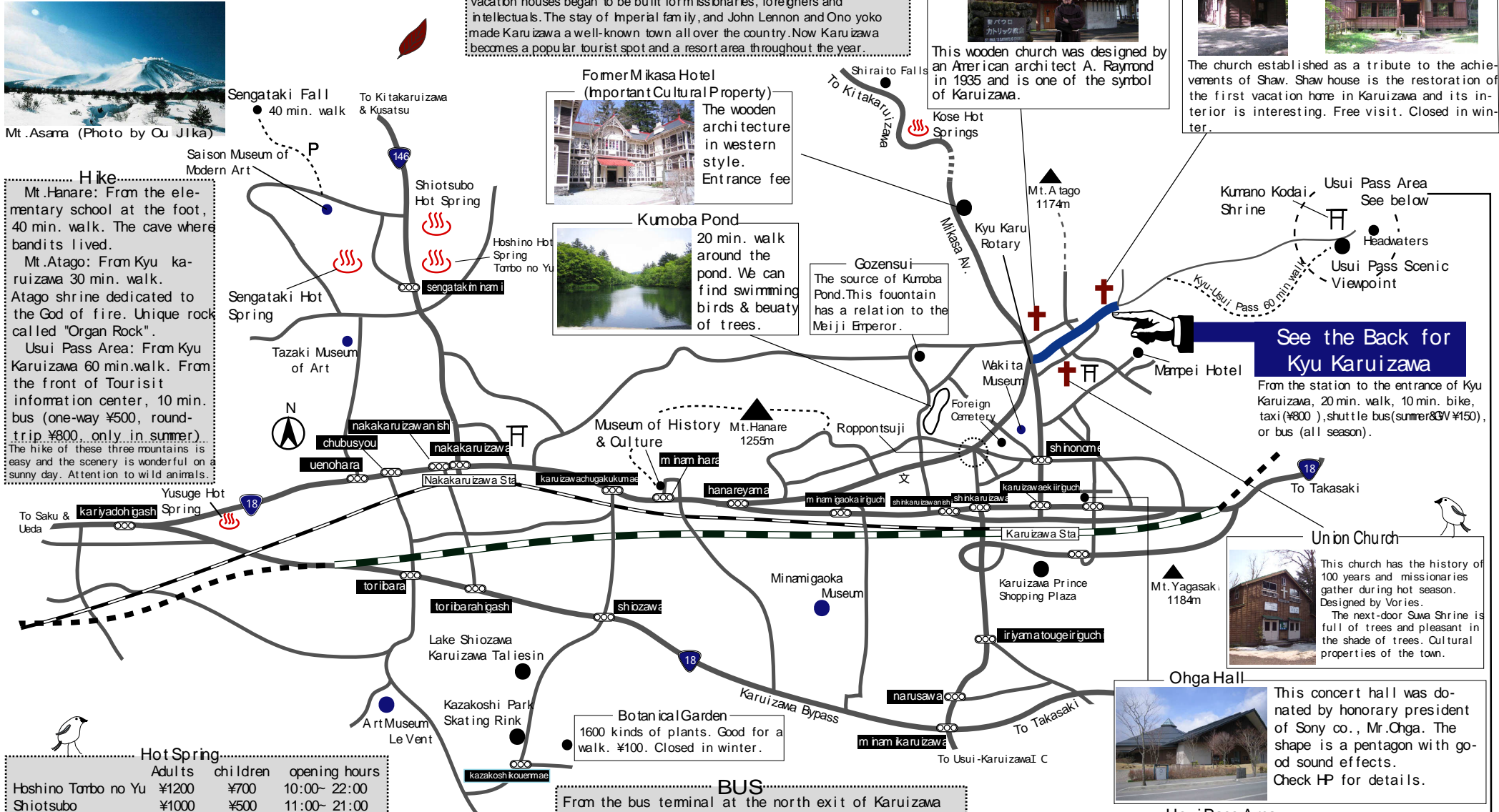
Former Mikasa Hotel (Important Cultural Property)
 The wooden architecture in western style. Entrance fee

Kumoba Pond
 20 min. walk around the pond. We can find swimming birds & beauty of trees.

Gozensui
 The source of Kumoba Pond. This fountain has a relation to the Meiji Emperor.

St Paul's Catholic Church
 This wooden church was designed by an American architect A. Raymond in 1935 and is one of the symbol of Karuizawa.

Shaw Memorial Chapel & Shaw House
 The church established as a tribute to the achievements of Shaw. Shaw house is the restoration of the first vacation home in Karuizawa and its interior is interesting. Free visit. Closed in winter.



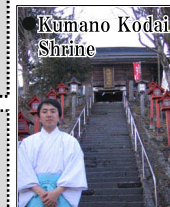
See the Back for Kyu Karuizawa
 From the station to the entrance of Kyu Karuizawa, 20 min. walk, 10 min. bike, taxi (¥800), shuttle bus (summer & GW ¥150), or bus (all season).

Union Church
 This church has the history of 100 years and missionaries gather during hot season. Designed by Vorles. The next-door Suwa Shrine is full of trees and pleasant in the shade of trees. Cultural properties of the town.

Ohga Hall
 This concert hall was donated by honorary president of Sony co., Mr. Ohga. The shape is a pentagon with good sound effects. Check HP for details.

BUS
 From the bus terminal at the north exit of Karuizawa station, buses go to Kyu Karuizawa, Naka Karuizawa, Kita Karuizawa etc. The bus stop of shuttle bus to Kyu Karuizawa is behind the building of Kusakaru Kohtsu at the north exit (¥150, only GW & summer).

Rental Bicycles
 Rental bicycles are highly recommended during spring, summer and fall in Karuizawa. Rental agents can be found in front of Karuizawa station and around Kyu Karu rotary.



Kumano Kodai Shrine
 One of the three Kumano Shrines in Japan. Located between Nagano and Guma Prefectures. Famous for "Chikara Mochi," rice-cake sweets.

Usui Pass Area
Usui Pass Scenic Viewpoint
 The view of surrounding mountains is spectacular. Known as a best place to watch the sunset.
Headwaters of Usui river
 It is said that the quantity of the water doesn't change even in case of the shortage of water. The wasabi farm is next.