



Noko Moments

Nokonoshima Island

Enjoy relaxing on Nokonoshima Island

Nokonoshima is so **p**hotogenic, with **v**iews and **f**ood that are simply fantastic!

About 10 minutes by ferry from Meinohama Ferry Terminal ♡



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Flower Calendar



- * **Japanese Daffodils**: Late December to Mid-February
- * **Camellias**: Early February to Late March
- * **Poppies**: Early February to Mid-May
- * **Canola Blossoms**: Early March to Mid-April
- * **Cherry Blossoms**: Late March to Early April
- * **Azaleas**: Early April to Early May
- * **Satsuki Azaleas**: Early May to Late May
- * **Hydrangeas**: Early June to Late June
- * **Marigolds**: Early May to Late July
- * **Sunflowers**: Mid-July to Mid-August
- * **Cosmos**: Early October to Late October
- * **Late-Blooming Cosmos**: Late October to Mid-November

Timings may change according to climate conditions.

Event Calendar

Kaōki Memorial Service - 3rd Sunday of May

An event to honor the life of Dan Kazuo, conducted in front of his literature monument.



The event's name is derived from the poem engraved at Spot #4.

Okunchi Festival at Shirahige Shrine

This event is held every year on October 9, retaining its atmosphere of the early modern period (16th to 19th century CE). Small children carry staffs with paper streamers attached and lead a group that brings an offering to the shrine. The festival is a city-designated Intangible Cultural Property.



Special Products

- * Amanatsu tangerines
- * New Summer oranges
- * Loquats
- * Sweet potatoes
- * Clams
- * Noko *udon*
- * Noko wine
- * Noko cider
- * Nokopon (*ponzu* sauce)
- * NOCOHACHI (honey)

Municipal Ferry Schedule (as of November 2023)

Departing from Meinohama		Departing from Nokonoshima Island	
◎5:15	15:15	◎5:00	15:00
6:15	16:15	6:00	16:00
6:45	17:15	6:30	17:00
7:15	17:45	7:00	17:30
7:45	18:15	7:30	18:00
8:15	18:45	8:00	18:30
9:15	19:45	9:00	19:30
10:15	20:30	10:00	20:15
11:15	21:00	11:00	20:45
12:15	22:00	12:00	21:45
13:15	◎23:00	13:00	◎22:45
14:15		14:00	

Travel time: 10 min. Fare: ¥230

No service on Sundays and holidays marked with ◎. (Inquiries) Meinohama Ferry Passenger Terminal Tel:092-881-8709

Bus Information (as of November 2023)

[Meinohama Station North Entrance ⇔ Noko Ferry Terminal (at Meinohama)]

Travel time: 15 min. Fare: ¥170

Buses run approximately every 20 to 40 minutes.

[Ferry Port (at Noko Island) ⇔ Island Park]

Boarding time: 13 min. Fare: ¥240

Buses run approximately every 45 to 90 minutes, with additional services available during spring and autumn travel seasons.

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Inquiries

Noko Market Tel:092-881-2013

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Only 12 km in circumference, Nokonoshima is a small island floating in Hakata Bay. It's a great place to enjoy its abundant nature and history while taking a nice, relaxing stroll. Why not escape from the hustle and bustle of the city and enjoy the charms of the island?



1 Yaranosaki Man'yōshū Poem Monument



Yaranosaki is the only location in Japan known to have stationed *sakimori* coast guards to protect strategic spots in Kyushu. The poem engraved was read by the wife of a *sakimori* who did not return after setting sail, expressing their families' sadness at the loss of their loved one.

2 Nokonoshima Island Park

This nature park in the northern area covers roughly 150,000 square meters. It is well-known for its canola blossoms and cosmos fields, but you can also enjoy other seasonal flowers throughout the year. Lodges are available to rent for accommodation.



4 Dan Kazuo Literature Monument

Engraved here is a *haiku* poem that was read by the novelist Dan Kazuo only 4 days before his death.



You can see Odanohama Beach on the Itoshima Peninsula, the setting of Dan's book *Ritsuko: Love & Death* from this location.



5 Nokonoshima Island Observatory

From observatory atop the 195-meter summit of Noko, you can see in all directions, including Fukuoka City, the Genkai-Nada Sea and Oronoshima Island in the distance.

9 Dan Kazuo Poem Monument

Engraved on this monument is a tragic poem that is said to have been composed by the novelist Dan Kazuo about his late wife Ritsuko, while he was gazing upon the Chikugo plains from the hill at the back of Zenkōji Temple in Miyama City.



10 Shirahige Shrine

The Shirahige Shrine enshrines the *ubusuna*, the local guardian deity. The shrine's buildings are said to have been built in the Nara era (8th century CE). The sculpture of a *hiten* angel in the main shrine is simply magnificent.



3 Nokonoshima Camp Grounds & Swimming Beach

With lush palm trees, the site feels like a tropical island. There is a beach house, as well as bungalows for lodging. You can also rent cooking utensils and other items during your stay.



6 Noko Museum

Records of the Chikuzen-Kamei School of Confucianism as well as the island's historical and folklore materials are on display here. A separate annex features materials on the repatriation of Japanese nationals from China after WWII, and photos showcasing the works of Dr. Nakamura Tetsu. Open every week from Friday to Sunday, and also on public holidays (open every day throughout May and October, closed on some days during winter).

7 Eifukuji Temple

A temple of the Sōtō School of Buddhism, this temple was known as Jingūji Temple until the early Meiji period. Its precincts contain a monument to the local western-style painter Tataro Yoshio, as well as the *Nihachi Kanon* statue: a cenotaph for the 28 people who died when a Noko ferry sank off the shore of the island shortly after WWII.



8 Noko Man'yōshū Poem Monument

The place name "Noko" first appeared in a poem inscribed in the *Man'yōshū* anthology. An envoy to the kingdom of Silla in Korea who departed from Aratsu composed the piece while waiting for a favorable sailing wind at Noko-no-Tomari (now Karatomari).



Enlarged map of the Ferry Terminal area

