

1 Eifukuji Temple



A temple of the Soto School, known until the early Meiji Period as Jinguji Temple. Notable spots include the monument to western-style painter Tataru Yoshio, as well as a cenotaph and *Nihachi Kannon* statue for the 28 people who died by shipwreck at Noko Ferry Terminal in the year following the end of WWII.

2 Noko Manyoshu Poem Monument

The place name "Noko" first appeared in the poem inscribed here. An envoy to the kingdom of Silla in Korea who had departed from Aratsu composed the piece while waiting for a favorable wind to sail on at Noko-no-tomari (Currently Kara-tomari).



3 Noko Ware Stone Kiln Ruins

Ruins of a *nobori-gama* (lit: "climbing kiln") can be found here, located on the grounds of Noko Museum. It was in operation during the middle of the Edo Period (late 18th Century CE) for roughly 20 years. It is also a Fukuoka City Designated Cultural Property.



4 Noko Museum



Large-scale ship models, old maps, historical/folklore materials, and records of the Chikuzen Kamei School of

Confucianism are on exhibit here. Paintings by artist Tataru Yoshio also on display in a separate annex. Open every week from Friday to Sunday, and on holidays. Entrance fare required. Phone: 092-883-2887

5 Shirahige Shrine

A shrine dedicated to the god of the land, or *Ubusuna-gami*. Said to have been established in the Nara Period, Sumiyoshi Shrine, Empress Jingu, and Shika Myojin are also enshrined here. The depiction of *Hiten* (flying apsara) in the main shrine is also quite a sight.



Almanac

● Kaoki 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 #10.



● Okunchi at Shirahige Shrine



An event held every year on October 9, with an atmosphere of the early modern period (16th to 19th Century CE). Small children carry staffs with paper streamers and lead a group which brings an offering to the shrine. It is also a city-designated Intangible Cultural Property.

6 Dan Kazuo Poem Monument

Engraved is a tragic poem composed by writer Dan Kazuo, about his late wife Ritsuko: "The leaves of the wax tree have again turned to crimson—I still yearn to see her resting beneath them. And yet, she is no more, having left me in misery and grief." It was composed while he gazed upon the Chikugo plains from the hill at the back of Zenkoji Temple in Miyama City, thinking of his wife.



7 Sota Tomb



A small round burial mound built in the 7th Century CE roughly 8 meters in diameter. Pictured here is stone hut for the 2nd tomb, which has been preserved in a nearly complete state.

9 Nokonoshima Island Observatory

From the 195-meter summit of Noko, you can see in all directions, including the city of Fukuoka and the Genkai-nada Sea, as well as Oronoshima Island in the distance.



10 Dan Kazuo Literature Monument

Engraved is a poem Dan Kazuo wrote only 4 days before his death: "Though cold winds howl for many a night, I shall soon see the flowers which grant reprieve from the tumultuous winter." Odanohama Beach on the Itonoshima Peninsula can be seen from the monument's location, and is where Dan's book, "Ritsuko: Love & Death", was set.



11 Nokonoshima Camp Grounds & Swimming Beach

The camp grounds sport a number of palm trees, making it feel just like a tropical island. Along with beach houses and bungalows for rent, tents and cooking equipment are also available. Open from May to September. Phone: 092-881-0948



12 Nokonoshima Island Park

A nature park full of flowers and other plant life. With an area of about 150,000 square meters, there is an obstacle course, various game courts, and rentable lodges. Seasonal flowers are in bloom in the park as well. (Refer to flower calendar) Entrance fare required. Phone: 092-881-2494



13 Yaranosaki Manyoshu Poem Monument

Yaranosaki is the only location in Japan known to have had *sakimori* (a type of coast guard for strategic spots in Kyushu) stationed there. The poem engraved was read for these guards, specifically by a wife whose husband will not return after setting sail, and the sadness associated with that.



沖つ鳥 鴨とふ船の 世良の防人 早く告げこそ (二万葉集「三六六」)

NOKONOSHIMA ISLAND Sights! INFORMATION

Nokonoshima is a small island in Hakata Bay with a circumference of 12 kilometers, and a population of roughly 700 people. It has beautiful nature and a rich history, including an excerpt of the Manyoshu which describes a coast guard on the island. The island's environment is packed with sunlight, greenery, and the ocean breeze, making it great for hiking. Ships depart from Meinohama Ferry Terminal and arrive in around 10 minutes. Come get away from the hustle and bustle of the city in a place full of history and nature.

8 Shika-gaki ("deer wall")



In the Edo Period, the island was known as a hunting ground for deer, with over 600 deer at its height, though these were all wiped out by around 1945.

Shika-gaki was a stone wall designed to discourage deer from wrecking agricultural fields in the area, and spanned over 2 kilometers in length. A portion of the wall remains standing today.

Flower Calendar

- Japanese Daffodil Late December to Mid-February
- Camellia Early February to Late March
- Poppy Early March to Early May
- Canola Blossom Mid-March to Mid-April
- Cherry Blossom Late March to Early April
- Azalea Early April to Early May
- Satsuki Azalea Early May to Late May
- Hydrangea Early June to Late June
- Marigold Early May to Mid-July
- Sunflower Late July to Mid-August
- Cosmos Late September to Late October
- Late-blooming Cosmos Late October to Early November



These periods may change according to climate conditions.

Special Products

With an abundance of nature, there's so much to offer!

- Amanatsu Orange ● Hyuganatsu Orange
- Loquat ● Sweet Potato ● Clam ● Noko Udon
- Noko Wine ● Noko Cider ● Noko-pon (ponzu)

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