

1. About parks in Tochigi city

Do you know how many parks there are in Tochigi city?

There are actually 316 small and large parks.

Because of COVID-19, the number of people staying indoors has increased, so it might be a good time to visit parks to refresh your mind and body.

Here are some recommended places around the city so that everyone can enjoy these parks.

First of all, Tochigi City General Sports Park is great for exercise. There is a large stadium and gymnasium and you can enjoy jogging or walking in the park.

Ohira Sports Park in Ohira Town is another large park with an artificial turf baseball field. In the summer, you can play in the fountains and ponds to cool down in hot weather.

Next, if you want to enjoy scenic views, Taiheiyama Nature Park is the place to visit. You can enjoy the cherry blossoms in spring, hydrangea in early summer, and autumn leaves near the summit in the fall.

Also, if the weather is clear, you may be able to see Mt. Fuji and Tokyo Sky Tree.

Downtown, we recommend Dai-ni park next to Shinmeigu. There is a large fountain in the center of a Japanese garden that is very beautiful especially during the cherry blossom season.

For parents and children enjoying the weekend together, we recommend Tsuga no Sato Family Park and Nagano River Park which have playgrounds. You can also walk your dog at Nagano River Park.

There are probably many more parks around where you live so please go visit them.

When visiting a park, we ask that you take measures in preventing the spread of disease by following manners and rules such as social distancing.

Thank you for your cooperation.

2. About maintenance near the north exit of Tochigi station

Near the north exit of Tochigi Station, facilities are being developed based on the "Tochigi City Civic Core Maintenance Plan".

This area has not been used since the prefectural Gakuyukan High School was established in 2003. However, construction of the Tochigi government building began in 2018 and was completed at the end of May this year.

In addition, Tochigi Tax Office and Hello Work, which had been dispersed throughout the city until recently, have moved to the new government building and are already in use.

Currently, a private company is developing a civic center that houses hotels, stores, condominiums, city tourist information centers, etc. in the area adjacent to the north exit of Tochigi station.

The hotels, stores at the Civic Center are scheduled to open in April 2021, and the condominiums are scheduled to be completed in October 2021.

Once the construction is finished, more people will gather around the station and the town will become more lively.

3. About the child-rearing app "Tochigi City Sukusuku Navi"

The new app named "Tochigi City Sukusuku Navi" that can manage the vaccination schedule of your children and keep track of their growth can now be used.

Pregnancy and childbirth records, infant health tests and growth records, vaccination schedule, vaccination information, medical institution information, child-rearing information, etc. can be viewed immediately on a smartphone.

As your scheduled vaccination date approaches, you will receive a notification email as well as other alerts from the city.

It also supports 16 languages including English, Chinese, Spanish, Thai, Nepali, Vietnamese, and Tagalog.

To use it, access the homepage of the city hall, download it using the QR code to your smartphone, and register for use.

This app is not a substitute for the Mother and Child Handbook, but it is very useful as an extra tool so please give it a try.

4. About networking events for Tochigi Junior Chamber of Commerce

Foreign exchange students and technical trainees in Tochigi Junior Chamber of Commerce will light up decorated lanterns on Uzuma River for a week from November 14th to the 21st as part of a networking event.

This year, there will not be a large-scale event in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, but 400 lanterns painted with care by foreigners will be lit up to bring joy to everyone's lives.

The lanterns will be placed along a 200 meter stretch on Uzuma River between Tokiwa Bridge and Yamato Bridge.

The light-up will go from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Please come and see the fantastic night view.