



To National Scenic Beauty

On March 18, 2014, 13 scenic spots from 10 pre ectures related to MATSUO Basho's Oku-no Hoomichi were commended for their influence on the deas of landscape held by later generations and for still conveying the atmosphere of the old days, and ere named as nationally designated scenic spots. ocated to the north of Soka-shuku, which appears n Oku-no Hosomichi, Soka Matsubara has been own since the Edo period as a scenic spot on the Nikko Road. Together with old trees with trunks as large as 2 meters in circumference, this area has A road traveled scape that conveys the atmosphere of the days of by MATSUO Basho



The appearance of while missing the people ne riad riad to reave, and being bothered by the heavy load on his shoulders. the old trees

Among the 634 pine trees existing today there are about 60 old trees dating back to the Edo period. You can recognize them at first glance. They vary in appearance, ranging from trees with trunks as large as 2 meters in circumference, to those that extend branches over the Ayase River. You can enjoy viewing the appearance of the old trees while walking in Soka Matsubara.



for Senju, said goodbye to the people who had come to see him off, and later arrived at Soka, the

Hoping that I would return there alive, counting or

town called Soka that evening." The first station to

appear in Oku-no Hosomichi is Soka. It is said that

Basho used a character meaning "quick" in writing

the place name of Soka because he wanted to em-

phasize the halting pace on his first day of walking,

second post station on the Nikko Road.

Soka Matsubara, now and then

One theory holds that the row of pine trees was planted when the Ayase River was improved in 1630. The first record of any pine trees being planted indicates that 1,230 saplings were planted in 1792. Later on, painters and literati depicted them in numerous works. Worrying that such a landscape had been reduced to little more than 60 trees, local people took the lead in planting additional

saplings, and the number of pine trees reached 634 later, it was designated by the national government as a scenic spot in March 2014. The walking trail is thus loved as something that links the past to the future.



Soka's specialties

e edamame soybeans of Soka began to be cultivated in earnest in iid-1940s, and they are actively produced in the whole of the city are characterized by their sweet and delicious taste. Shipments



lebrate a good occasion, so arrowheads pods have long been used for good k as a dish in celebratory events. They have a distinctive bittersweet tast



begun in the Meiji period. It was then resumed after Vorld War II and was actively cultivated in the Yatsuka and Shinden dis-icts. The chrysanthemums produced in Soka are still high in quality nd highly acclaimed in the market.



Komatsuna Also known by the beautiful names "fuyuna" (winter ver etable) and "vukina" (snow vegetable). Komatsuna is por ular as a yellow-green vegetable with a peak harvest period in winter. It has long been cultivated in greenhouses, so it can be stably cultivated throughout the year. Komatsuna in winter is thick-leaved, loses its bitterness and becomes soft, and develops some sweetness, so it grows even tastier.

Visit: Hands-on experience Uruoi Workshop)

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trademark and accredited by the Japan Food Industry Association as a "genuine and a thentic" food brand.

Leather

Since the mid-1920s, Soka has had many leather processors and distributors, and the city brings together all processes ranging from the treatment of raw leather to dyeing, cutting, sewing, and finished products. With a wide range of leather types, local distribu tors sell various products.



Yukata dyeing

This is a traditional product designated as a prefectural traditional handicraft. It is known under the "Tokyo Hanzome Yukata" brand. You will never tire of rolls of cloth and hand towels dyed with even deeper vividness by injecting the cloth with dye.



↓You can purchase these items here.

Traditional Industries Exhibition Room "Parisse"

Look at Soka's local industries and have a hands-on e 1000cm 包裹整理

Permanently available on the first floor of the Soka-shi Bunka Kaikan (Soka City Culture Hall), this exhibition this room exhibits to present the history and production processes of Soka's big three local industries: senbei, yukata dyeing, and leather. You can also see local products on sale, have a hands-on experience of senbei by



Directions Walk 5 minutes from the east exit of

Dokkyodaigakumae <Soka-Matsu Station on the Tobu Skytree Line.



Shojusan Fudoin Tofukuji B-4 nded in 1606 by OKAWA Zusho, who rked to open the Soka-shuku. This templ st monk Ken-u. The sanctuary, main gate

Shinmei-an

A repaired version of an

est house was opened

July 2011. It is run by

A-3

old private house, this



The Asako clan, a family of successful merchants in the Edo period, is said to have picked up a stone statue of Jizo that drifted along the Akabori irrigation canal, and enshrined along the Akabori irrigation canal, and enshrined the Akabori



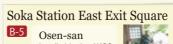
ark Park

sphere of a post station on the

Kawai Sora was one of Basho's disciples who accompanied him tea. There is a gallery on the second floor. Open from







Carson Plaza Installed in the AKOS Plaza at the east exit of Soka Station, this is a statue of a woman

This plaza, used as a venue for events, was named to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Soka's friendship exchanges with an international sister city of Carson, California, USA.

Fudaba Kashi Park A-3

Located at the south end of Soka Matsubara, this park reproduces an image of what the riverside used to be. The park includes a replica of the formerly bustling riverside wharf for boat transportation in the Fudaba Kashi Park There is also a pentagonal observation tower 12.5 m high (including the height of the stone walls as a foundation the inside of the watchtower is open to the public from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m., and it is illuminated from 7.00 p.m. to





Soka Matsubara (National Scenic Beauty) A-1~3

Soka Matsubara Walking Trails A-1~3 The row of more than 600 pine trees along the form

Nikko Highway, about 1.5 km from the area near the So 6-chome Bridge, has been called "Sembon Matsubara" (Ro of a Thousand Pines) since the Edo period, and enjoyed fame as a scenic spot along the highway. On N 18, 2014, Soka Matsubara became a National Sc Beauty "Scenic Area of Oku-no Hosomichi Soka Mai ara". The walking trail is paved with cobblestones, and i area of relaxation for the public



I-no Hosomichi : "Days and weeks are like dreds of people passing by..." From over he bridge, you can have a good view of the ow of pine trees, so the bridge is an ideal MIZUHARA Shuoshi

Poem Monument A-1



Historical Archives Building (Museum of History and Folklore)

In 1983, the city repaired and opened the west building of the Soka Elementary School, which was the prefecture's first school building made of reinforced concrete. The building contains two



rule. You should apply in advance.

10:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m

[Application / Inquiry]

048-921-1800

A guide is provided to a group of at least five visitors as a B-6

and industry in the city. The facility provides a multi-purpose space designtions, and other sessions about local products and commodities in the city. corner to present sightseeing information, and the facility also makes r vides contact services in connection with volunteer guides (from the Soka Guides Association) DATA

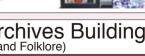
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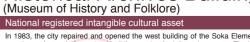
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Soka Guides Association.

what stations on the old highways used to be like. The premies of the temples are home to many monuments to commem rate literati as well as painters and calligraphers. Fudaba-Kas

Park also serves as a stage for expressing culture and literature beginning with the image of MATSUO Basho. The centuries-old pine trees of Matsubara speak of the emotions of the





exhibition rooms, two stores, and a multi-purpose room. It houses examples of earthenware, sen bei-making tools, folklore materials, and other local historic documents and folklore material with a total of about 1.600 items. About 150 of DATA

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Closed Monday (In the case of a holiday, the Address 1-11-29, Sumiyoshi, Soka City, Saitama Prefectul ms Walk 10 minutes from the east exit of Soka Station on the Tobu Skytre TEL. 048-922-0402