

## Takada park

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Takada Park, was built in the site of Takada Castle, which was built as a residence of Matsudaira Tadateru, the 6<sup>th</sup> son of Tokugawa Ieyasu, and whole of the park is specified as a historic site of Niigata Prefecture. It is said that terrain of the current park is made by filling the moat to destroy the majority of the earthworks in 1907, when the old Army thirteenth division is marching. The area of the park is about 50ha, as the park is located in the heart of the city, it boasts one of the largest in nationwide. In the park, there are culture facilities such as restored Takada castle triple turret and Museum, Kokei Kobayashi Memorial Museum of Art, Takada library, and Ogawa Mimei Literature Museum (in Takada library), sports facilities such as athletics field, and baseball field, bronze statue promenade, bronze corner of Yuzo Iwano, and the outer moat round promenade. And it has become a stroll road and a recreation of citizens. In addition, the mansion of Kokei Kobayashi, who is the master of Japanese paintings, and also Gokurakubashi that connects the inner citadel and the outer citadel has been restored.

[Takada park leaflet \(Japanese\) \[PDF file /1.2MB\]](#)

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### Cherryblossoms in Takada park

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Cherryblossoms in Takada park, it began 2,200 cherry trees was planted in 1909 by the Legion to commemorate the marching of the old army thirteenth Division. Currently, in Takada park and its surroundings, it is said that there are about 4,000 cherry trees. In the evening, the triple tower and cherryblossoms shine in the light of lanterns, sights of reflecting on water surface of the moat are counted as the three greatest night cherry blossoms of Japan, and it becomes all the more brilliantly. "Takada castle million people cherryblossoms viewing" will be held every year, and it is crowded with citizens who wait for spring and people who come to the cherryblossom viewing from all over as well.



*Takada castle million people cherryblossom viewing*



*Sakura Road*

Lighted up cherryblossom tunnel. Full of cherryblossoms cover the sky, shows us fantastic form different from the daytime, and attracts our mind.

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### **Lotus in Takada park**

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For lotus of Takada park, it started that raised the lotus root planting lotus in the outer moat to rebuild the financial of Takada clan destituted by Boshin war and poor harvest. Lotus fill the outer moat 19ha, and it has been touted as the best of the East in its beauty and scale both. The best time to see is from late July to mid-August, we hold the “Joetsu Lotus Festival” every year.

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### **Takada castle triple tower**

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Takada castle triple tower was built on the main enclosure southwest corner of the earthworks, at that time, called "Gosangai yagura" and had become a symbol of the castle to replace the castle tower, But after the castle abandoned, in around 1886 it was demolished. Triple tower has been restored in 1993, what was rebuilt sufficiently based on the results of materials research and excavations. It is three layers and third floors, the base is about 9.1m east-west and about 10.9m north-south, height is about 15m, and appearance is based on palace-style building. The roof, one layer and three layers are gambrel, two layer is the hip format, with the lugs of the gable roof in one layer, three layer. First floor and second floors are the exhibition rooms, the third floor is the observation room. Fence of about 50m together with the east side of the tower was also rebuilt at the same time.

[Takada castle triple tower website from here \(Cultural Promotion Division ,Japanese\)](#)

## Facilities

### Park map



[Takada park, park map \(Japanese\)\[PDF file / 692KB\]](#)

## The location of the park

44-1 Motoshiro-cho, Joetsu, Niigata Prefecture [view map \(Google map external link, Japanese\)](#)

[Takada park access map \(Japanese\)\[PDF file / 52KB\]](#)

## Main facilities

Takada castle triple tower, Gokurakubashi, Nishibori Bridge, the main enclosure site, cherry blossom sample Gardens, Fountain Square, the lotus of the outer moat, bronze Promenade, Yuzo Iwano bronze corner, lawn open space, play equipment Square, athletics field, baseball field, tennis courts, softball place, Takada sports center, Japanese archery field, walking trails, Takada library, Ogawa Mimei literature Museum, General Museum, Kokei Kobayashi Memorial Museum of Art, Kokei Kobayashi House, Memorial tower

## Parking Lot

First to eighth parking, about 530 cars

## Others

A part of Takada park, has received the state-owned land of the free loan from the Kanto Local Finance Bureau, Ministry of Finance.

In the inner moat of Takada park, fishing is prohibited because of breeding the crap and danger of visitors.

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## Related Links

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- [Your energy to your hometown "hometown Joetsu support donation" \(Japanese\)](#)
- [your support to cherryblossom conservation activities of Takada park \(hometown tax payment, Japanese\)](#)

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