

# Shiozawa Guide Map

Located in one of Japan's heaviest snowfall regions, this town was once flourished as [Shiozawa-juku], a town along the [Mikuni Kaido Road], a major route connecting Edo(Tokyo)and Niigata during the Edo period.

This exhibit introduces Suzuki Bokushi, the author of [Hokuetsu Seppu], a book that gained great popularity in Edo. Through his work, he conveyed the life of snowy regions to the people of Edo. Please take a moment to experience his remarkable life and legacy.

You can see a statue of Myōken Bosatsu, carved by the Buddhist sculptor Mokujiki, who traveled across Japan. The statue is admired for its gentle and warm expression.

Shiozawa is home to a traditional textile that has been designated as an Important Intangible Cultural Property of Japan, a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, and a traditional craft of Japan. Visitors can enjoy short guiding tours, weaving experience, and handi craft experiences.

The extended eaves built in front of houses are called Gangi. They are a clever adaptation to snowy life, allowing roads to remain passable even during heavy snowfall.

A rare "Oha-tsuki Ginkgo", a special ginkgo tree whose leaves bear ginkgo nuts.

A resting area with a roof and benches where visitors can relax and take a break



## How to go by train

Train doors are not automatic. Please press the button next to the door when boarding or exiting the train. To keep the train warm, kindly press the button again to close the door after boarding or exiting.



▲About Shiozawa station

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- Boarding** Only from the rear door of the first car in the direction of travel can use.
- Alighting** Only from the front door of the first car in the direction of travel can use.

## About Hakka

Taking advantage of the region's snowy climate, Japanese mint oil and mint candies, known as Hakka, have been produced here for over 200 years. They are still made today at local confectionery shops.

With their delicate texture that gently melts in the mouth and their refreshing flavor, they are highly recommended.

### Icon Description

- Restaurant
- Cafe
- Souvenir Shop
- Others
- Gangi Street (Covered Walkway)