

# 2. East Shore Area



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## Mt. Ohanabe View Point (Elevation 1,011m)

A lookout with a panoramic view of Lake Towada. From here you can also see the Gomonseki lava dome that formed from volcano activity.



Japanese Serow

"God of the Forest," the largest beech tree in Japan, is located in the woods here.

God of the Forest



Flying Squirrel



Marten



Mandarin Duck



Great Spotted Woodpecker



Tufted Duck

Closed during winter



## Frozen Spray (Shibuki-gori)

In winter, wind and snow whips the shore and freezes into icicles on rocks and trees, forming beautiful "frozen spray," or *shibuki-gori* in Japanese. On the eastern shores in particular, which is downwind, frozen spray is often seen in late January and early February when repeated cold waves help the icicles grow to exceptional sizes.



## Gomonseki Lava Dome

A lava dome believed to have formed in the early eruptions that led to Lake Towada. In summer, when water levels recede, the peak emerges like an island from the lake's surface.

## Cliffs of Mt. Ogura

Lake Towada is a double-caldera lake that was formed during major volcanic eruptions over thousands of years. The cliffs of Mt. Ogura, which can be seen from Utarube, are part of a lava dome that formed out of rising lava after a large eruption at the tip of the Ogura Peninsula. The cliff at the neck of the peninsula was named "Sarugakura" and the cliff on the eastern face was named "Urasenjomaku." Mt. Ogura is an excellent reminder of the volcanic activity and power that is unique to Lake Towada.



Whitespotted Char

Himematsu (kokanee salmon)

Cherry Salmon

## Kankodai View Point (Elevation 583m)

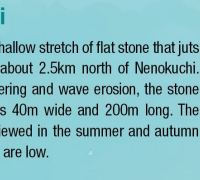
Located on the west side of the Ogura Peninsula, this lookout affords some of Lake Towada's most beautiful sunset views. It's definitely worth a visit to see the sunset over Lake Towada as it glitters on the lake's surface.



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## Otatami-ishi

Otatami-ishi is a shallow stretch of flat stone that juts out into the lake about 2.5km north of Nenokuchi. Formed by weathering and wave erosion, the stone platform measures 40m wide and 200m long. The platform is best viewed in the summer and autumn when water levels are low.



Kotatami-ishi

## Sightseeing Cruise Ticket Office & Boarding Point

## Matsukura-jinja Shrine

A red *torii* gate and small shrine can be found on the way to Utarube from Nenokuchi. A long time ago, a woman named Matsuko came to Matsukura in search of Nansobo, a priest who arrived in Lake Towada on an ascetic journey. She built a small hut and spent many years waiting there for him. However, after hearing that Nansobo had become the guardian of the lake, she too threw herself into the lake. It is said that sometime later, after a woman-like rock appeared in that same location. The local people took pity on Matsuko and built a small *hokora* shrine in her honor.

## Ogura Peninsula



Mt. Ogura

Sarugakura

## East Lake

## Lake Park Utarube

A perfect lakeside retreat teaming with families on holidays. It's a must for photographers who want to catch the best sunset views anywhere on the lake. The fiery red sunset upon the lake is too beautiful for words. In winter, it is a sanctuary for wild birds.

## Utarube Campground



Closed during winter



Bus Stop Shimo-Utarube

## Nanamagari View Point

This hidden lookout offers beautiful views! Parking available.

## Oirase (Aobunayama) Bypass (Tunnel is under construction)

A new tunnel is currently under construction that will connect to the Oirase Bypass.

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Restaurant Mizuumi-tei

Kohan Shokudo

Nenokuchi

## Forest Sunset Road

On National Route 103 from Nenokuchi to Utarube, the sun sets on the lake and shines through the forest for fantastic scenery that's the thing of dreams. Don't miss your chance to experience the magic of Forest Sunset Road.

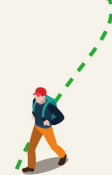


**JR House Nenokuchi**  
JR Bus Nenokuchi Station. The station has a small gift shop and tourist information desk.

## Mt. Towada Hiking Course

Mt. Towada is 1,054 meters above sea level. The course from trailhead to summit takes about two hours. Parking is available in the lot located in front of the Utarube Pier. The mountainside is covered with beech forests that give way to yew trees near the summit. Mt. Towada is also known as Mt. Onko, which comes for the local name for yew trees. The summit provides beautiful views of Lake Towada. Recommended for strong walkers only.

Mt. Towada



## Towada-jinja Shrine (Utarube)

A different shrine that shares the same name as the Towada-jinja Shrine located at Yasumiya. A hideout that won't appear in search results, this shrine provides views of Mt. Towada.

## Map Legend

- Tourist Information Center
- Accommodation
- Restaurant
- Café
- Shop & Souvenirs
- Restroom
- Accessible Restroom
- Free Wi-Fi
- Coin Locker
- Sightseeing Cruise / Rental Boats
- Gas Station
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station
- Shrine or Temple
- Rest Area
- Point of Interest
- Rental Bicycles
- View Point