

Here are some must-see spots for you when you come to Yuda Onsen!

1 Kumano Shrine

During the Kamakura period, the divine spirit from Kumano Shrine was transferred here. The shrine is located on Mount Gongen, where the legend of the white fox originated, and is renowned as a deity of matchmaking.

2 Tsuji no Jizo Statue

In the past, people believed that carrying a Jizo statue would bring good luck to a married couple and their family.

3 Haiku Monument to Santoka

A poetry monument to the Yamaguchi born haiku poet Santoka Taneda who loved traveling and sake. The poem describes that men and women all enjoy the abundance of onsen in Yuda.

4 Poetry Monument to Chuya Nakahara

A poetry monument to the Yamaguchi born poet Chuya Nakahara is located along the Nishikigawa River. The letters engraved on the stone are transcriptions from his handwritten manuscripts.

5 Yakushido(Yakushi Nyorai)

Yuda Onsen is said to have begun when a monk was guided by a white fox. It is also said that Yakushi Nyorai also appeared out of the hot springs.

6 Ruins of Kawaraya

Kawaraya is an inn used by the reformist samurai from the end of the Edo period to the early Meiji period. Akiyoshi Yamada's wife was the daughter of Kawaraya.

7 Poetry Monument of Ten Places of Yamaguchi

"Onsen no Shunshoku" (Hot spring, Spring color). In Hiroyo Ouchi's reign, Chinese envoy Chotetsu selected ten scenic places in Yamaguchi and wrote down ten Chinese poems. This is one of them, describing the beauty of the nature of Yuda Onsen.

8 Nakahara Chuya Memorial Museum

Memorial museum for Chuya Nakahara, a lyrical poet from Yuda Onsen. The museum displays essential archives, such as his posthumous manuscripts and belongings.

9 Kitsune no Ashiato

Kitsune no Ashiato is a multi-purpose visitor center with café and foot baths. You can check out tourist information on Yuda Onsen and Yamaguchi city.

10 Yunoya

A renowned spot of Yuda Onsen where you can observe the natural hot spring water being pumped up from the source 500 meters underground. You can also drink the hot spring water.

11 Inoue Park

This park is located on the site of the birthplace of Kaoru Inoue, a statesman of the Meiji era. There is a bronze statue of Kaoru Inoue and a monument of "Seven court nobles" from Kyoto.

12 Kaentei

This building is the reproduction of the house where "The seven court nobles" such as Sanetomi Sanjo from Kyoto stayed as dormitory for a half year. It is now recreated as a rest space.

13 Monument to Masanosuke Sufu

This stone monument is dedicated to Masanosuke Sufu, a Choshu samurai who contributed to the Meiji Restoration. The monument is located near the spot where he committed Seppuku.

14 Ryusenji Temple

Ryusenji is where Michitomi Higashikuze and Takauta Shijo stayed while Sanetomi Sanjo was staying at Kaentei. It is also known as "Maemachi Goten".

15 Yuda Onsen Shrine

This shrine was once located in the center of Yuda Onsen, and is currently located next to Asakura Hachiman Shrine.

Short stories about Yuda Onsen! Read them before you go walking around the town!

If you want to drink the Hot Springs water, try the "Good Luck Hot Spring Water Drinking Cup"

Sake cups featuring Yuda Yuta and Yuko, the beloved mascot characters of Yuda Onsen, are sold at Yuda Onsen Tourist Information Center. They make perfect souvenirs!

Find six postboxes which are painted as "Yuta", the white fox character of Yuda Onsen!

There are a total of six white post boxes in front of Yuda Onsen Station & in Yuda Onsen Town in the shape of Yuda Onsen's character "Yuta". Please look for them!

A large white fox statue in front of Yuda Onsen Station

There is an impressive 8-meter tall, 3-ton giant white fox monument. Taking a picture with it will surely create a wonderful memory of your trip!

Kumano Shrine is the place to go for relationships and break-ups.

How about drawing a love fortune and writing your wishes on an ema (a wooden plaque that people write their prayers or wishes on) at Kumano Shrine, which enshrines a god of relationships and break-ups? May you be blessed with a good match...

"Yudaaururu" series of skin care containing hot spring water

Lotion made from 100% Yuda Onsen spring water and sister products such as face masks and lip balms. Recommended before applying makeup, as a moisturizing measure, or when you want to refresh yourself!

"Okami Theater" is a unique entertainment by the Okami (The proprietress). You can feel her energy!

The well-known "Okami (proprietress) Theater", in which the proprietress of "Nishi-no-miyabi Tokiwa" performs her fun and entertaining tricks, has now gained a national recognition! Please come and enjoy a time of laughter and excitement.

Where to buy: Yuda Onsen Ryokan Cooperative Association, Nishi-no-miyabi Tokiwa, Matsudaya Hotel etc.

information: 083-922-0091 (Nishi-no-miyabi Tokiwa)



Original stampbook of Yuda Onsen

"Goshuin Cho", a stamp notebook with a cover made from "Tokuji Washi (Japanese Paper)", a specialty of Yamaguchi City. The design, inspired by the Ouchi family crest and Ouchi dolls, is unique to Yamaguchi and is very charming!

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Look for the chubby beckoning fox statues!

There are six chubby beckoning fox statues on Yunomachi Street! It is said that if you imitate their poses and take a picture with them, your wish will come true.

Beckoning fox with a Sake bottle: Symbol of better personal relationship
You may be able to live up the party and become a popular person!

Beckoning fox with a gold coin: Symbol of fortune
Aim to be rich!

Beckoning fox with a pencil: Symbol of academic success
Maybe you'll get a better grade!

Beckoning fox with a Kimono cloth: Symbol of beauty
You will become even more stylish!

Beckoning fox with a tire: Symbol of victory
It's time to give it all you've got!

Beckoning fox with a fish: Symbol of good health
"Food" is the source of health!

Easily Accessible Yuda Onsen Spas

I Sansuien ☎ 083-921-0656

Ages 70 and above ¥1300 Middle school students and above ¥1600
Elementary school students and under ¥800
Closed on the last Tuesday of the month (Closed day may change)
Hours: 10:00am~10:00pm (Reception closes at 9:00pm)

II Centcore Yamaguchi ☎ 083-922-0811

Adults ¥1000 Elementary school students ¥500
Hours: 11:00am~9:00pm (Reception closes at 9:00pm)
Mondays open: 4:00pm~9:00pm

III Umenoya Spa and Restaurant ☎ 083-922-0051

Middle school students and above ¥900
Elementary school students and under ¥450
Open: [Sun. Mon. Thu. Fri.] 9:00am~12:00am [Tue. Wed.] 1:30pm~12:00am
[Sat.] 10:00am~3:00pm (Please check the schedule in advance)

IV Hotel Kiraku ☎ 083-922-0333

Middle school students and above ¥700
Elementary school students ¥600 Pre-school children ¥300
Hours: 11:00am~6:30pm (Reception closes at 9:00pm)
Monday: 3:00pm~6:30pm (Reception closes at 6:00pm)

V Onsen no Mori ☎ 083-920-1126

Adults ¥1000 Middle and High school students ¥850
Elementary school students ¥500 Pre-school children ¥300
Hours: 10:00am~12:00am (Reception closes at 11:30pm)

VI Nishi-no-miyabi Tokiwa ☎ 083-922-0091

Middle school students and above ¥800
Children: age 4~12 ¥600 Ages 3 and under: Free
※Rental face towel ¥100 Bath towel ¥330
Hours: 11:00am~10:00am (Reception closes at 9:00pm)

VII Fukufuku no Yu (Kamefuku Onn Place) ☎ 083-922-7000

Middle school students and above ¥1500
Elementary School students and under ¥700
Age 3~6: ¥300 Age 2 and under: Free ※Rental face towel ¥100 each
Hours: 1:00pm~12:00am (Reception closes at 10:00pm)

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Try the Yuda gourmet!

Yuda Onsen is full of attractive gourmet foods!
Be sure to taste them all before you leave!

Baby Fox soft serve ice cream

A little cookie in the shape of a little fox is placed on top of the soft serve ice cream, which is adorable and very popular.

Where to buy: Kitsune no Ashiato (083-921-8818)

Yuko-chan Bento

Yuko-chan has become a bento box! Main dish is "Chicken Chicken Gobou" (Deep fried chicken and burdock root with sweet soy sauce), a popular school lunch menu item and is worth trying! ※Reservation required at least 3 days in advance.
Where to buy: "Okazuyasan pakupaku" in "Kishimoto Fruit and Veg Shop" (083-922-2720)

Chocotto

Chocotto is a creative Japanese confectionery made of amber sugar containing collagen from pufferfish and is coated with chocolate. The outside is crunchy and inside is jiggly.

Where to buy: LAWAKU (083-902-6454)

Yamaguchi Uiro

Yamaguchi Uiro, made with bracken starch, is known for its soft texture and sweetness. There are three specialty Uiro shops in the Yuda Onsen area!

Yuda Onsen Pudding

A new gourmet specialty of Yuda Onsen, introduced in February 2024! Cute pudding with the image of a white fox soaking in hot spring water!

Where to buy: Konkon-yama (090-1688-7721)

For information on restaurants in Yuda Onsen

This is a helpful website with a lot of information about restaurants in Yuda Onsen!

information: Yuda Onsen Beverage and Social Association (083-922-8171)

Look for cute Manholes!

The manholes in Yuda Onsen have illustration of street names and traditional events in Yamaguchi City.

1 Yunomachi Street part1

The story began at a small pond in a temple located at the foot of Mount Gongen, the setting of the white fox legend.



3 Yunomachi Street part3

The monk wondered and scooped the pond water... "It's warm!"



5 Yunomachi Street part5

After that, the dug-up statue of Yakushi Nyorai was enshrined, and people worshipped it before bathing.



2 Yunomachi Street part2

Every night, a monk found a wounded white fox coming and dipped its feet in the pond!



4 Yunomachi Street part4

When he dug deep into the pond, hot water bubbled up, and the golden statue of Yakushi Nyorai appeared.



6 Yunomachi Street part6

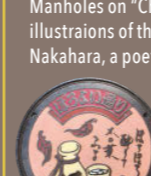
Yuda Onsen gained a reputation as "the hot spring of the white fox", for healing incurable diseases, and prospered!



There are more fun manholes in Yuda Onsen! Enjoy finding them (please be cautious for cars).



Manholes on "Koen Street" have illustration of the festivals in Yamaguchi City.



Manholes on "Chuya Street" have illustrations of the world of Chuya Nakahara, a poet from Yuda Onsen.



Manholes on "Horoyoi Street" have illustrations of the poem by Santoka Taneda, a poet from Yamaguchi.

For inquiries about Yuda Onsen and tourism

Yuda Onsen Tourist Information Center
TEL:083-901-0150
Hours: 9:00am~6:00pm, All-year-around

Yuda Onsen Sightseeing Information Plaza
Kitsune no Ashiato
TEL:083-921-8818 FAX:083-923-2518
Hours: 8:00am~10:00pm, All-year-around

For inquiries about Yuda Onsen Ryokan Cooperative Association member inns

Yuda Onsen Ryokan Cooperative Association
6-6-53 Yuda Onsen
TEL:083-920-3000
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