

# Sightseeing Spots along the Toden Arakawa Line (Arakawa & Machiya)

Volunteer tour guides can escort visitors around tourist spots and historical and cultural landmarks in Arakawa City. Service in foreign languages is possible. For more information, send an e-mail to [kankou@city.arakawa.tokyo.jp](mailto:kankou@city.arakawa.tokyo.jp).

# Arakawa City

## Toden Arakawa Line & Nippori -Toneri Liner

### Walking Map

- ① Ogunohara Park** **MAP E-2 (7-1 Higashi-Ogu)**

Habitat to dragonflies and wild birds, this environment in its natural state also grows abundant wild habitat plants such as reeds around its pond, which is commonly known as Tonbo-ike Pond. The pond, which is adjacent to a super embankment overlooking the Sumidagawa River, is also a famous location for viewing weeping cherry blossom trees. The "Shidarezakura (Weeping Cherry Blossom) Festival" is held every year in early April.
- ② Tropiland Arakawa Store** **MAP F-2 (3-22-11 Machiya)**

This bright store with more than 400 water tanks and a variety of tropical fish, goldfish, freshwater fish and ornamental goods, etc. is like a small aquarium. Certified as an Arakawa Kosodate Support Store, the store holds events for children such as goldfish scooping etc. Closed: Tuesdays  
Inquiries: 03-3892-9438
- ③ Jigenji Temple** **MAP E-3 (2-20-12 Machiya)**

Local villagers believed the temple would heal eye diseases and help mothers produce a good supply of breast milk. The grounds hold two stone pagodas dated 1663 and 1678 that are dedicated to the goddess Nyoirin Kannon, as well as a number of other stone works.
- ④ Haranari Jinja Shrine** **MAP E-3 (2-8-7 Machiya)**

This shrine is called Hara Inari Jinja Shrine, and it was enshrined from ancient times. Based on the muna fuda sign from the year 1335 stating the building details, it can be speculated that the shrine was established before that time. Various theories state that when Ieyasu Tokugawa entered Edo in 1590, farmers from Mikawa moved to the Machiya area and dedicated this shrine. At the Minami-Senju Susunoo Jinja Shrine Tenno Festival, the shrine serves as an Otobisho (temporary resting point for portable shrines during rituals) every three years at the Gokinjo Festival (main festival) Gohshinshimochi.



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● Arakawa City Website <http://www.city.arakawa.tokyo.jp/> [リサイクル選定](#)  
● Arakawa-ku Twitter @arakawakukoho

- Arakawa Meister**

The shop of craftsmen who have received specification and registration as an intangible cultural asset in Arakawa City traditional industry art.

1 Fish merchant	Norio Kizuka (Uomatsu)
2 Chef (Sushi Craftsman)	Akihiko Watanabe (Sushidokoro Edoshō)
3 Clock smith	Mitsuo Maeyamada (Yamada Toko Giutsuten)
4 Furnace worker	Masao Kondo (Kondo Furnace Service Ltd.)
5 Makeup master	Hajime Miyata (Miyata Makeup)
6 Martial Arts tool repairman	Reiko Inagaki (Kobayashi Isshindo Ltd.)
7 Japanese dressmaking technician	Sonoe Akabane
8 Tofu maker	Yasuo Kujirai (Asahiya Kujirai Shōten Ltd.)
9 Japanese clothing maker	Masao Yajima (Yajima Wasajo)
10 Prosthetist	Fumio Usui (Prosthetic and Orthotics Support Center)

Inquiries : Management Support Div. 03-3802-3111 (Ext. 459)

- The Shops of Arakawa recommendations**

\*Souvenirs and recommended articles selected by the Arakawa City community members Part 1\* shop.

1 Yasui Tsukudami Store	Tsukudami (Food boiled in soy sauce)
2 Sakura Senbei	Home-made thick, medium, round and plain senbei
3 Okuraya	Kamayose-dōfu (Boiled beancurd)
4 Aokiya	Croquette bread
5 Maison Souvenir	Wasanbon roll
6 Tokuei Shōji Ltd.	Toden Arakawa Line paper weight
7 Pain de Parterre	Square loaf
8 Nonki-an	Brown sugar orayaki
9 Hōraiya	Ham and Cheese Taiyaki
10 Hakataya	Imagawayaki
11 Chikuryū-an (Okano (Machiya) store)	Yū-Yū Toden/Toden Komachi
12 Cafe Mugiwari	Galette gianduja
13 Higashiya	Baked goods / Rolled cake/Petit gâteau

- Handicraft Tours and Activities**

Makers offering handicraft tours or activities to make your own item.

1 Prostheses/Braces	Tetsudo Kōaikai Prosthetic and Orthotics Support Center
2 Ebonte products and fountain pens	Nikko Ebonte Manufacturing Co., Ltd.
3 Clothing and miscellaneous goods	Atelier Coppola
4 Hand dyed textile work	Tegaki-Vizen Itsuko Kasahara
5 Reptile leather goods manufacture	Yamamoto Seiho Co., Ltd.
6 Japanese dolls	Takenaka Hinanigyo Seisakusho Ltd.
7 Bag repair and remodeling	Bag-Workshop Vidulus
8 Woodblock printing	Matsuzaki Taihōdo
9 Furnace Building	Kondo Chikuro Co., Ltd.
10 Tokyo Gakubuchi (Picture Frames)	Fujiseigaku Co., Ltd.

\*Reservations required for tours and activities. (In Japanese only)  
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**Toden Arakawa Line**  
A street car which connects the 12.2km(30 stops) between Minowa-bashi (Arakawa-ku) and Waseda (Shinjuku-ku) in about 60 minutes. Along the inner Arakawa-ku line, 13,000 roses of about 140 varieties bloom between May and mid-June. In 2005, the Toden Line roses won the grand prize of the "Flower Tourism Development Award" sponsored by the Japan Tourism Association.

- Traditional Craftsmen**

The shop which maintains intangible cultural assets (industrial arts technology) by appointing and determining traditional technical craftsman within Arakawa City.

1 Hair ornament decorated with silk crafts	Kinuyo Tomura (Tomura Shōten)
2 Fishing rods (made of bamboo)	Kisaburo Nakane (Suzuzao Saachō)
3 Sippo	Hiroshi Hatakeyama (Hatakeyama Shippou Seisakusho)
4 Calligraphy on paper lanterns	Tatsuya Ishii (Oshimaya)
5 Forging	Takehisa / Toshihisa Nagasawa (Nagasawa Seisakusho)
6 Woodworks	Hikaru / Kuroki Watanabe (Watanabe Wakaguro Seizo)
7 Hand dyed textile work	Itsuoku Kasahara
8 Folding fan	Yoshiko Fukutsu (Unikindo)
9 Calligraphy on paper lanterns	Hiroki Maemori (Chouchiuya Maemori)
10 Paulownia chest of drawers	Masataka / Yasuo Mura (Murai Chest Store)
11 Japanese dolls	Shigeru / Toshiaki Takeda (Takeda Minamitsu Seisakusho Ltd.)
12 Tinner's snips scissors	Seisuke Tanaka (Sigeru Morimitsu Seisakusho)
13 Woodblock printings	Keizaburo/Hiroshige Matsuzaki (Matsuzaki Taihōdo)
14 Hair ornament decorated with silk crafts	Ichiro Ishida (Ishiri Shōten Ltd.)
15 Forging	Etsuo Sugawara (Sugawara Seisakusho)
16 Gakubuchi frame	Hiroshi Yoshida / Daichi Kunihara (Fujiseigaku Co., Ltd.)

Information : Arakawa Furusato Museum 03-3807-9234 (in Japanese only)

- Legend**

① Ogunohara Park	Major sightseeing spot
② Edogawabori	Sightseeing guide sign
③ Arakawa Kuyakusho-mae	Historic site explanation board
④ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Shopping Street
⑤ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Metropolitan Bus route / Bus stop
⑥ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Community bus sakura route / Bus stop
⑦ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Community bus shōji sakura route / Bus stop
⑧ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Children's Playground
⑨ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Park
⑩ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Playground / Square
⑪ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Public / Crossing name
⑫ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Blossom-viewing spot
⑬ Minami-Senju Eki Minami-Senju Station	Public lavatory

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- ⑤ Arakawa Natural Park** **MAP F-4 (8-25-3 Arakawa)**

Chosen as one of the "Hundred Views of the New Tokyo", this is the largest public park in Arakawa-ku. The park features a swan pond modeled in the shape of Arakawa-ku, as well as a transportation park where you can have fun learning traffic rules. In addition, in summer an observation park for Japanese rhinoceros beetles, as well as a children's pool, are both opened. Closed: 1st and 3rd Thursdays (the following day where this is a National Holiday)
- ⑥ Mikawashima Water Reclamation Center** **MAP F-4 (8-25-1 Arakawa)**

The red brick Former Mikawashima Wastewater Disposal Site Pumping Facility was the first modern wastewater treatment facility in Japan. It was designated as an Important Cultural Property of Japan in 2007. Important Cultural Property Tour Reservations (Except for Tuesdays, Fridays and New Year's Holidays)  
Inquiries: 03-6458-3940
- ⑦ Hakusenken Temple** **MAP E-3 (7-17-2 Arakawa)**

The ceiling of the main hall is decorated with "Unryūzu" by Suin Komuro, and the inner sanctum ceiling is decorated with "Kachōfūgetsuga" by 100 Japanese painters. On the grounds there is also "Yamabuki no Tsuka", which tells the story of Dokan Ota, who built Edo Castle.
- ⑧ Rokujizō** **MAP E-4 (4-10 Arakawa)**

With about 10 Koshin Tower and Jizo stone structures, it isn't actually a Rokujizō (6-Jizo), but became known as this, as well as sometimes being called Hasuda Kosodate Jizo. It has become an outpost providing peace to passersby. The Ojuya Festival is held on November 3.
- ⑨ Inari Jinja Shrine** **MAP E-5 (3-65-9 Arakawa)**

This shrine is also known as Mikawashima Inari and Miyaji Inari, and the place name of Miyaji which is nearby is said to have come from this shrine. To the right of the shrine, is a hand bowl dedicated by Shin Yoshiwara with the inscription " (1779)".
- ⑩ Joshōji Temple** **MAP E-5 (3-53-1 Arakawa)**

Extending 3,500 tsubo (11,500m<sup>2</sup>) in the Edo Period, there are a number of stone Buddha and stone monuments, including an inscription on the Koshimachikyo monument from 1666. In front of the main hall the Mikawashima Kannon is enshrined in remembrance of the tragedy of the kokuden (current JR) Mikawashima accident in 1962.
- ⑪ Hokaiji Temple** **MAP E-5 (3-51-3 Arakawa)**

This was devoted to a place for meals during the Shoguns' "Tsūranari" from the late Edo Period to the end of the Tokugawa Period. On its grounds are the tomb for Geki Shimizu, built in 1629, as well as Yakushi Chōsei said to be effective against eye disease, and the barrel-shaped tomb of Rakugo performer Shirauo Tsukudaya etc.
- ⑫ Kesazuka Miminashifudo Mitsumine Jinja Shrine** **MAP E-5 (3-22 Arakawa)**

The shrine was built by a priest of Senkō Temple called Koue. He became the subject of a story by the writer Sane Kiyoden that describes the priest's tragic relationship with a Yoshiwara pleasure quarters prostitute. The Fudo Myōō (Acala, the Immovable one) statue sitting on top of the Kesazuka barrow has no left ear and is said to have the power to heal maladies of the ear. It has become a custom to present the deity with pierced wooden
- ⑬ Arakawa Park** **MAP F-5 (2-23 Arakawa)**

Located in the center of the park is the sculpture Yume (Dream) by Seizo Kitamura, a sculptor famous for the Peace Statue in Nagasaki Peace Park. In the spring, the park is filled with cherry blossoms that attract large crowds. Next door is Minonari Park, which is planted with apple, cherry and other fruit-bearing trees.

