



# Iwaki-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Iwaki-Key Has Changed!

In the interest of providing more timely updates and saving paper, "Iwaki-Key" will be running as a simplified event list from this month onward! You can still find write-ups of local sights and useful lifestyle bulletins by following Iwaki Vision on Facebook (@iwakivision1) or on Instagram (@iwaki\_vision). An account is not required to view our Instagram updates, however if you have one, we'd be happy for you to follow us. If you have any inquiries, or wish to unsubscribe from the physical copy of this newsletter, you can send an email to [liam\\_d@city.iwaki.lg.jp](mailto:liam_d@city.iwaki.lg.jp). Digital copies of this event list will be uploaded to the city's homepage

(<http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/www/contents/1450264862760/index.html>) as always. We appreciate your understanding, and wish you the best of holidays!

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Online	Augmented Reality (AR) Onahama-Taira Area December 24 <sup>th</sup> - January 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Iwaki Sunshine Marathon will be held using AR this year, allowing both runners and spectators to participate on their own schedules. QR codes will be available along the site of the course, so that contestants can run a virtual race, and spectators can view the captured footage.	Iwaki Sunshine Marathon Executive Committee Secretariat (Sports Promotion Division) TEL: 0246-22-7607
Kusano Shimpei and Stones: A Poet, and Geology	Iwaki City Ammonite Centre Until January 11 <sup>th</sup>	Come see we well-known poet's lesser-known rock collection. Featuring a mini excavation corner where you can unearth your own geodes! Admission is 260 yen for adults, 190 yen for students, 110 yen for Junior High School and under.	Iwaki City Ammonite Centre TEL: 0246-82-4561
Iwaki Cherry Blossom Illumination Festival	Iwaki Station Area Until January 11 <sup>th</sup> Evenings from 5:00pm-11:00pm	In tribute to the 3/11 triple disaster and the scenery in Tomioka that was made inaccessible by it, the trees of Iwaki's main street will be illuminated to look like cherry blossoms.	Junior Chamber International Iwaki 0246-24-0780
Stringraphy Performance	Iwaki City Art Museum January 11 <sup>th</sup> 11am-Noon, 2:00pm-3:00pm	Composer Kazue Mizushima formed Studio Eve in 1992 with Midori Yaegashi and started to create STRINGRAPHY works - a unique collision of music and installation art. Watch her and her ensemble use string instalments to turn the Iwaki Art Gallery into a giant acoustic harp, in what will surely be an astounding performance. Reservation is required in advance.	Iwaki City Art Museum: TEL:0246-25-1111 <a href="http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html">http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html</a>
Winter Stargazing	Takaku Community Centre January 16 <sup>th</sup> , 5:30pm-8:00pm	An explanation of astronomy, followed by gazing up at Orion, and the winter's milky way. Please register with Iwaki City's Environmental Planning Division by January 7 <sup>th</sup> .	Organized by: Iwaki City Astronomy Club TEL: 0246-31-0541
Mobile-Making Workshop	Iwaki City Art Museum January 16 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Come take a course in making mobiles, taught by illustrator and picture book artist Hitomi Murakami. Classes vary in time and type of mobile (balanced, or hanging), and attendance is limited to eight people per course, so be sure to reserve with Iwaki City Art Museum in advance. Participation fee is 200 yen.	Iwaki City Art Museum TEL: 0246-25-1111 <a href="http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html">http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html</a>
Let's Try! At-Home Seaweed Experiment	Online, January 17 <sup>th</sup>	An educational event aimed at families with elementary school-aged students. Try making your own seaweed crafts and snacks at home! Study Kit required, so please be sure to register by January 6 <sup>th</sup> to ensure timely delivery. 1500 yen. Registration available at <a href="https://ws.formzu.net/sfgn/S81814607/">https://ws.formzu.net/sfgn/S81814607/</a>	Aquamarine Fukushima Life Education Group: TEL:0246-73-2539
Exhibition of Students' Prints, 2020	Iwaki City Art Museum January 5 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	See the prints that Iwaki's talented elementary and middle schoolers have put tremendous effort into producing. These prints offer a glimpse into the world of these young artists. Admission is free.	Iwaki City Art Museum: TEL:0246-25-1111 <a href="http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html">http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html</a>
Animal's Mealtime Livestream	Online, January 24 <sup>th</sup> 2:00pm-4:00pm	An educational event aimed at families with elementary school-aged students. Watch the animals at Aquamarine Fukushima enjoy their lunch via livestream, as well as a behind-the-scenes on how it's made! Participation fee of 500 yen. Registration deadline is Jan 10 <sup>th</sup> , registration is available at: <a href="https://ws.formzu.net/sfgn/S41447654/">https://ws.formzu.net/sfgn/S41447654/</a>	Aquamarine Fukushima Life Education Group: TEL:0246-73-2539
Green Slow Mobility Toy Box: Onahama	Onahama Area Until February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Demonstrations of this new, environmentally-friendly technology are now being held in Onahama Area. Guests are asked to reserve service - this can be done via smartphone on demand between 8:30am-3:30pm at <a href="https://bit.ly/iwakigs">https://bit.ly/iwakigs</a> . Fare of 100 yen is now required, payable by electronic payment methods. Riders will also be given discount coupons, redeemable at various shops around the Onahama area.	Iwaki Taxi Group TEL: 0246-54-4649 <a href="https://bit.ly/iwakigs">https://bit.ly/iwakigs</a>
Exploring Iwaki's Yayoi Period	Iwaki City Archaeological Museum Until April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Come see what was unearthed in recently discovered tombs found in what is now known as Iwaki, in the second part of this special exhibition series. Admission is free.	Iwaki City Archaeological Museum TEL: 0246-43-0391

\*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.

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