

Autumn Leaves in Iwaki

Japan is known for having a very colourful autumn; and Iwaki is no exception. Here is a brief guide to some of the best spots to view the falling leaves in Iwaki during autumn.

Ryujin Gorge

In just a 1km return walk from Migaeshi to Ryujin Bridges, you can take in the breathtaking views of the Same River rapids. Walking events are held during this time of year, so you can enjoy the bright red leaves during your stroll along the track.



Location: Taki, Tono-machi, Iwaki City
Access: 30min drive from Yumoto Station (Joban Line)
Inquiries: Iwaki City Tourist Information Centre (0246-23-0122)



Location: From Kamiogawa, Ogawa-machi to Kawamae, Iwaki City
Access: 15min walk from Eda Station (Ban'etsu Line)
Inquiries: Iwaki City Tourist Information Centre (0246-23-0122)

Natsui River Gorge

With its dynamic falls and depths, Natsui River Gorge offers amazing scenery not just in autumn but throughout all four seasons of the year. Some of the best ways to enjoy Natsui River in autumn include hiking along the river edge or camping at the designated grounds. If walking or camping is not your thing, you can get a nice view of the gorge while riding the Ban'etsu Line, which runs parallel to the river from Ogawago to Kawamae Stations.



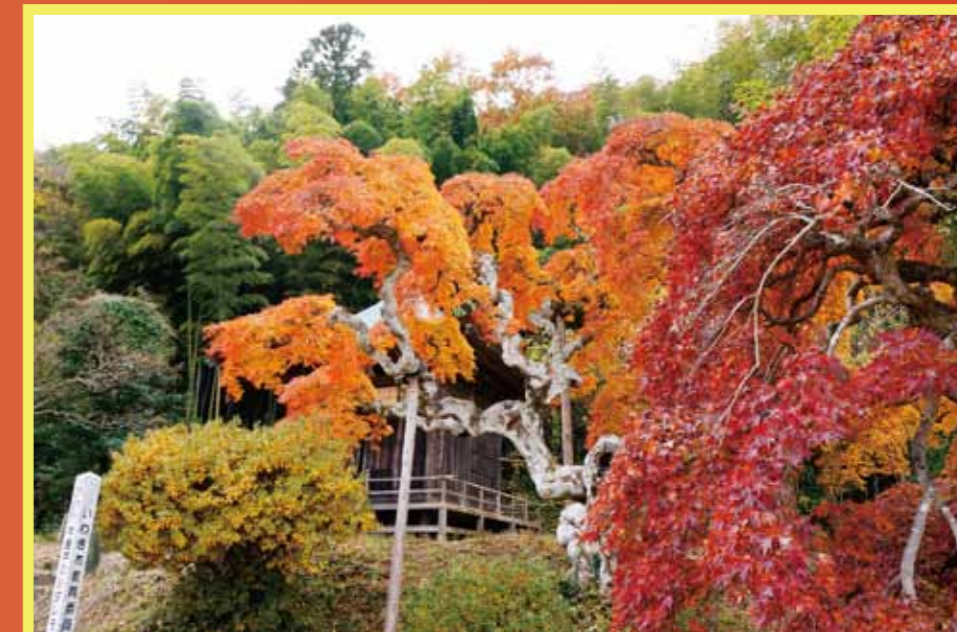
Shiramizu Amida Temple

The only structure designated as a National Treasure in Fukushima, you can appreciate all four seasons around the temple gardens, which feature hydrangea and lotus plants. There is a brief period in the year when you can enjoy the autumn leaves lit up against the backdrop of the pitch black night sky. Entry into the temple is 400 yen for adults and 250 yen for children up to primary school age.

Location: 219 Hirobatake, Shiramizu-machi, Uchigo, Iwaki City
Access: 10min drive from Uchigo Station (Joban Line)
Inquiries: Shiramizu Amida Temple (0246-26-7008)

Nakakamado Weeping Maples

This unique tree is the result of a mutation in the Japanese maple that causes the trunk to contort into bumps and the branches to droop down like an open umbrella. These beautiful trees have been designated as a National Natural Monument.



Location: 117-2 Omotemae, Nakakamado, Watanabe-machi, Iwaki City
Access: 10min drive from Izumi Station (Joban Line)
Inquiries: Cultural Promotion Division of Iwaki City Hall (0246-22-7544)