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*Shiroimori—a white forest filled with color  
Colors, too numerous to count.*

Between the Iide and Asahi mountain ranges  
lies Oguni Town, Yamagata Prefecture,  
surrounded by an expanse of beech.

In winter, snow covers everything in sight  
and the town is a white forest of harsh cold.

In summer, it is a cool, white forest of white-barked  
beech trees.

This white and that white are complemented  
by rhododendrons blooming pink, deep and pale,  
by rivers glimmering emerald green,  
by autumn hills filled with a panorama of red and orange,  
by ginkgo trees shining gold.

Colors, too numerous to count.

The air is clear, the canvas is white.  
Colors of nature  
paint the landscapes of Oguni Town.  
Come see how they look today.

YAMAGATA  
Oguni Town  
GUIDE BOOK









MAP 1

Kajika Falls



A waterfall where the fish kajika return from clean streams. The beautiful flow into the basin brings a breeze.

Snow still covers the mountains.  
New buds appear.  
Wild cherry trees start to bloom.  
It's a paradise!  
The green gets darker and darker  
until it envelops the white forest.



Take a relaxing stroll and be embraced by the soothing forest. The ease of walking the therapy road is part of its charm.



MAP 2

Forest Therapy Base Nukumidaira

Shiroimori Caravan Site



MAP 3

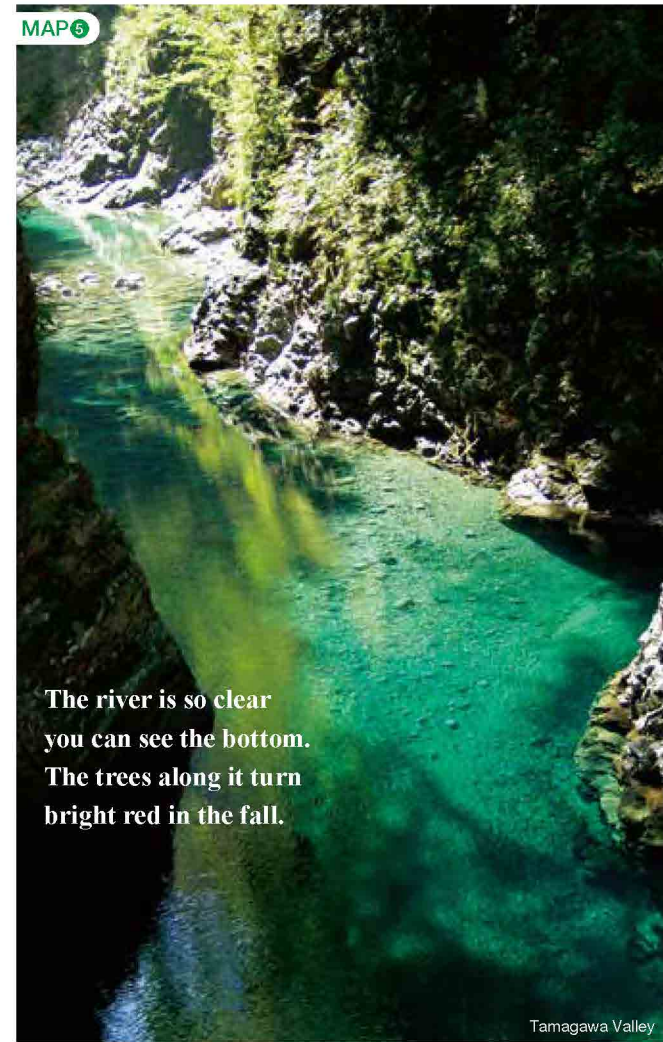


Mizu-no-Sato Koryu Hiroba Park Golf Course



MAP 4

MAP 5

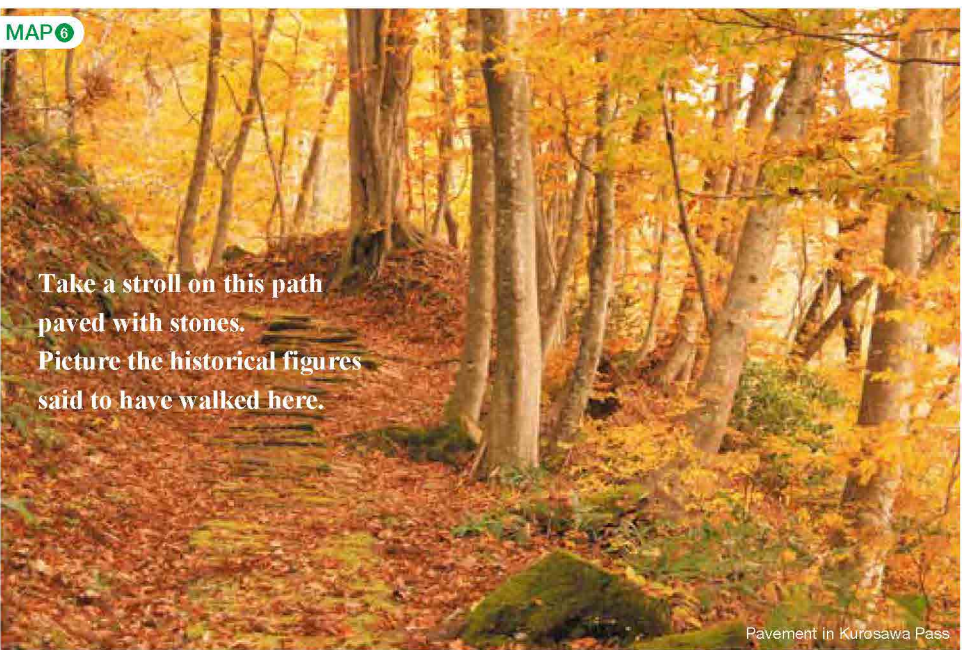


The river is so clear you can see the bottom. The trees along it turn bright red in the fall.

Tamagawa Valley



MAP 6



Take a stroll on this path paved with stones. Picture the historical figures said to have walked here.

Pavement in Kurosawa Pass



Life in the white forest is a relaxing one, but there is never a break for the seasons of natural beauty. The pale pinks of spring, the fiery reds of the fall—they'll pass by if you don't take note.

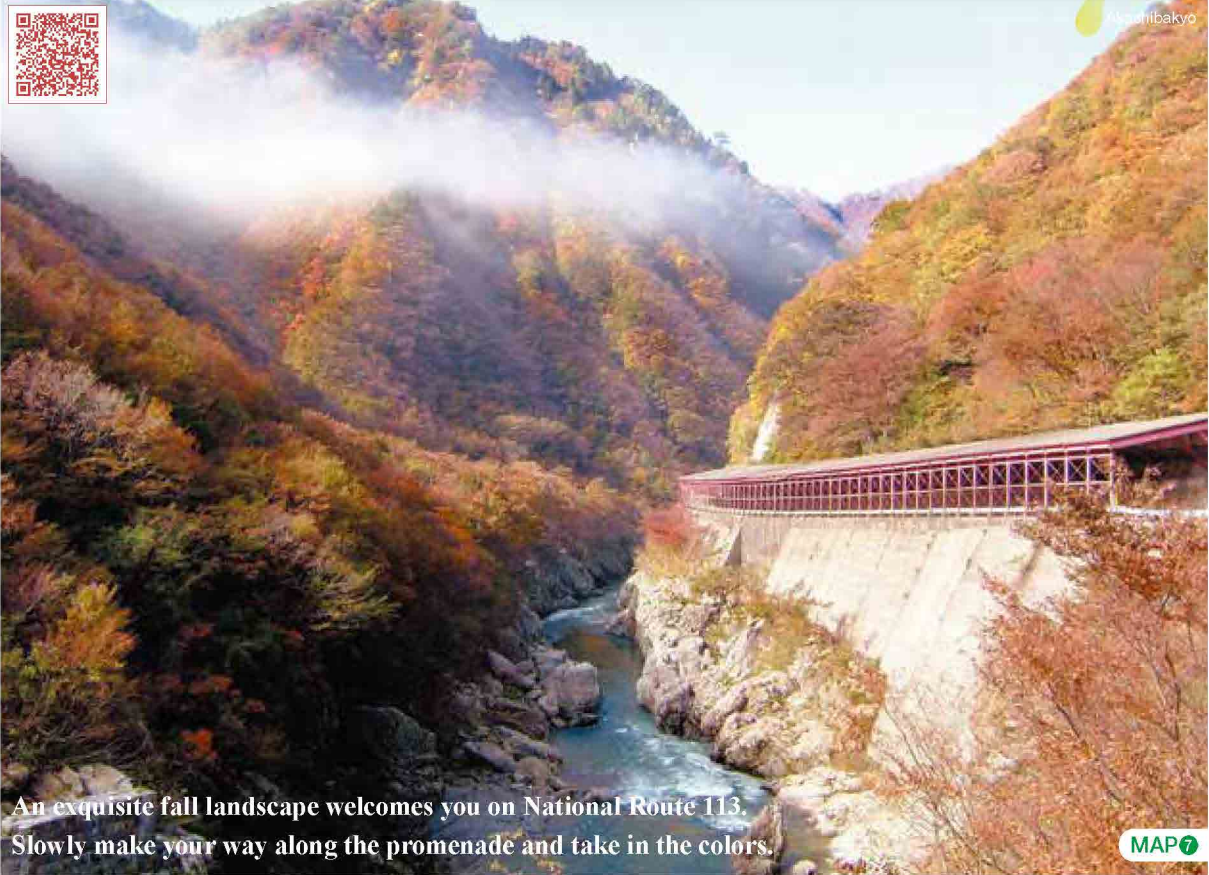


A spot to relax along the lake at the dam.  
A great ginkgo looms large though transplanted.



Ginkgo Square

MAP 6



An exquisite fall landscape welcomes you on National Route 113. Slowly make your way along the promenade and take in the colors.

MAP 7



MAP 9

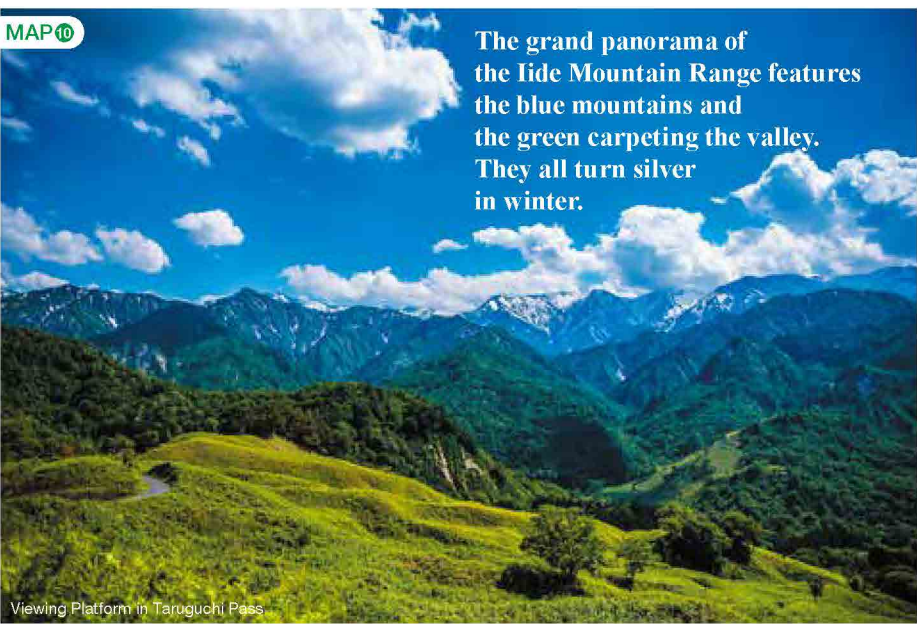


Cherry blossoms and remaining snow in front of Kairagiso

Cherry trees blossoming gracefully upon snow—a wondrous sight encountered once every few years.





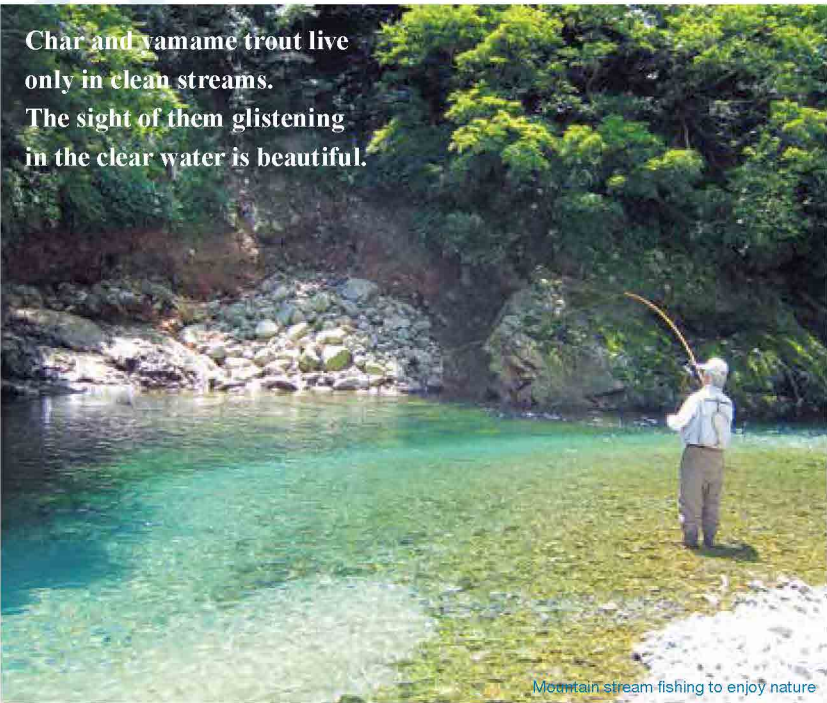


The grand panorama of the Iide Mountain Range features the blue mountains and the green carpeting the valley. They all turn silver in winter.



Viewing Platform in Taruguchi Pass

The blue sky, the blue water—  
as far as the eyes can see.  
The pure snow melts and waters  
the spacious land,  
nurturing life in the white forest.



Char and yamame trout live  
only in clean streams.  
The sight of them glistening  
in the clear water is beautiful.

Mountain stream fishing to enjoy nature



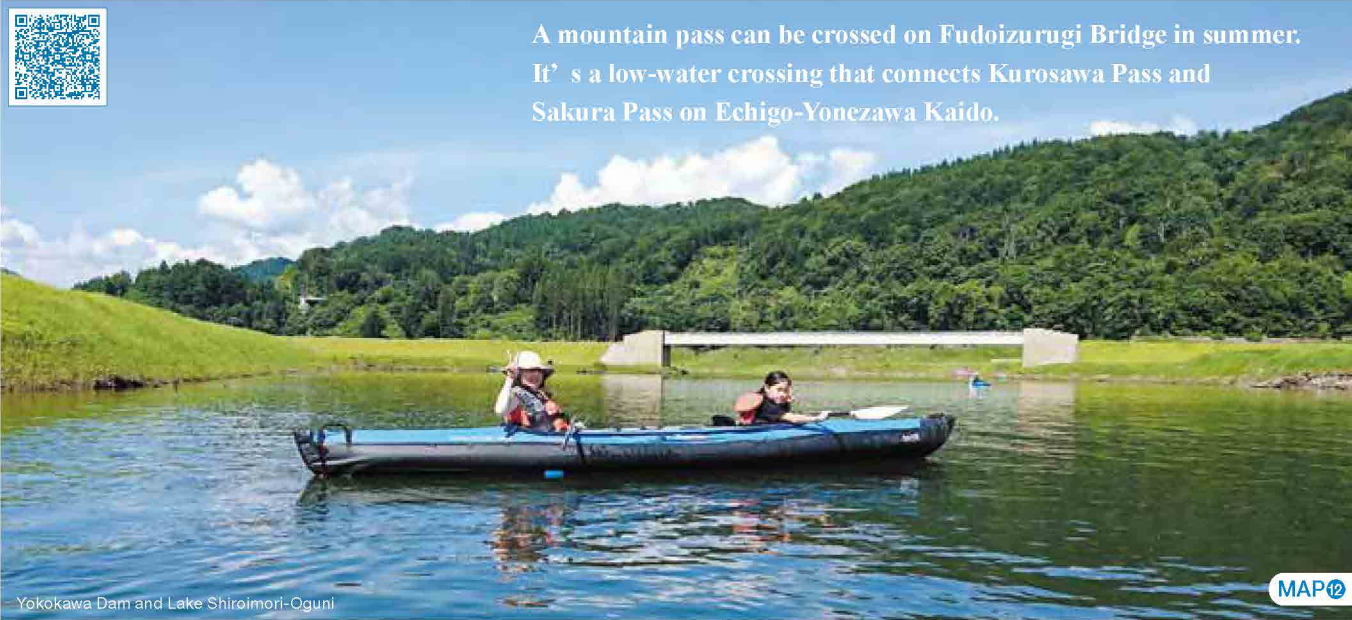
The star-studded night sky



Snowy valley of Ishikorobizawa



A mountain pass can be crossed on Fudoizurugi Bridge in summer.  
It's a low-water crossing that connects Kurosawa Pass and  
Sakura Pass on Echigo-Yonezawa Kaido.



Yokokawa Dam and Lake Shiromori-Oguni



After the mountains lose their brocade of leaves, it only takes one night to be transformed into a white forest. A harsh but beautiful winter begins.



Ice fishing for wakasagi at Yokokawa Dam



MAP12

Winter fun available only where the snow is deep. The wakasagi of the white forest are large and taste exceptional.

A ski area at a Michi-no-Eki—skiing or snowboarding for the whole family.

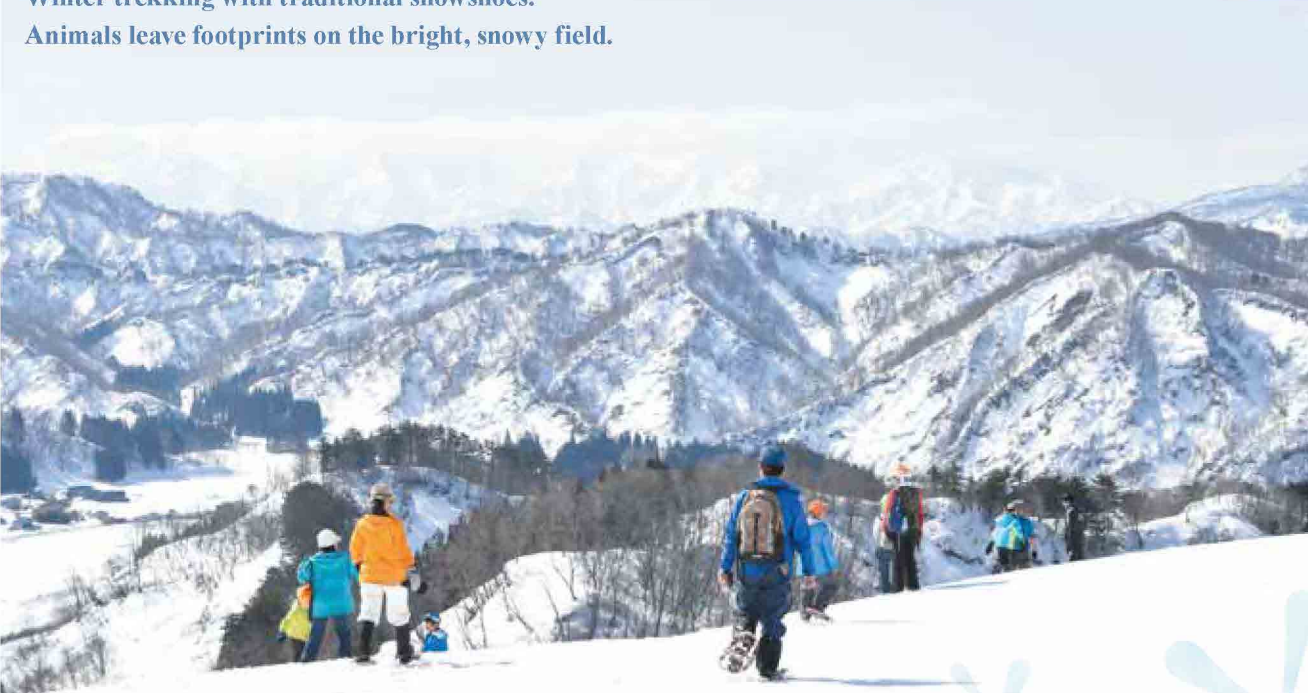


MAP13

Yokone Ski Area

Winter trekking with traditional snowshoes. Animals leave footprints on the bright, snowy field.

MAP14



Asahi Mountain Range



Giant snow maze



MAP15

Giant kamakura dome at Echigoya







The generosity of Shiroimori Oguni



Rice fostered by the purity of melted snow



Vine crafts carefully handmade

The flowers of soba are  
white and beautiful

A variety of mushrooms



Yamagata Jidori



Abundant mountain vegetables



Char in heavy syrup



Sakuragawa, a local sake made with much care by the master of a time-honored brewery



Yonezawa beef, often counted among the three great Wagyu beef



Wooden wares crafted in a village known for wood



Buy  
Eat  
Stay  
at  
Shiromori



Buy-Eat



Stay



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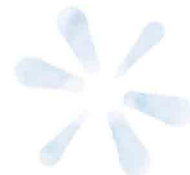


Mori-no-Megumi farmers' market

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MAP 17

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Kaname Soba no Yakata

MAP 19

Eat

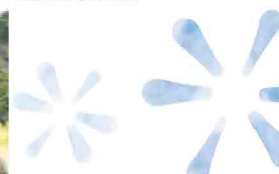


Matagi-no-Sato Interchange Center

MAP 18

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Shiromori Koryu Center Rifure

MAP 20

Stay

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MAP 21

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MAP 22

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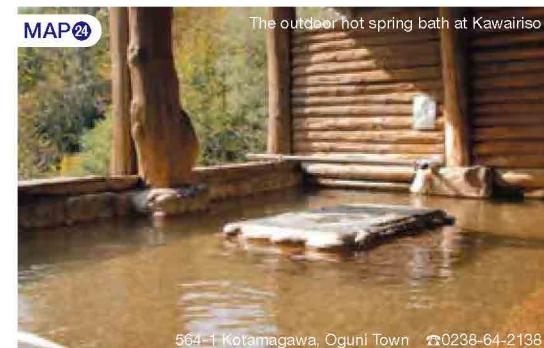
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MAP 23

Stay

Bungalows at Kenko-no-Mori Yokone  
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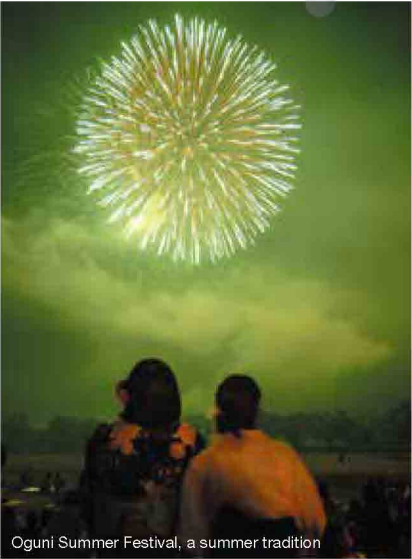
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The outdoor hot spring bath at Kawairiso

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# History and festivals



Oguni Summer Festival, a summer tradition



Furuta Lion Dance for an abundant harvest



Furuta Kabuki preserved and passed down in the Furuta area



MAP



Kumamatsuri of Kotamagawa passing down Matagi culture



MAP

Omiya Koyasu Ryojinja, for fertility and safe childbirth





A spring tradition in Shiroimori Oguni:  
Patches of bracken fiddleheads emerging into the gentle spring sun.



White warabimochi made with warabi starch from the white forest

Kanko Warabi'en

Warabi cared for by the harsh winter  
are plump, soft, and slippery.

Harvesting fiddleheads as the spring approaches

Warabiman and Waravina, tourism ambassadors

What's in Oguni?  
Warabi!  
Oguni is known for  
the bracken fiddleheads.

