

## Cherry Blossom Viewing

### 『お花見』

Once spring has come, you will most likely see people enjoying “Cherry Blossom Viewing”- or *Hanami* in various locales. “Cherry Blossom Viewing” involves appreciating the bloom of the cherry blossoms and Japanese plums, and it is a quite popular spring leisure activity in Japan.

*Sakura* (Cheery Blossom), the Japanese national flower, bloom in shades of white, rose-pink and dark-red, and they engage many people’s hearts and minds every year. The best time to see sakura (cherry blossoms) in Miyazaki is late March to early April. Nighttime illuminations and spring festivals coincide with this floral season, so we recommend contacting your local tourism department/association for more information.

#### 【Cherry Blossom Viewing Spots】

##### ◇Darumizu Park (Miyazaki City)

The 2km row of sakura trees here is also known locally as “Cherry Road.”

– Miyazaki City Parks and Greenbelt Division 0985-21-1814



##### ◇Saitobaru Burial Mounds (Saito)

The contrast between 300,000 rape blossoms and 2,000 sakura trees is particularly beautiful.

– Saito Tourism Association 0983-41-1557

##### ◇Maizuru Park (Takanabe)

A lovely, relaxing spot, where sakura and azaleas bloom on the former site of a castle.

–Takanabe Town Tourism Association 0983-22-5588

##### ◇Hanadate Park (Kitago, Nichinan)

Yoshino Cherry and Yamazakura trees bloom at an altitude of 489m.

–Nichinan City Tourism Association 0987-31-1134



##### ◇Mochio Park (Miyakonojo)

Chosen as one of the “Best 100 Places in Japan for Sakura.”

–Miyakonojo Tourism Association 0986-23-2460

##### ◇Shiroyama Park (Nobeoka)

The sakura are beautifully illuminated at night.

– Nobeoka Tourism Division 0982-34-7833

Of course, there are plenty of other great places to see sakura besides the ones listed here – how about having a hanami party in the town where you live?

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