

# Why don't you stay at Farmhouses in Tozawa Village, Yamagata Prefecture?

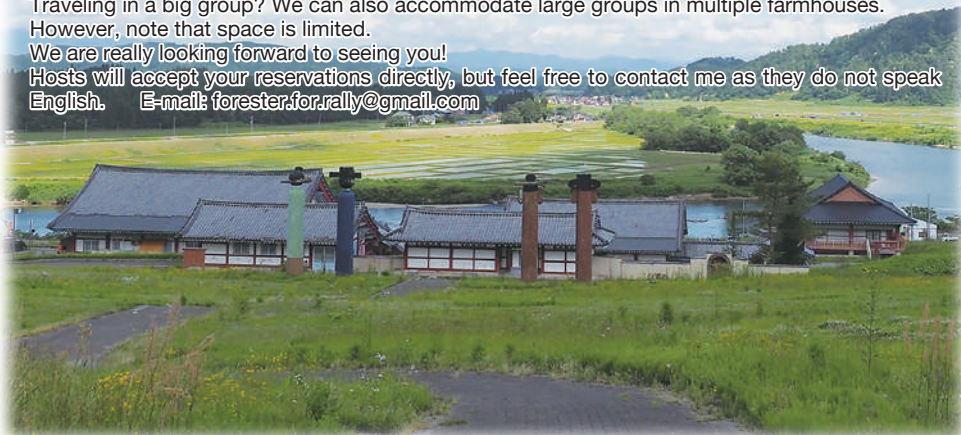


The brochure of Tozawa Village in English



## Greetings

Hi, everyone! I am Eisaku Suzuki, a community organizer in Tozawa Village!  
 I made this brochure to invite many visitors to my beautiful village. I want to make sure that you don't miss anything and that you discover how wonderful this place really is.  
 We have a lot of awesome sights, and I recommend that you stay and experience them yourself! First, we have the extraordinary and beautiful Mogami River, which flows through the town, that can be enjoyed from some lovely view spots.  
 In Tozawa Village, you can enjoy not only our delicious traditional food, but also experience our way of life by participating in agricultural activities. You can feel the blessings of nature by doing agricultural work in the farmhouses.  
 Traveling in a big group? We can also accommodate large groups in multiple farmhouses.  
 However, note that space is limited.  
 We are really looking forward to seeing you!  
 Hosts will accept your reservations directly, but feel free to contact me as they do not speak English. E-mail: [forester.for.rally@gmail.com](mailto:forester.for.rally@gmail.com)



## Sightseeing Information:



**IKI IKI LAND PONPO KAN** (one-day hot spring): all year  
 Address: Matsuzaka 155, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
 E-Mail: [info@ponpokan.com](mailto:info@ponpokan.com)  
 Tel: +81-233-72-3600  
 Open: 9:00-20:00 (Hours change depending on the season)  
 Closed: every second and fourth Wednesday  
 (Except the fourth Wednesday in August)



**Boat trip down the Mogami River:** all year  
 You can enjoy spectacular seasonal views of the Mogami Gorge!  
 Mogamikyo Bashorain Kanko Corporation  
 Open: 8:30-17:00  
 Address: Furukuchi 86-1, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
 Tel: +81-233-72-2001 Fax: +81-233-72-2003



### “Gensou no Mori”, Forest of illusions

Closed during winter time  
 It is a famous photo spot.  
 Place: Tsuchiyu, Tozawa Village  
 25 minutes from Furukuchi station by taxi.  
 Tozawa sightseeing Taxi Tel: +81-233-72-2711  
 Inquiry: Tozawa Village Tourism and Products Association  
 Tel: +81-233-72-2110



## Farmhouse “Abe”



This is Abe's house from the front. There are some beautiful rice fields visible from the entrance.  
 Their farmhouse is located in the Sawauchi area, which is away from the center of Tozawa Village.  
 The atmosphere in their traditional house makes you feel at home.



### Activities (with extra charge)

**Spring:** rice paddy work, rice planting, and gathering mountain vegetables  
**Summer:** harvesting vegetables, cutting weeds, and playing in the river  
**Autumn:** harvesting vegetables or mushrooms, and various rice-related activities (anything from harvesting to shipping)  
**Winter:** playing in the snow, making snow huts (kamakura), and cooking traditional Japanese dishes

Address: Tsunokawa 1469, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
 Tel: +81-233-73-2160 (Japanese Only)  
 Rooms: 2 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
 Capacity: 5 people  
 Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
 Charge: ¥6,000 per adult, ¥4000 for children under 12. Includes dinner and breakfast.  
 Check-in: 13:00-17:00  
 Check-out: 10:00  
 Do not hesitate to ask us about the check-in time and activities that we offer.



## Farmhouse “Sanzaemon”



The hosts offer a local kind of soba noodle, named “Mogami Wase”, which they cultivate themselves.  
 The owner is a city councilor in Tazawa Village, so he can explain to you many things about the village.  
 The soba store sign is a landmark when you move along the prefectural highway.



### Activities (with extra charge)

**Spring:** gathering mountain vegetables, rice planting, and other farming experiences  
**Summer:** strolling around the forest and planting soba seeds  
**Autumn:** harvesting rice, soba, and vegetables  
**Winter:** enjoying the snow and hunting rabbits  
 If you wish to make soba noodles make a reservation before coming.

Address: Tsunokawa 1393-7, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
 Tel: +81-233-73-2182 (Japanese Only)  
 Rooms: 2 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
 Capacity: 5 people  
 Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
 Charge: ¥6,000 per adult, ¥4,000 for children under 12. Includes dinner and breakfast.  
 Check-in: 13:00-17:00  
 Check-out: 10:00  
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Mrs. Takiko is an excellent cook!  
That's why she was asked to be a chef at a local day-care center.  
Mr. Shinichi is quiet, but so kind, beloved by his grandchildren.  
Enjoy mealtime with delicious food and a good company.  
You can try some seasonal delicacies, such as mountain vegetables in spring, and mushrooms in autumn.

#### Activities (with extra charge)

**Spring:** gathering and processing mountain vegetables and helping with the rice planting  
**Summer:** harvesting vegetables and enjoying the night sky in a relaxed atmosphere  
**Autumn:** harvesting and processing vegetables  
**Winter:** playing in the snow and cooking traditional Japanese dishes

Address: Tsunokawa 1316-2, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
Tel: +81-233-73-2178 (Japanese Only)  
Rooms: 2 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
Capacity: 5 people  
Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
Charge: ¥6,000 per adult, ¥4,000 for children under 12. Includes dinner and breakfast.  
Check-in: 13:00-17:00  
Check-out: 10:00  
Do not hesitate to ask us about the check-in time and activities that we offer.



This farmhouse is surrounded by beautiful scenery. The owners cultivate and harvest some vegetables on their fields all most every season, and they prepare dinner using their fresh vegetables. You'll talk about Yamagata dining together and have fun!  
And you can enjoy the night sky in front of the house!  
Isn't it just amazing?  
The house is alongside the prefectural highway, and it has a beautiful blue roof.

#### Activities (with extra charge)

**Spring:** some farming experiences in a rice field before rice planting, gathering mountain vegetables, planting vegetables seeds  
**Summer:** harvesting vegetables, cutting weeds, viewing fireflies  
**Autumn:** harvesting rice, mushrooms, harvesting and processing vegetables  
**Winter:** shoveling snow, cooking Japanese traditional dishes

Address: Tsunokawa 1341, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
Tel: +81-233-73-2516/+81-90-9741-4158 (Japanese Only)  
E-mail: nouka\_minsyuku\_hotaru@yahoo.co.jp/  
minsyuku-hotaru@ezweb.ne.jp  
Rooms: 1 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
Capacity: 5 people  
Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
Charge: ¥6,000 per adult, ¥4,000 for children under 12. Includes dinner and breakfast.  
Check-in: 13:00-17:00  
Check-out: 10:00  
Do not hesitate to ask us about the check-in time and activities that we offer.



Hirane area is believed to be a hidden scenic spot. The water from the Hirane area is cold even in summer and it tastes amazing.  
You can't miss eating soba noodles made using this fresh water!  
The hosts also run a soba noodle shop, so you can try it in any season.



#### Activities (with extra charge)

**Spring:** some farming experiences before rice planting, rice planting  
**Summer:** harvesting mountain vegetables, cutting weeds, removing excessive vegetables and harvesting them, planting soba seeds, cultivating perilla, famous as a seed of Egomma oil in Japan.  
**Autumn:** some farming experiences such as harvesting rice and mushrooms  
**Winter:** snow activities such as shoveling snow, strolling in the mountains with snow  
You can make soba noodles any season if you make a reservation before coming.

Address: Tsunokawa 1200, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
Tel: +81-233-73-2514/+81-90-6221-9270 (Japanese Only)  
Rooms: 2 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
Capacity: 5 people  
Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
Charge: ¥6,000 per adult, ¥4,000 for children under 12. Includes dinner and breakfast.  
Check-in: 13:00-17:00  
Check-out: 10:00  
Do not hesitate to ask us about the check-in time and activities that we offer.



There is a hot spring facility named Ponpo Kan near the house.  
The hosts will serve you not only home-grown rice from their fields, but also the dishes include fresh vegetables and mountain vegetables.  
They hope that you can experience rural living in the great scenery by doing some agricultural activities such as planting vegetables, and harvesting mountain vegetables.



#### Activities (with no extra charge)

**All year:** We cultivate more than 20 varieties of vegetables so you can harvest different ones depending on the season.  
**Activities (with extra charge, advance reservation required)**  
**Eat Imoni:** ¥1,000 per person  
**Barbecue:** ¥1,500 per person  
We have more activities, so don't hesitate to ask us!

Address: Matsuzaka 348, Tozawa Village, Mogami County, Yamagata Prefecture  
Tel: +81-90-4046-3724 (Japanese Only)  
E-mail: k8k9\_i@yahoo.co.jp  
Rooms: 2 Washitsu (Japanese traditional tatami room)  
Capacity: 5 people  
Reservation: anytime, but we may be closed due to the farming season.  
Charge: ¥6,500 per adult, includes dinner and breakfast and a coupon for the hot spring facility, Ponpo Kan.  
Check-in: 15:00-17:00  
Check-out: 10:00  
Do not hesitate to ask us about the check-in time and activities that we offer.



# Seasonal Photo

Examples of activities, landscapes, events  
Ask each organizer about the fee and the content of the activities.

## Spring

Tozawa Seasonal Market in spring  
You can buy fresh seasonal mountain vegetables or enjoy hiking around "Jou no Taki" (the waterfalls in Tozawa Village) and other events!  
Competition for fishing in a mountain stream  
Why don't you catch a big one in the famous fresh stream Tsuno River?



Picking mountain vegetables!



You can plant rice!



You can hike around "Jou no Taki" (in Tsunokawa area).

"Nagakura no Osugi" is a large cedar tree in Tsunokawa area. The natural cedar tree is more than 1200 years old and I bet that it'll give you a great impression!



Village Flower: *Lilium rubellum*  
It's an herbaceous perennial that grows in high mountains and hills. One to three flowers bloom on each plant from June to August. It is said to grow naturally in the north up to Tozawa Village only.



You can enjoy swimming in the river!



Harvesting Vegetables  
Try picking various seasonal home-grown vegetables in the fields, and breathe in fresh early morning air that will relieve your stress! It is really fantastic to have fresh vegetables that the farmer harvested with love!

## Summer

Summer Party in Tsunokawa (at South Regional Development Center)  
Shinjo Festival (August 24th, 25th, and 26th, near JR Shinjo Station)  
Fireflies light up the concert at Shikamura's rice terrace. (Ohkura Village)  
And there are more festivals in other areas!

You can have a great view of their colorful autumn leaves of the Mogami Gorge from a boat on the river in fall.



Other Crops Harvested in autumn.  
Autumn is the best season to fill up your belly. You can taste a lot of fresh crops that you can't have in the summer time!  
Can't wait to have them? Then it might be worth it visiting Tozawa Village!



Rice Harvest  
Enjoy the great gift from the land! The rice, especially in the autumn, tastes fantastic.



## Autumn

Soba Festival in Autumn  
Have a good time eating a type of delicious soba noodle, called "Mogami Wase", which is originally from here.  
It's a really famous event and they'll sell out in a short time.  
Tozawa Seasonal Market in autumn  
We offer mushrooms and seasonal vegetables, and have a lot of events!



Preserving "Matagi" Hunter Culture  
Matagi are hunters who live in the mountains of the Tohoku region and hunt animals in groups using a traditional way of hunting.



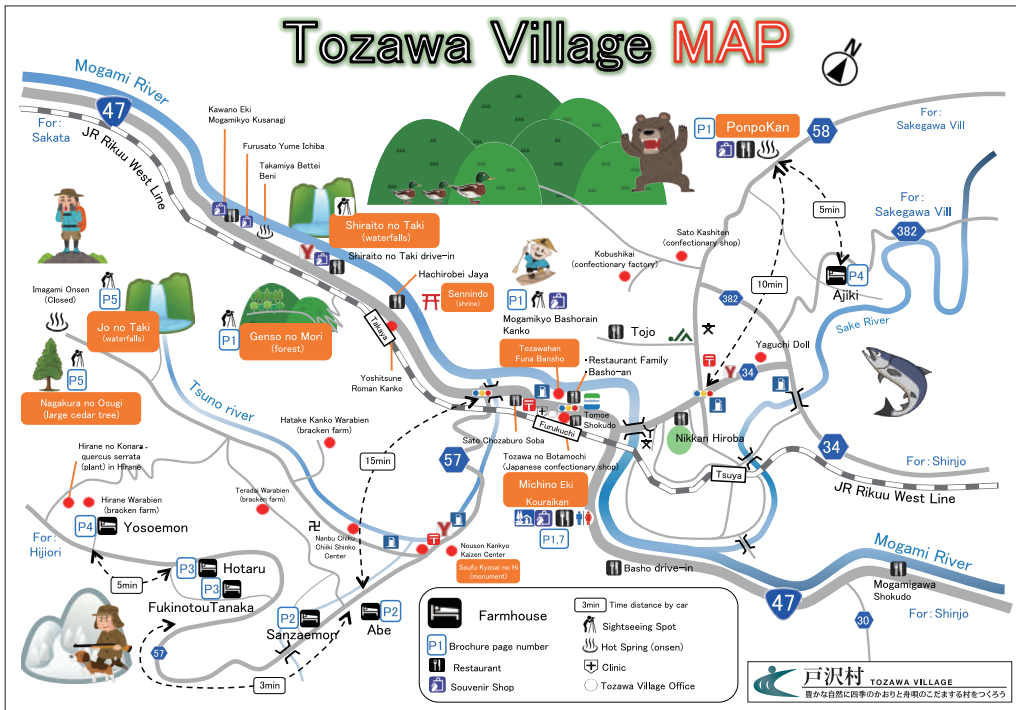
"Osaido"  
It's a traditional event where entrance decorations such as "Kadomatsu" (gate pine) and "Shimenawa rope" (sacred straw rope) are piled up and burned on Lunar New Year's Day.

It is said that the fire gives you good health and prevents you from catching a cold, while the fire and smoke protect you from bad luck in the upcoming year.

## Winter

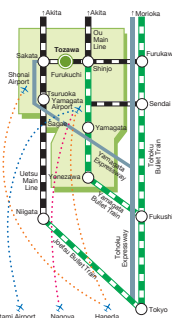
"Yuki Kairou Monogatari," a Snow Corridor Festival (in Tsunokawa area, mostly in February)  
"Kuraoka Kami Fusen Festival," a Paper Balloon Festival (in Kuraoka area)  
Skiing (at the Shinjo Public Ski site)  
Address: Shibakusayama 5919-3, Itsuka Town, Shinjo City  
Tel: +81-233-22-0681

# Tozawa Village MAP



## Access

Don't hesitate to consult us about pick-up service from JR Shinjo Station and JR Furukuchi Station when you make a reservation.



**By JR**  
Yamagata Bullet Train "Tsubasa"  
3 hr.30min. directly from Tokyo  
Station to Shinjo Station

- Community Organizer in Tozawa Village, Eisaku Suzuki  
E-mail: [forester.for.rally@gmail.com](mailto:forester.for.rally@gmail.com)  
Facebook: <http://m.facebook.com/tozawaokoshital/>
- Taxi  
Tozawa Sightseeing Taxi  
Address: Furukuchi 348-8, Tozawa Village (it's near Furukuchi Station)  
Tel: +81-233-72-2711
- Tozawa Village Industrial Promotion Division  
Tel: +81-233-72-2110 Fax: +81-233-72-2116  
E-mail: [kanko@vill.tozawa.yamagata.jp](mailto:kanko@vill.tozawa.yamagata.jp)  
Open: 8:30-17:15, from Mon to Fri  
Closed: Sat, Sun and national holidays
- Roadside Station Tozawa "Momokami no sato Kouraikan"  
Address: Kurobuchi 3008-1, Kuraoka, Tozawa Village(National highway No.47)  
Tel: +81-233-72-3303 Fax: +81-233-72-3361  
Open: 9:00-17:30 (from April to November)  
9:00-16:30 (from December to March)  
Depending on the facilities, the business hours vary.

## Note:

Farmhouses are private family homes. As such, there is no room service. However, I assure you that you'll have great experiences with the family. Don't forget to bring bath towels, pajamas, and toothbrushes. None of the farmhouses have hot springs, but we can introduce you to an affordable hot spring facility. Make a reservation a week before you decide to come. The fees for activities in the farmhouse are not included in the accommodation fee. The contents of activities will depend on the season, the weather, and other conditions.

Credit cards and debit cards are not accepted. Cash only. There is no charge for pick-up service, but If you require transport, let us know when you make the reservation. **Hosts speak only Japanese.** No Wi-Fi. If you have allergies or specific dietary requirements, inform us when you make your reservation. Unfortunately, it might be difficult to accommodate every kind of allergy, but hosts will do as much as possible. You'll be sleeping on traditional futons laid on tatami floors. The bath tub and toilet will be shared with the family. Tatami rooms are separated by a "fusuma", which is made of wood and paper, so privacy is limited. I recommend that each guest carries their travel insurance with them. I advise you to bring some extra equipment (clothes, shoes, gloves, glasses, etc.) for different activities, such as: hiking, picking vegetables, planting, etc.