

# Facility Guide

## Ryujinko Vista Point (①)

A scenic viewpoint overlooking Omachi Dam and Lake Ryujinko, with a spacious parking lot. Those who know this place as one of the best spots to enjoy mountain echoes. Shout "Yoo-hoo!" and hear your voice resound in the mountains.



## Kotaro Park (②)

The main feature of this park is a statue of Kotaro, a boy riding a dragon. Inside this large park with rolling hills is a large area covered with lawn, which is good for a picnic and outdoor activities. Also enjoy walking in the woods. The fall foliage is especially beautiful.



## Oirisawa Bridge (③)

The bridge extends 180m straddling Oirisawa Valley. The name Oirisawa, a tail-resting valley, comes from a local folktale, *Dragon and Kotaro*. Because of the shape of the valley, it is said that Kotaro's mother, a dragon, rested her tail in it. The fall colors here are brilliant, and visited by many people with a camera.



## Omachi Dam Information Center (④)

This center provides information about the roles and functions of Omachi Dam, as well as three other dams and tourist spots in Takase Valley. Enjoy learning about the area watching videos, and answering Questions on the computers and panels.



## Omachi Dam levee crown (⑤)

The view from this passage for maintenance of the dam is breathtaking! Upstream you can see emerald green Lake Ryujinko against the backdrop of the Northern Alps. Downstream, enjoy the views of the Takase River, downtown Omachi, and Mt. Takagari.



## Komorebi Place (⑥)

A small open space on the hillside of Omachi Dam, covered with lawn, and surrounded by trees. The best place to rest while trekking in the area.



## Lake Ryujinko Walking Trail (⑦)

A path around Lake Ryujinko, with beautiful nature. Feel the changing seasons as you enjoy fresh verdure and blooming rhododendrons in May, and fall colors in October. Closed in winter.



## Colony of rhododendrons (⑧)

Rhododendrons bloom in colonies on the slopes along Lake Ryujinko Walking Trail. They look pretty in pink in mid-May.



## Gazebo in Ninosawa (⑨)

You will see the pavilion for rest on Lake Ryujinko Walking Trail before you get to Ninosawa, almost protruding over the lake. You can get there in 30 minutes from the administration office.



## Dam Vista Point (⑩)

From this park, you can see Omachi Dam from below. In the fall, the dam against pretty fall colors is a favorite subject for photography. A large parking lot is provided. When you visit Kotaro Suspension Bridge, please park your car here.



## Omachi Power Plant Substation (⑪)

The power generated at Omachi Power Plant is sent to the Kanto area through this substation.



## Omachi Power Plant (⑫)

Electricity is generated at this plant using downstream discharge water from Omachi Dam. Maximum power generation of 13,000kW.



## Kotaro Suspension Bridge (⑬)

This bridge is located over the Takase River, which runs through Omachi Dam. It can be seen from a roadway, and is open to public. Seen from the bridge, Omachi Dam stands stately. On the downstream side, the Takase River flows beautifully through green woods. Highly recommended photo spot.



## Kowomihira Fishing Center (⑭)

A fish pond run by Hokuan Central Fishermen's Co-op. Open on weekends and holidays from late April to the end of September. Open every day during the Golden Week in May and the Obon period starting on the Mountain Day holiday. Enjoy fishing *iwana* char, *yamame* trout, and rainbow trout, as well as BBQ.

