

Relaxation



② Cherry trees along Kasai irrigation canal

① Bronze statue of Inaka Kyoshi (Rural Teacher)

This statue stands near the site of Miroku Jinjo Elementary School which was the site of the novel “*Inaka Kyoshi*” written by Katai Tayama. The statue of the teacher wearing an overgarment (*haori*), loose-legged trousers (*hakama*), and a hunting cap carries a wrapping cloth (*furoshiki*) and looks straight ahead. In addition to the statue, there are other historical sites in the city that remind us of the places mentioned in the book.

② Cherry trees along Kasai irrigation canal

A large number of cherry trees line the banks of Kasai irrigation canal that runs from north to south through the center of Hanyu city. The Hanyu Cherry Blossom Festival is held from the end of March to the beginning of April drawing many people both day and night.

③ Cosmos in fallow fields

Flowers are being planted in unused fields in the city so that people can enjoy their beauty. In autumn, many people come from various places to see the cosmos, the typical flower of the season. In spring, rape blossoms and many other beautiful flower fields can be seen.

④ The Manneken-Pis statue in front of Hanyu station

A cute Manneken-Pis statue greets us in front of Hanyu station. This bronze statue was created as a symbol of togetherness and also as an indication of friendship with Dulbuoy, Belgium, Hanyu's sister city. The statue is illuminated at night, and it is sometimes clad in clothes, receiving smiles from passersby.

⑤ City's fishing spot “Ohnuma Marsh”

There are many rivers and canals such as the Tonegawa River and Kasai irrigation canal as well as marshes in Hanyu. Ohnuma is one of the marshes and it has become a popular fishing spot. Facilities such as 200 seats have been set around the marsh and crucians carps and *koi* have been released, making it a safe and popular fishing spot for everyone including small children and elderly people.

⑥ Hanyu Peace Park

There is a monument symbolizing peace along with a fountain and an area with facilities for small children. Furthermore, a globe expressing friendship with Hanyu's sister cities of Bagio, Philippines and Dulbuoy, Belgium, and the friendship city of Kanayamacho, Fukushima has been established. We can see children playing in the park throughout the year. Many events such as open-air markets are also held.



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Saitama Prefectural Aquarium

The fish in this aquarium are mainly species that are native to Saitama prefecture. The exhibition is divided into the upper and lower river streams as well as having pond and marsh exhibits. This is an unusual but very a very easy to understand approach. Beautiful varicolored carps can be seen along with the many other fish in the pond in the Japanese garden. (Hanyu Waterside Park)



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This is a vast park located in the beautiful countryside of Saitama. In the park, there is an aquarium that exhibits rare tropical fish and the Hozoji Pond, a natural treasure of Japan, which is inhabited by the insectivorous *mujinamo* algae.

Hozoji Pond

This pond is the only place where the insectivorous *mujinamo* algae grow naturally in Japan. In the Meiji and Taisho eras, *mujinamo* algae were found in various regions of Japan. However, they gradually began to disappear due to water pollution. At present, Hozoji Pond is the only place where *mujinamo* algae are confirmed to exist.

(Hanyu Waterside Park)



Mujinamo Algae

This perennial plant does not have roots, thus it floats on its base. It feeds on animal plankton such as water fleas. Although rare, flowers the size of a grain of rice bloom during the summer season.

(Hanyu Waterside Park)



Tennis Courts

Track and Field Facility

⑧ Hanyu Chuo Park

This general park is located in the heart of the city with track and field facilities, a baseball field, a gymnasium, and tennis courts. Many flowers such as peonies and azaleas grow in the park which is surrounded by beautiful keyaki and poplar trees.



South Square



Gym · Arena

Baseball Field

