


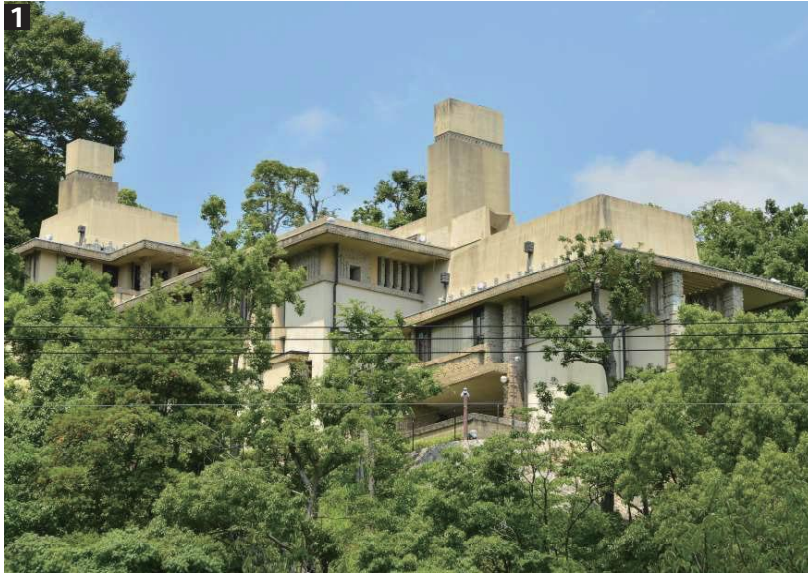
# *Walking in Ashiya City North Area, immerse yourself in historical heritage and abundant nature.*

MAP D-3・4  
Top Cherry Blossom Spots

 Cherry blossoms  
along Ashiyagawa River



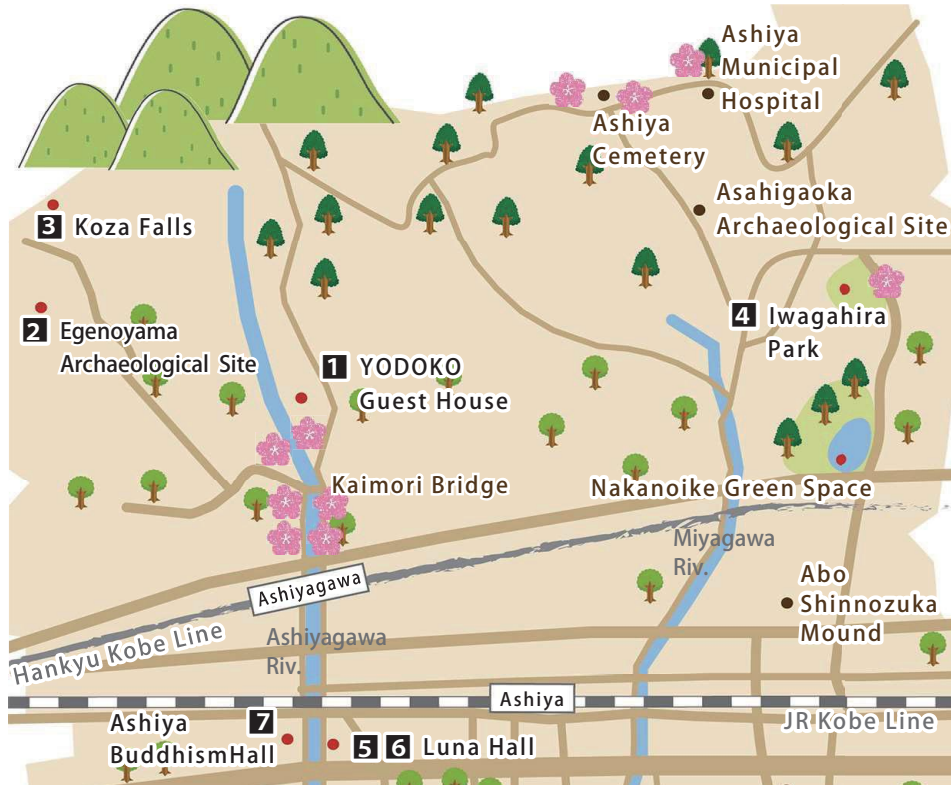
In Northern Ashiya lie the designated national cultural heritage YODOKO Guest House (The Former Residence of the Yamamuras), the Egenoyama Archaeological Site, Koza Falls where pure flowing water can be heard, and Nakanoike Green Space. There are also many parks where you can enjoy seasonal changes in the scenery and cherry blossoms in a beautiful contrast against green mountains.



**1** Registered National Cultural Property YODOKO Guest House (The Former Residence of the Yamamuras) **2** Raised floor storehouse "Takayuka Soko" restored (Egenoyama Archaeological Site) **3** Refreshing waterfall to visit in the summer surrounded by vibrant greenery (Koza Falls) **4** A variety of roses bloom on the grounds (Iwagahira Park & Montebello Rose Garden) **5** **6** The white line decorating its interior is a work by Gutai Group founder Jiro Yoshihara (Luna Hall) **7** Design blending oriental and Indian styles is registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property (Ashiya Buddhist Hall) **8** A peacefully quiet spot to enjoy abundant nature (Nakanoike Green Space)

# Ashiya City North Area

## Area Map 1



### Facility Information

#### Ashiya Cemetery



This graveyard located on an incline looks like a spacious park with the green mountains as a backdrop. There is a panoramic view of the city, and it is also a great spot for enjoying the cherry blossoms in spring. **MAP F-1**

### 1 YODOKO Guest House (The Former Residence of the Yamamuras) **MAP D-3**

At the request of Sake Brewery owner Tazaemon Yamamura, modern architect Frank Lloyd Wright constructed this house which was completed in 1924. This is the sole fully-completed residential construction by Frank Lloyd Wright remaining in Japan today. It was registered as a Nationally Designated Important Cultural Property in 1974.

☎ 0797-38-1720 / 3-10 Yamate-cho / Open Wed., Sat., Sun. 10:00–16:00 / 16 yr+ 500 yen, U16 200 yen / 10 min. from Hankyu Ashiyagawa Sta. by foot.

### 2 Egenoyama Archaeological Site **MAP B-3**

This site is the remains of an upland settlement from the Yayoi period (approximately 2,000 years ago). Pit dwellings, fireplace remains and burial grounds have been excavated here. And a raised-floor storehouse has been restored. The summit of the site stands at 200m and offers a superb and far reaching view of the surrounding land.

258 Sanjo-cho / 15 min. on foot north east from Hankyu Ashiyagawa Station to entrance to Egenoyama Archaeological Site. Path from entrance to the site is 8 min. on foot.

### 3 Koza Falls **MAP B-1**

This is a 10 m waterfall located on the way to Ashiya Rock Garden. A relief sculpture of Kuzo Fujiki, an avid mountain climber who shared the skill of modern mountain climbing all around Japan and who contributed to the fame of Ashiya Rock Garden is fitted into the bedrock near this waterfall.

This spot is located 30 min. north west from Hankyu Ashiyagawa Station. At the base of the waterfall a Gomado hall has been constructed, and nearby there is also a store and canteen. The area is enveloped in trees, making for a serene atmosphere.

### 4 Iwagahira Park (Montebello Rose Garden) **MAP H-2**

This park is in Iwazono-cho. Here you will find a kids playground area, a physical exercise based area, and a rose garden commemorating a friendship with sister city Montebello (California, US). This park is also a great spot for enjoying cherry blossoms in spring.

28 Iwazono-cho / 4 min. from Hankyu Bus "Iwagahira" bus stop on foot.



### 5•6 Luna Hall (Ashiya Citizens' Center) **MAP D-4**

This structure with concrete exterior and completely black interior designed by Junzo Sakakura, an apprentice to Le Corbusier, communicates the innovation of modern architecture. Inside there is a unique stage that can be arranged in two different sizes as needed for musical performances and theatrical shows.

☎ 0797-31-4995 / 8-24 Narihira-cho / Closed on Tue. / 7 min. on foot from Hankyu Ashiyagawa Sta. & JR Ashiya Sta. or 8 min. from Hanshin Ashiya Sta. on foot.

### 7 Ashiya Buddhism Hall **MAP D-4**

This hall was established by Chobei Itoh, the first president of Marubeni Shoten, Ltd. It was designed by Yasushi Kataoka, an architect who has worked on many famous projects. Community-rooted activities such as Sunday Buddhism classes, lectures, concerts are held here. In 2017 it was registered as a National Tangible Cultural Property.



☎ 0797-22-1562 / 1-5 Maeda-cho / 7 min. on foot from Hankyu Ashiyagawa Sta.; 9 min. on foot from JR Ashiya Sta.; 13 min. on foot from Hanshin Ashiya Sta.