



Festival #11
Flower



Minamisawa Hydrangea Mountain Festival

Area **Akiruno**

Set your sights on the hydrangea hideaway where beauty has been preserved for generations. In photogenic mountains, sultry dew becomes dignified when illuminated by rays of sun through bountiful branches.



Minamisawa Hydrangea Mountain Walk

Hanasaka Jiisan reverses withering and brings prosperity



A hydrangea paradise that spreads out in a quiet forest during the rainy season. Enjoy the fantastic panoramic view of 10,000 hydrangeas in full bloom.



"50 years ago was the first time I planted 20 seedlings. Much to our surprise, it increased to 10,000 shares every year."
(Mr. Chuichi Minamizawa)



Middle square

20 minutes walk to the summit of Hydrangea Mountain

The rain-dependent stream



Chui-chan no Ike (Pond)

There is a beautiful carp-filled pond near the entrance of Chuichi's house. There is also a dried flower studio "cazue" on the 2nd floor where nature is preserved lovingly.

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Chu-san's house

To Musashi Itsukaichi Station

Parking



Gentle Downhill

Mountain roads strewn with wood chips make walking easy even on rainy days. The ubiquitous colorful hydrangeas populate the slope on the opposing bank.

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Wild path

Climb a narrow forest path appreciating the soft blues and pinks of the hydrangeas. You may also choose to approach the hard mountain trail of Mt. Kompira.

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Hydrangea mountain entrance

Hydrangeas on both sides make a tunnel of bountiful bloom. Those Santa-like "Forest Fairy Zizi" sprout up here and there. An unforgettable treat.

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EVENT INFO

Minamisawa Hydrangea Mountain

A hydrangea paradise was made possible by Chuichi Minamizawa, a modern day Hanasaka Jiisan. The hiking course draws 10,000 visitors every year during flowering from mid-June to late July.

Date: From mid June to early July (A mountain entry fee is required only during the flowering season) 9:00-17:00
Venue: 368, Fukasawa, Akiruno
About 80 min. by JR from Shinjuku Station to Musashi-Itsukaichi Station, the closest station via Tachikawa Station. About 40 min. walk from Musashi-Itsukaichi Station.

