

Sakura Experience in Hokkaido

Cherry blooming forecast: <http://www.jnto.go.jp/sakura/eng/index.php>

1 Hokkaido Shrine and Maruyama Park, Sapporo



Maruyama Park in Sapporo, along with the grounds of Hokkaido Shrine next door, is one of the most popular cherry blossom spot where people flock there for cherry blossom viewing.

■ **How to get there**
5 min walk from Subway Maruyama Koen Station

5 Asahiya Park in Asahikawa



Located in 10 km away from Asahikawa city centre, the park is just next to the popular Asahiya Zoo. About 2 thousands cherry trees are lit up in "Cherry Blossoms Night Festival" every year.

■ **How to get there**
40 min by bus or 20 min drive from JR Asahikawa Station

6 Twin Cherry Trees in 21st Century Forest Tsubetsu Town



The twin cherry trees in Tsubetsu became popular by a children's picture book "Twin Tree". You can see cherry blossom in pale pink and moss phlox in vivid pink at the same time only a few days in mid-May.

■ **How to get there**
33 min by Kitami Bus from Bihoro

2 Hakodate Goryokaku Park



Goyokaku is the Japan's first Western-style fort built in 19th century. The five bastions forming a star shape make this fort an unique viewing spot for cherry blossoms.

■ **How to get there**
5 min walk from "Goryokaku Koen-mae" tram stop

3 Matsumae Park



Matsumae Park is a famous viewing for its vast numbers of cherry blossoms of a wide variety of species.

■ **How to get there**
90 min. by bus from JR Kikonai Station

4 Nijukken-doro Avenue, Shizunai



The row of 10 thousands cherry trees, which is the longest in Japan, stretch about 7 km in Shizunai, Shinhidaka.

■ **How to get there**
2h50 by bus from New Chitose Airport to Shizunai

7 Seiryuji Temple, Nemuro



In late May lovely white blossoms of Chishimazakura cherry trees can be seen in Seiryuji Temple in Nemuro, the "Japan's final destination of the cherry blossom front".

■ **How to get there**
10 min. walk from JR Nemuro Station

