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07 At Soya Park, learn about the history around the time of the birth of Wakkanai.



Soya Itsukushima Shrine

Located in the former Soya Village, where Wakkanai originated, the park in which numerous historical sites and cultural properties remain is must-see for enthusiasts of history. Wakkanai (Soya) is also said to be the first place in Japan where the samurai classes drank coffee, and now there is a unique coffee-bean-shaped monument.

■ Soya Park

ACCESS

- Approx. 35 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Soya" bus stop, which is approx. 40 min. by bus (Tempoku-Soya Misaki route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Former Clan Member's Gravesite



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08 Visit the place from where Japanese explorer, Mamiya Rinzo set out on his journey.



Rinzo Mamiya explored Karafuto twice and discovered the Mamiya Strait (Strait of Tartary). Aged 29 at the time, Mamiya is said to have set out to explore from this point, 3 km west of Cape Soya.

The silhouette of Karafuto can sometimes be seen in the distance.

■ Monument to Rinzo Mamiya's Departure for Karafuto

ACCESS

- Approx. 40 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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09 Why not sing "Soya Misaki" to the melody in front of the monument?



Press the switch to play the "Soya Misaki" melody. You'll surely be impressed if you sing this standing on the cape.

■ Soya Misaki Music Monument

ACCESS

The eastern side of the Northernmost Point in Japan Monument (WOW! 01)

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10 Look out for two local mascots.

Dashinosuke, a seal whose body parts turned into kelp after eating too much delicious Rishiri kelp; and Rinzo-kun, who is modeled on Rinzo Mamiya, are active at local events and ceremonies. They both appear on souvenir packaging and on panels in the city.



Dashinosuke



Rinzo-kun