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Dance the "Hokkai Teppen Dance" and "Nankyoku Dance" at the Wakkanai Minato Nankyoku Festival in early August.

Every year, more than 1,000 people take part in the two dances that liven up the summer in this region with strong links with the South Pole. Everyone is free to join in. Why not come and dance with the local mascots, Dashinosuke and Rinzo-kun? Lots of events, including a firework display in which 2,500 fireworks are launched.

■ Wakkanai Minato Nankyoku Festival

◎ The first Sat. & Sun. in August

ACCESS

In the vicinity of the Wakkanai Central Arcade shopping street, which is a 5-min. walk from JR Wakkanai Station

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Watch one of the largest dog-sled races in Japan.

This famous event attracts competitors and fans from all around Japan. Lots to see and experience, including the dynamic and photogenic 6-dog sled race, kids races, and even a chance to experience dog sledding yourself.

■ JAPAN CUP All-Japan Dogsled Race Wakkanai

◎ Late February Onuma venue (beside the Onuma Birdwatching Observatory)

ACCESS

- Approx. 20 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Alight at the "Fureai Koen" bus stop, which is approx. 35 min. by bus (Koetoi Route) from JR Wakkanai Station; a temporary shuttle bus service to the venue operates from Fureai Park.

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Welcome the first sunrise of the year at the northernmost point.

The First Sunrise of the Year, in Teppen is an annual event at which to welcome the first sunrise from the sea at the northernmost point in Japan. Fireworks and commemorative gifts are also part of the attraction.

■ The First Sunrise of the Year, in Teppen

◎ January 1st
Cape Soya

ACCESS

Approx. 40 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Ride on the frozen Onuma Marsh on a large-scale snow tractor.



Hands-on activities unique to winter, such as riding a snow tractor used at the South Pole, snowmobiling, snow rafting and the like.

■ Soya Fureai Park Snowland

◎ February 1-28
Soya Fureai Park,
Hokkaido Prefecture
Tel. (0162) 27-2177

ACCESS

- Approx. 20 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta
- Alight at the "Fureai Koen" bus stop, which is approx. 35 min. by bus (Koetoi route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Why not wear a kimono and take a stroll around town?

Tour around popular photogenic sightseeing spots wearing a beautiful kimono.

A kimono consultant will help you put it on.

■ A walking tour of the town, wearing a kimono

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