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Come and enter the world of the movie *Sakura Guardian in the North*.

The film *Sakura Guardian in the North*, starring Sayuri Yoshinaga, features this area as it was around 1945. This area was used as a shooting location for the film, and much of the decoration and design used in the film have been preserved for display here. Be sure to stop by the Wakkanai Animal Park across the way, which is home to performing dogs that appeared in the movie *Hoshi Mamoru Inu* and the TV series *Nankyoku Tairiku*.

CHECK!

Dobutsu Fureai Land Petting Zoo

Open 11:00–16:00 from Apr. 29 to Sept. 30
(from 10:00 on Sat., Sun. and national holidays)
Tel. (0162)26-2565



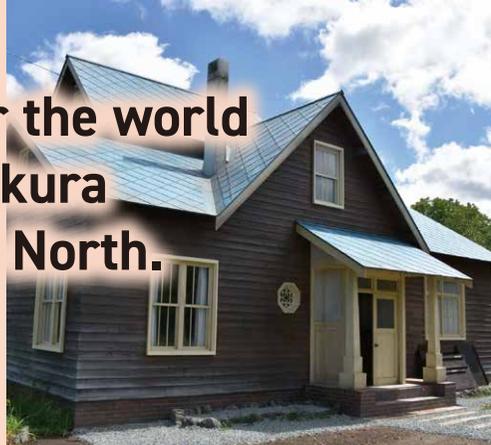
■ Kitano Sakuramori Film Museum (Kita no Sakuramori Park)

Open 10:00–17:00 from Apr. 29 to Oct. 31
* Closed Mondays (the following day on public holidays)
Tel. (0162)23-6468

ACCESS

- Approx. 30 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 15-min. walk from Wakkanai Airport.

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Touch the northernmost railway line in Japan, which passes through Wakkanai Station.

The railway line that passes through JR Wakkanai Station to the station-front plaza. At the end of the line is a yellow buffer stop.

This is actually a monument to the Northernmost Railway Line in Japan, and the playful spirit will surely raise a smile.

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Watch and Count the swans at the Onuma Birdwatching Observatory.

In spring and autumn, thousands of swans can be seen covering the surface of Onuma Marsh. On some days, as many as 4,000 birds fly in. In winter, it may also be possible to see designated natural monuments such as white-tailed eagles and Stellar's sea eagles.

■ Onuma Birdwatching Observatory (Onuma Bird House)

Open Jan. 29–Nov. 25; closed Mar 1–24
9:00~17:00 Tel. (0162)26-2965

ACCESS

- Approx. 20 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 15-min. walk from the "Onumakoen Iriguchi" bus stop, which is approx. 40 min. by bus (Koetoi route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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■ Wakkanai Station

ACCESS

- Within JR Wakkanai Station grounds
- Approx. 25 min. by car from Wakkanai airport.

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Take a photo to upload onto social media at the North Breakwater Dome.

Thick pillars and a high ceiling like that of ancient Roman structure. This moody semi-arch dome has been used as a film location. Originally built as a breakwater, the structure is a designated Hokkaido Heritage. It makes you feel like one of the cast.



Wakkanai Port North Breakwater Dome

ACCESS

Approx. 5-min. walk from JR Wakkanai Station

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Wakkanai Port North Breakwater Dome

A symbol of the busy times when people travelled to and from Karafuto (Sakhalin), the breakwater dome was designated a Hokkaido Heritage in 2001.



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Take a glimpse of Wakkanai's history at the Former Seto Family House.



The former residence of a seabed trawler owner that was built in 1952. The elaborate details of the tea room, transom windows and ceiling boards are well worth seeing, and convey the vestiges of the period when the trawling industry prospered. It is a registered tangible cultural property of Japan. (Registered name: Former Seto Family House Main Building)

■ Former Seto Family House

Open 10:00-18:00 from Apr. to Oct.
Irregular hours from Nov. to Mar.
Tel. (0162)23-5151

ACCESS

Approx. 5-min. walk from
JR Wakkanai Station
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Learn about the history of Karafuto and Wakkanai.

On the 2nd floor of Wakkanai Fukuko Market (WOW! 16), there are many important materials exhibited from which visitors can learn about the history of Karafuto and its links with Wakkanai.

■ Wakkanai Karafuto Museum (Wakkanai Fukuko Market, 2F)

Open every day from Apr. to Oct; closed on Mon. from Nov. to Mar.
10:00 - 17:00 (last admission 16:40)
Tel. (0162) 73-6066



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Learn Russian, in some vague way, from the direction signs around the city.



The Russian language on signs and shops in the central shopping arcade and the like are typical of a border town. If you see a sign, check if it's written in Russian.

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Lots of fun to be had at Japan's northernmost multipurpose complex.

A market with a huge monument of a seabed trawler, an area displaying information about Karafuto (Sakhalin) and its strong links with Wakkanai, not to mention food stalls and a natural hot spring. So much fun, you'll want come back again and again.

■ Wakkanai Fukuko Market

Opening times differ according to each shop.
Tel. (0162)29-0829

ACCESS

· Approx. 5 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
· Approx. 1-min. walk from the "Minato 2-chome" bus stop, which is approx. 5 min. by bus (Shinai route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Wakkanai Karafuto Museum
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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 (except busy periods)

Reservations required /Wakkanai Sightseeing Association Tel. (0162)24-1216



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See the 360-degree panoramic view from the Founding Centennial Tower.

Enjoy the 360-degree panoramic view from the glass-walled observatory at 240 m above sea level, with the Sarobetsu Plain to the south, Rishiri and Rebun to the west, and Sakhalin to the north. The facility also includes a local museum area displaying materials related to Wakkanai and Soya's history.

■ Founding Centennial Tower · Northern Memorial Museum

Open 9:00–17:00 from Apr. 29 to Oct. 31 (late-night opening from June to Sept.)

Tel. (0162)24-4019

ACCESS

Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Follow the cherry blossoms to the northernmost point.

The cherry blossoms don't arrive in Wakkanai until after Golden Week in the first week of May. At the famous northernmost cherry-blossom site in Wakkanai Park, the pale pink ezo cherry and all the other blossoms bloom together.

■ Wakkanai Park

ACCESS

Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta. (Road closed between Nov. and Apr.)

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Come and see the Wakkanai Park night view, designated a Night-View Heritage spot.

Recognized in 2018 as a Night-View Heritage of Japan. In addition to the lovely nightscape, landmarks like the Hyosetsu Gate (Ice Gate) and 100th Anniversary Tower are lit up, and the promenade glows in the evening with stored up daylight.

■ Wakkanai Park

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At Wakkanai Park,
remember those repatriated
from Karafuto (Sakhalin)
at the end of the war.



Karafuto Island
People Memorial Monument,
Hyosetsu Gate

This park, set on a high plateau, offers not only a lovely ocean view but also hosts Hyosetsu Gate and the 9 Maidens Monument by sculptor Shin Hongo, a monument to the Sakhalin Huskies who helped in Antarctic exploration, and the Tanka no Michi. Get closer to history in national border-town Wakkanai.

■ Wakkanai Park

ACCESS

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Antarctic Exploration
Sakhalin Husky-Training
Memorial Monument



Tanka no Michi
Poetry Path



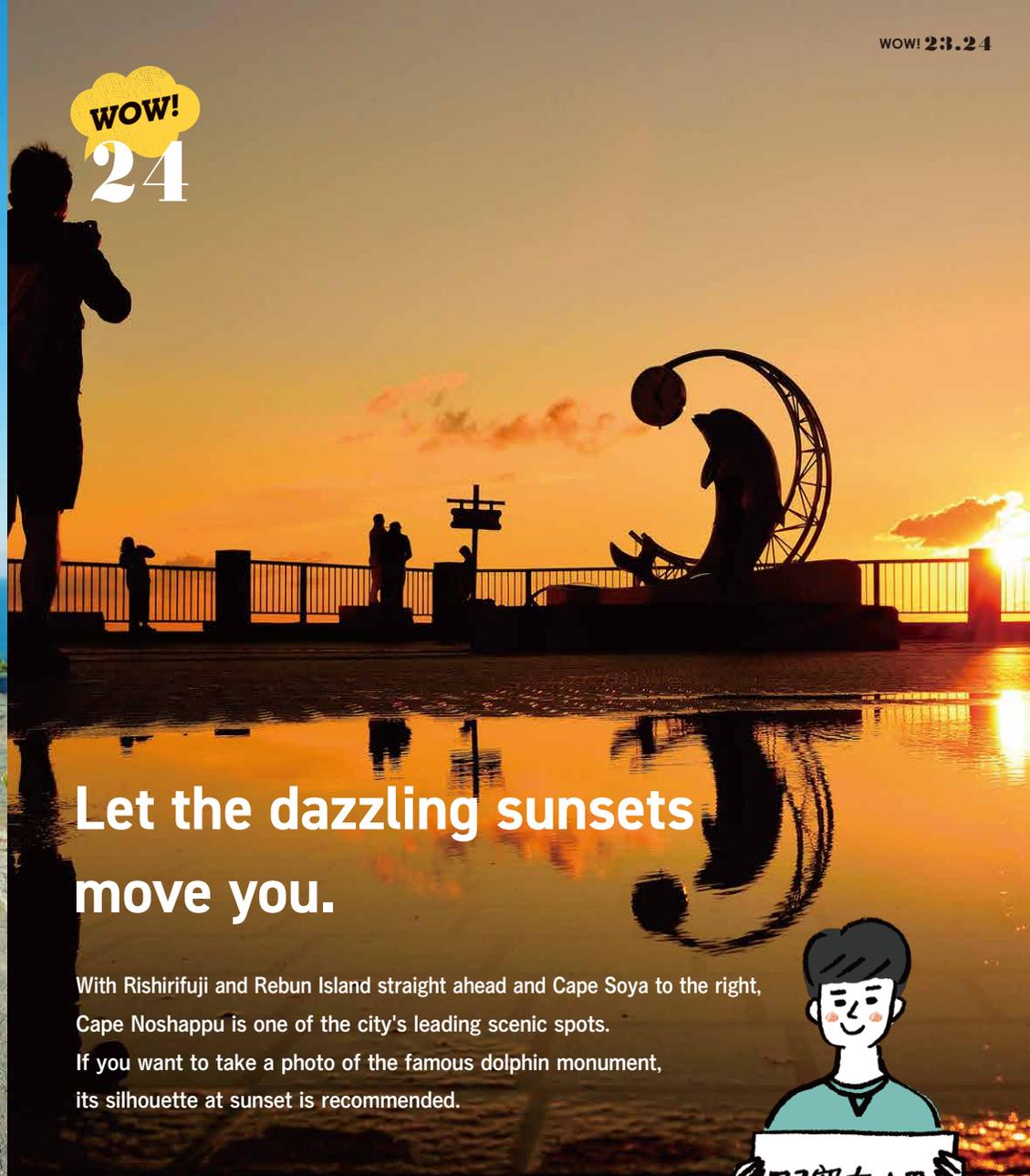
The 9 Maidens Monument

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Let the dazzling sunsets
move you.

With Rishirifuji and Rebun Island straight ahead and Cape Soya to the right, Cape Noshappu is one of the city's leading scenic spots. If you want to take a photo of the famous dolphin monument, its silhouette at sunset is recommended.



■ Cape Noshappu

ACCESS

·Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.

·Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Noshappu" bus stop, which is approx. 10 min. by bus (Shinai route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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Look up from the bottom of the second tallest lighthouse in Japan.

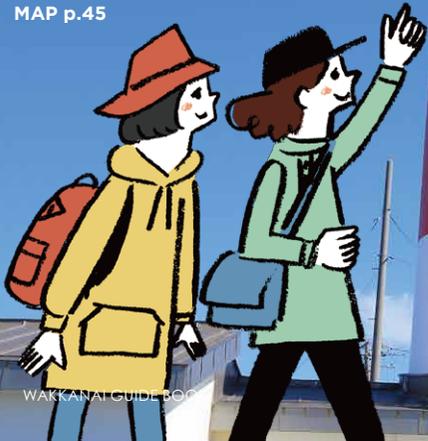
Wakkanai Lighthouse, which stands on Cape Noshappu, is 42.7m tall and is the second tallest in the entire country. It is painted red and white to make it more visible, even in the snow.

■ Wakkanai Lighthouse

ACCESS

- Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Noshappu" bus stop, which is approx. 10 min. by bus (Shinai route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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See the lumpsuckers at the Noshappu Aquarium.

A small, round fish that lives in northern seas. Not a great swimmer, the fish's pectoral fins have evolved into abdominal suckers, which it uses to stick itself to rocks and shells. See it and be captivated by its cuteness.

■ Noshappu Aquarium (Wakkarium)

As of 2018, the Wakkanai aquarium and science museum adopted the collective name Wakkarium.

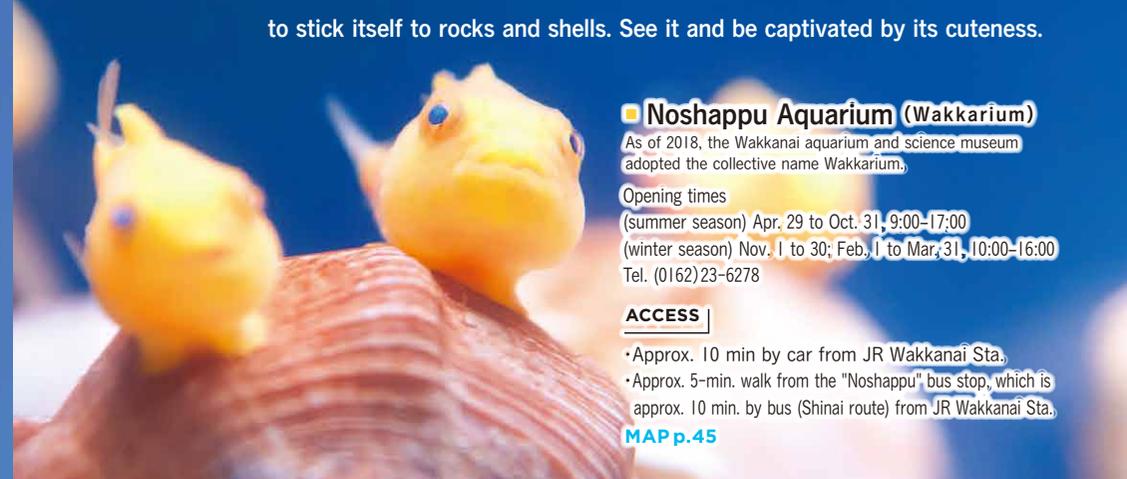
Opening times

(summer season) Apr. 29 to Oct. 31, 9:00-17:00
(winter season) Nov. 1 to 30; Feb. 1 to Mar. 31, 10:00-16:00
Tel. (0162) 23-6278

ACCESS

- Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Noshappu" bus stop, which is approx. 10 min. by bus (Shinai route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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See Antarctic rocks at the Wakkanai Youth Science Museum.

A wide range of Antarctic research expedition materials, including models of successive generations of Antarctic research vessels and actual snowmobiles used in the expeditions. The exhibition also includes rare Antarctic rocks that can no longer be taken from the continent, the holes on the surface of which, carved out by the strong winds and sand, convey the severity of the nature there.



■ Wakkanai Youth Science Museum (Wakkarium)

As of 2018, the Wakkanai aquarium and science museum adopted the collective name Wakkarium.
Opening times (summer season) Apr. 29 to Oct. 31, 9:00-17:00
(winter season) Nov. 1 to 30; Feb. 1 to Mar. 31, 10:00-16:00
Tel. (0162) 22-5100

ACCESS

- Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
- Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Noshappu" bus stop, which is approx. 10 min. by bus (Shinai route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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28 Watch the sunset from the Yuhigaoka Parking area.

A parking area popular for its views of Rishiri and Rebun islands and the setting sun.
A convenient place to stop and rest while out on a drive.



■ **Yuhigaoka Parking**

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Approx. 15 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
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30 Take in the view of the huge Mt. Rishirifuji from Kohone House.

This is a gorgeous outlook point inside Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park, with a view of Rishiri Island and lovely sunsets. It's a great place for a rest stop while out driving.



展望休憩施設
ころほねの家
ご自由にお休み下さい
Cape Noshappu



■ **Hamayuuchi Observatory and Rest Facility (Kohone House)**

Open: Apr. 29–Nov. 3, 9:00–17:00

ACCESS

Approx. 45 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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29 Soothe yourself in Japan's northernmost day-spa.

A hot spring that beautifies the skin and keeps you warm after bathing. Soothe away your travel fatigue as you soak in the outdoor bath while watching the sun set into the Sea of Japan.



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Certificate of Bathing at Japan's Northernmost Hot Spring

A Certificate of Bathing at Japan's Northernmost Hot Spring "Dome", which is located at 45°25' 16" North latitude. Three designs available.

■ **Wakkanai Onsen Dome**

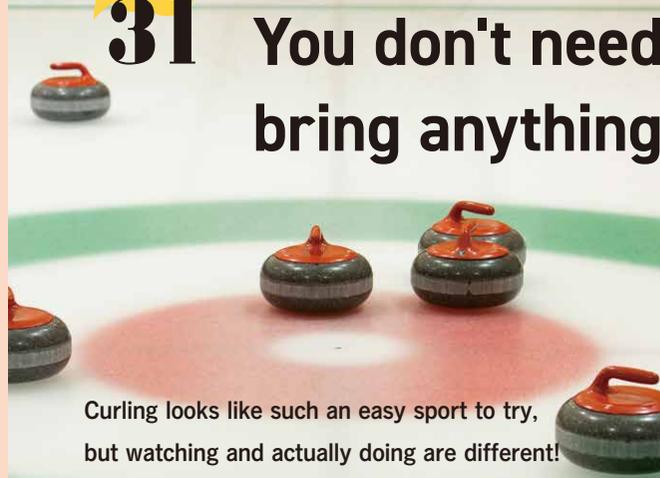
Open 10:00–22:00
Tel. (0162) 28-1160

ACCESS

• Approx. 15 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
• Alight at the "Wakkanai Onsen-mae" bus stop, which is approx. 20 min. by bus (Midori-machi route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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31 Try some curling! You don't need to bring anything.



Curling looks like such an easy sport to try, but watching and actually doing are different! Maybe you have a talent! All the equipment is provided, so why not come along and have a go?



■ **Wakkanai Midori Sports Park (Scheduled to open on May 1, 2020)**

Open 10:00–21:00
*Closed Dec. 31 and Jan.1–5 *Closed on Mondays
Tel. (0162) 23-6521
(Wakkanai City Board of Education, Social Education Division)

ACCESS

• Approx. 10 min by car from JR Wakkanai Sta.
• Approx. 5-min. walk from the "Midori 4-chome" bus stop, which is approx. 10 min. by bus (Midori-machi route) from JR Wakkanai Sta.

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