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Railway and Coalmine Heritage

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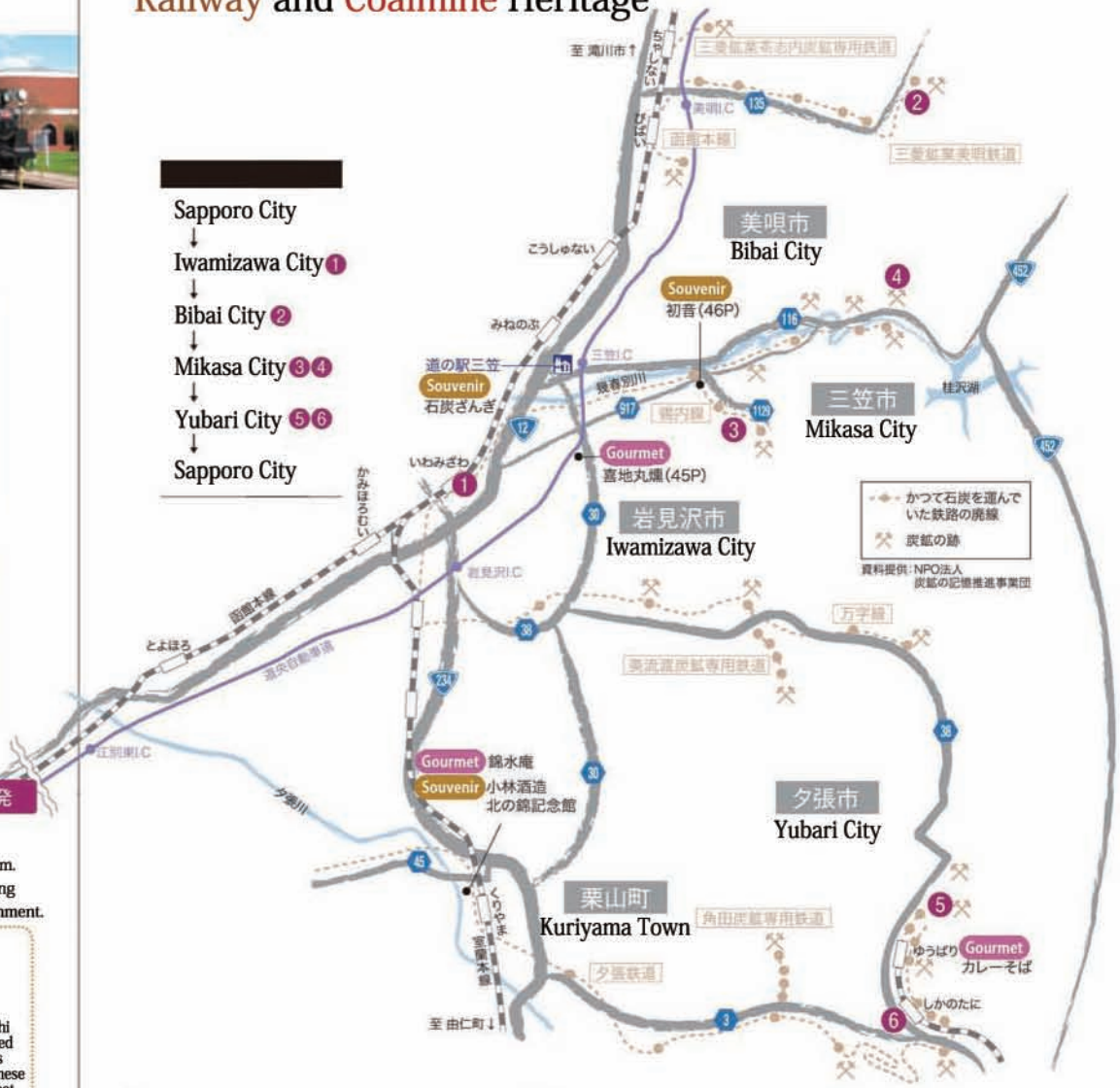

① SORACHI Coalmine Heritage Management Center (Iwamizawa City)

This is the stronghold of non-profit organization that is trying to make the most of the tangible and intangible coalmine heritage for vitalizing the region. It plays a role as the concierge in Sorachi sub-prefectural area, providing people with the information on not only the coalmine area but also the other area of whole Sorachi. It is worthwhile to have a look at the part of the building which had been a stone warehouse for one hundred years.

岩見沢市1条西4丁目3
TEL：0126-24-9901
(NPO法人炭鉱の記憶推進事業団)

② Coalmine Memorial Park (Bibai City)

This is the park built on the premises of Mitsubishi Bibai Coalmine, where red huge shaft towers which wind up and down the wires of the elevators, coal storage area, electric power control center are left.

美唄市東美唄町常盤台
TEL：0126-62-3137
(市地域経営室)

③ Mikasa Railway Village(Mikasa City)

It exhibits the literature and materials on the railways in Hokkaido including Horonai Railway that was the third in use in Japan, the signs for the railway that were actually used before, time table, uniform of the staff and so on. Various kinds of trains that was in use before are also exhibited and steam locomotives are available to take for pleasure.

三笠市幌内町2丁目287
TEL：01267-3-1123 (三笠鉄道記念館)

④ Sumitomo Ponbetsu Coalmine Shaft Tower (Mikasa City)

Many facilities for coalmine such as electric substation, coal grading hopper etc, are left on the premises. The shaft tower made in Germany is 50.5 meters high and was said to be the number one shaft tower in Asia. Only the exterior of the building can be seen from the outside.

三笠市奔別町　TEL：01267-2-3182 (市企画振興課)

Souvenir Coal Fried Chicken / Progress in Mikasa City

Fried chicken colored black and flavored with chicken broth and apple juice. It has much more delicate flavor and juicier impression than the appearance. Five pieces are sold for 300 Japanese yen at the roadside station in Mikasa along Route 12 or at Ice Cream Forest "Aisu-no-Mori" in Ikushunbetsu Area.

TEL：01267-2-7467 (合同会社ぷろぐれす)

Gourmet Buckwheat Noodle with Curry Soup / Some restaurants in Yubari City

Characteristic buckwheat noodle with curry soup of each restaurant can be savored in Yubari City, such as the one made by the successor of famous "Fuji-no-ya", the one developed originally as the board for the staff of the restaurant and the one made of the buckwheat noodle produced by local noodle maker.

TEL：0123-52-3128 (市産業課商工観光係)

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⑤ Coalmine Museum (Yubari City)

The gallery (tunnel) of the coalmine 1,000 meters under the ground can be experienced in the real tunnel of the premises. "Yubari Coalmine Gallery Tunnel " preserved as the historic site that had been an actual digging point can be seen in the tour of the museum. The digging machine and the layers of coal left in the gallery tunnel give the visitors the real feeling of the coalmine workers digging in the tunnel. The huge coal layer exposed on the ground on the premises is the natural monument nominated by Hokkaido Government.

夕張市高松7番地1
TEL：0123-52-3456 (夕張リゾート予約センター)

⑥ Yubari Rokumeikan

夕張市鹿の谷2丁目4番地
TEL：0123-53-2555

This facility was built and used as the guest house called "Hokutan Shikanotani Club" by Hokkaido Tankou Kisen Inc. called "Hokutan", in the second year of Taishou Era, in 1913 when the company was in full flourish and the guest house had been in use until 1983. It had the premises of 85,330 square meters and was a one-story wooden house of 1,500 square meters built with the state-of-the-art technology at that time. It can be said that the facility was a genuine traditional Japanese building that could hardly be seen in Hokkaido. The interior decorations were the mixture of the oriental and the occidental and the furnishing with beautiful decorations was so luxurious that the inside of the facility could be seen by only limited persons such as the board members of the company and the politicians. It had been known as the facility of illusion and so many people recognized the importance of its cultural value that it opened again in 1994 as the memorial building of the coalmine industry. Now the former guest house is used as the auberge named YUZANSO. Please check out the refurbished guest house at http://www.yubari-rokumeikan.com/

Souvenir Local Sake Brewer / Kobayashi Shuzou Kita-no-Nishiki Memorial Museum

Gourmet Buckwheat Noodle / Kinsui-an in Kuriyama Town

The old office of well-established Japanese sake brewer Kobayashi Shuzou which was established more than 130 years ago, is opened as an memorial museum for visitors for free of charge. It exhibits approximately 5,000 sake-related items such as traditional Japanese sake bottles and cups. The buckwheat noodle and noodle soup that go well with Japanese sake brewed by the company can be savored in the restaurant on the premises Kinsui-an.

栗山町錦3丁目109番地
TEL：0123-72-1001