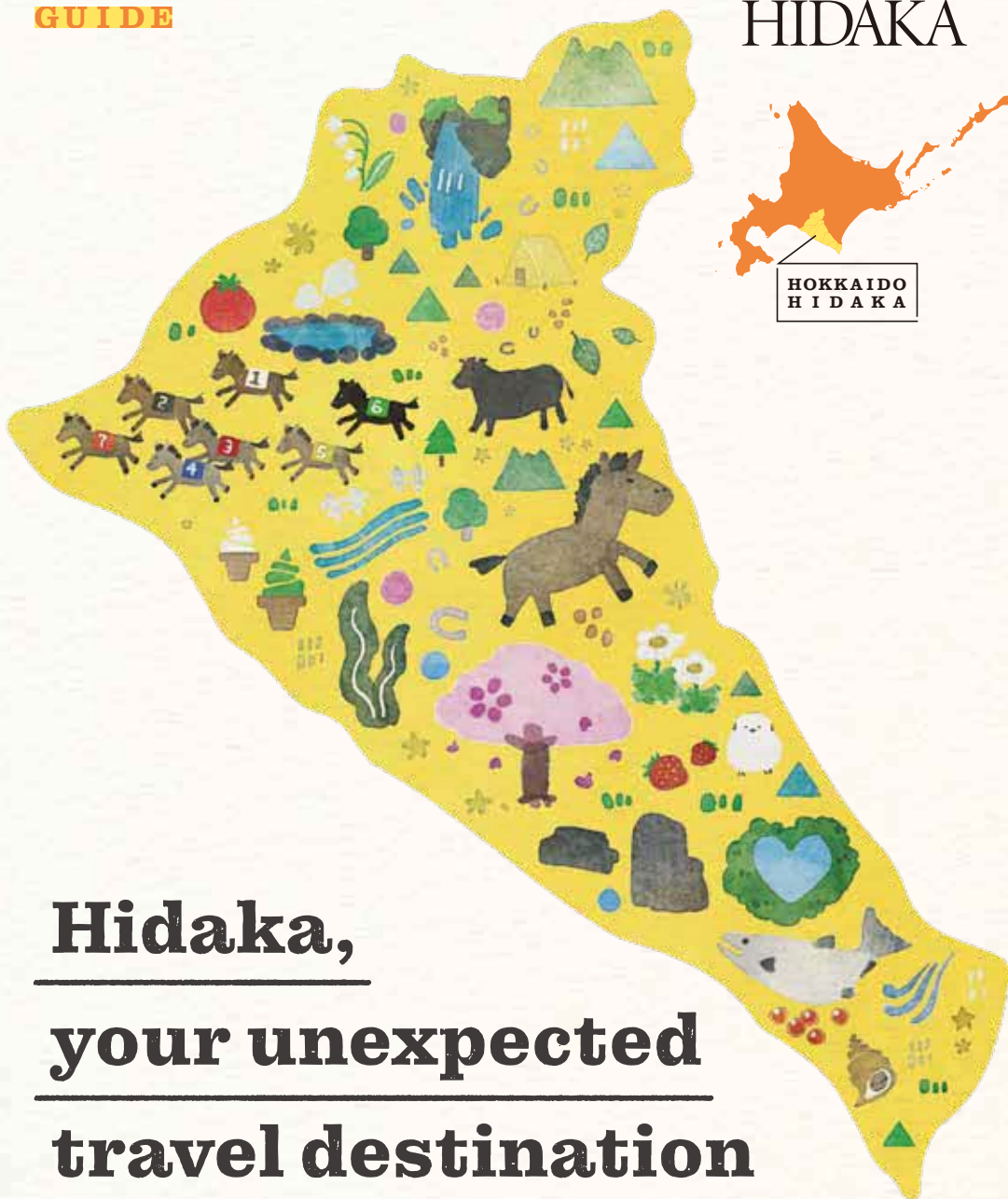


**HOKKAIDO
HIDAKA
TRAVEL
GUIDE**

7 towns,
colors.
HIDAKA



Hidaka,
your unexpected
travel destination

Towns you know
and places you don't

Ordinary scenery
and breathtaking landscapes

The latest shops
and old-fashioned cooking

Ride horseback
and listen to the plodding of racehorses

Today's healing is
tomorrow's fuel

Enjoy the sites
Enjoy the food
Enjoy your vacation

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The 7-Color
Hidaka Journey,
exploring the fascination
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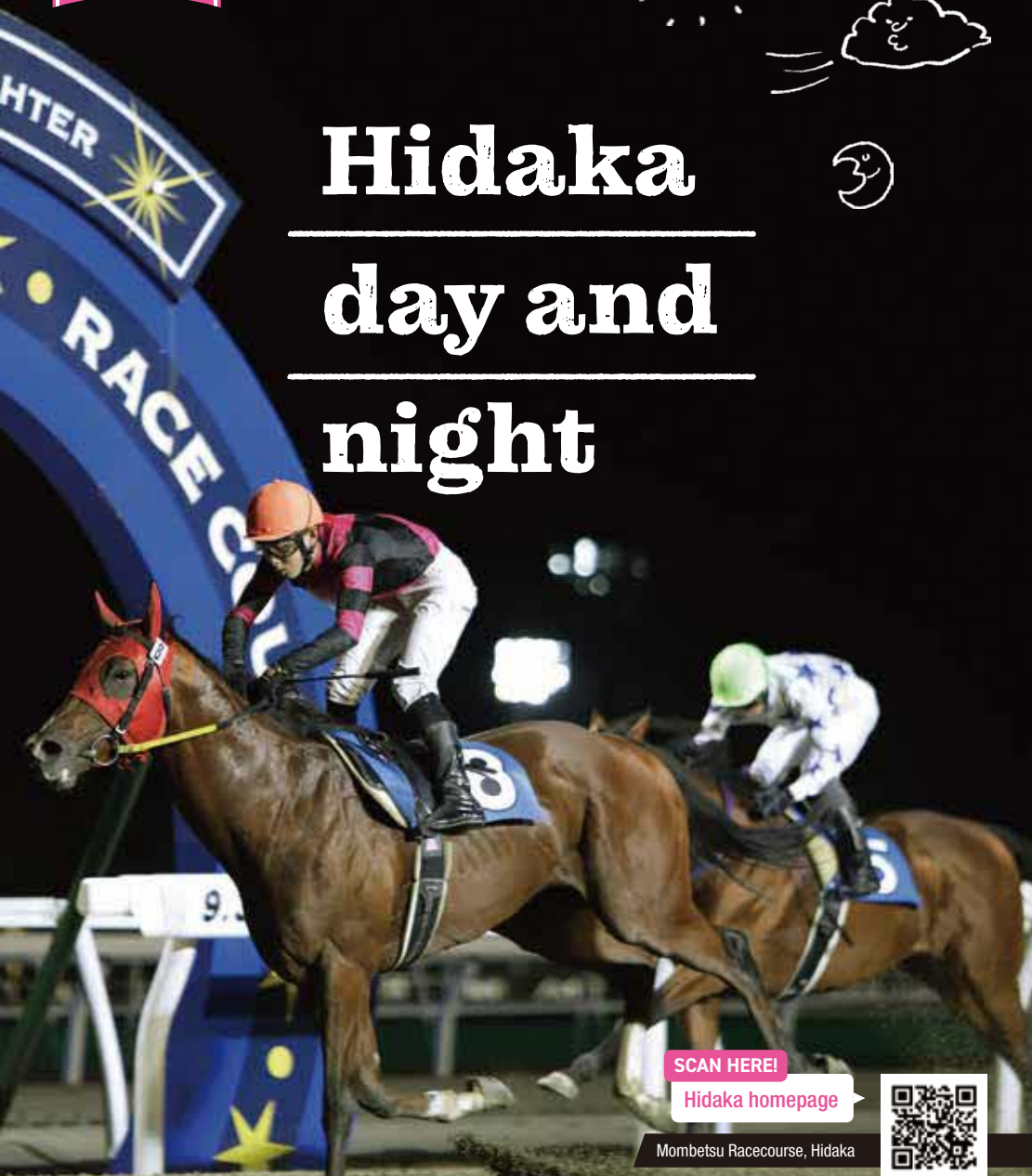
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Hidaka day and night



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Mombetsu Racecourse, Hidaka



Have an amazing time in Hidaka, day or night



Hidaka is known for its horses, but it is also a great place to enjoy nature. Have a great time camping by the Saru River, which is so clean that it is used for masu salmon farming, or have a blast rafting down the mighty rapids. The fun doesn't stop in summer. Horse trekking is a great way to explore the mountains in winter. These are some of the best ways to enjoy Hidaka!



Horse riding in the snow



Saru River Rafting



Mombetsu Racecourse

Of course, we can't forget about the Mombetsu Racecourse. The track is famous for its night races, nicknamed Grand Chariot Night. The course is lit up with twinkling lights, and the thoroughbreds, with their beautiful, shiny coats, engage in fierce competition. Enjoying Hokkaido horse racing in a horse breeding region is a wonderful experience that horse racing fans all over Japan long for.



Paddock



The fun of the mountains
and the sea, all in one.



Zip line (Hidaka District)



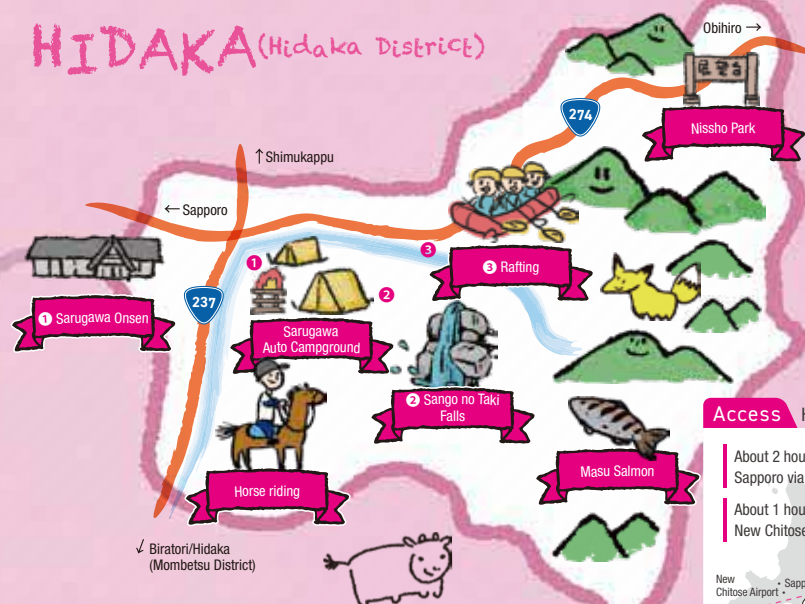
Tonekko no Yu Hot Spring

After having fun, soothe your fatigue
in a hot spring.

We recommend hot springs for those who want to spend more time relaxing. Monbetsu Onsen Tonekko no Yu, a free-flowing natural hot spring, is a favorite of the locals. It is also close to the ocean and the Hidaka Tomikawa Interchange, making it the perfect place to relax after a long day of driving. Sarugawa Onsen is located near the Sarugawa Campground and Ski Resort, so you can rinse the sweat off your body after a day of fun.



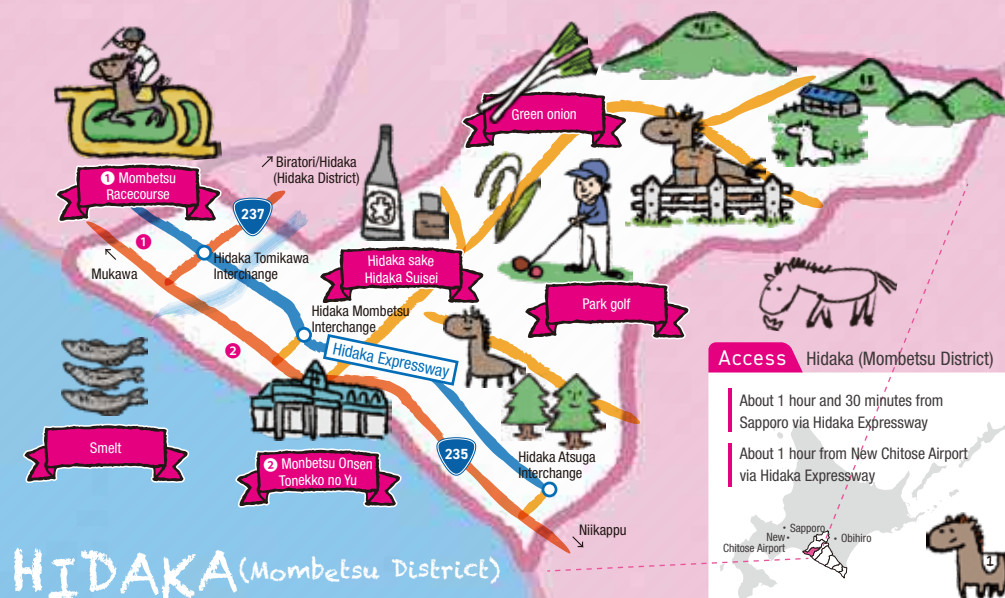
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Access Hidaka (Hidaka District)

About 2 hours from
Sapporo via Doto Expressway

About 1 hour and 30 minutes from
New Chitose Airport via Doto Expressway



Access Hidaka (Mombetsu District)

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Red and black colors of Hidaka



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BIRATORI Tourist Association

Biratori operated ranch, Biratori



The variety of Biratori, from tomatoes to wagyu



The town of Biratori is the largest shipper of tomatoes in Hokkaido. Heat and humidity are not good for tomatoes, so the cool climate created by the Hidaka Mountains and the Saru River is ideal for their cultivation. The brand name tomatoes Nispa's lover are popular not only for fresh consumption but also for processed products such as tomato juice, puree, and ketchup.



Nispa's lover brand name products



Freshly-picked tomatoes



Grazing cattle

One more thing we must mention is Biratori Wagyu. The cattle, which have withstood the freezing winter cold, make for beef featuring a dense flavor that is packed with meatiness. It takes up to 40 months to raise a single cattle. The great taste of Wagyu beef comes from love and care it receives. You can watch the cows grazing at the ranch operated by the town of Biratori.



Biratori Wagyu Steak



Experience the profound history
of the Ainu culture.



Nibutani Kotan



Traditional Ainu Dancing

Nibutani Kotan in Biratori is home to a number of Ainu culture-related facilities, including the Nibutani Ainu Culture Museum, the Historical Museum of the Saru River, and the Ainu Culture Information Center. In the *kotan*, which means *village* in Ainu, visitors can learn about and experience the traditions and culture of the Ainu people through the display of folk tools and crafts that were actually used as well as the reproduction of traditional houses called *chise*.



Enjoy history while enjoying a soothing view of beautiful flowers.

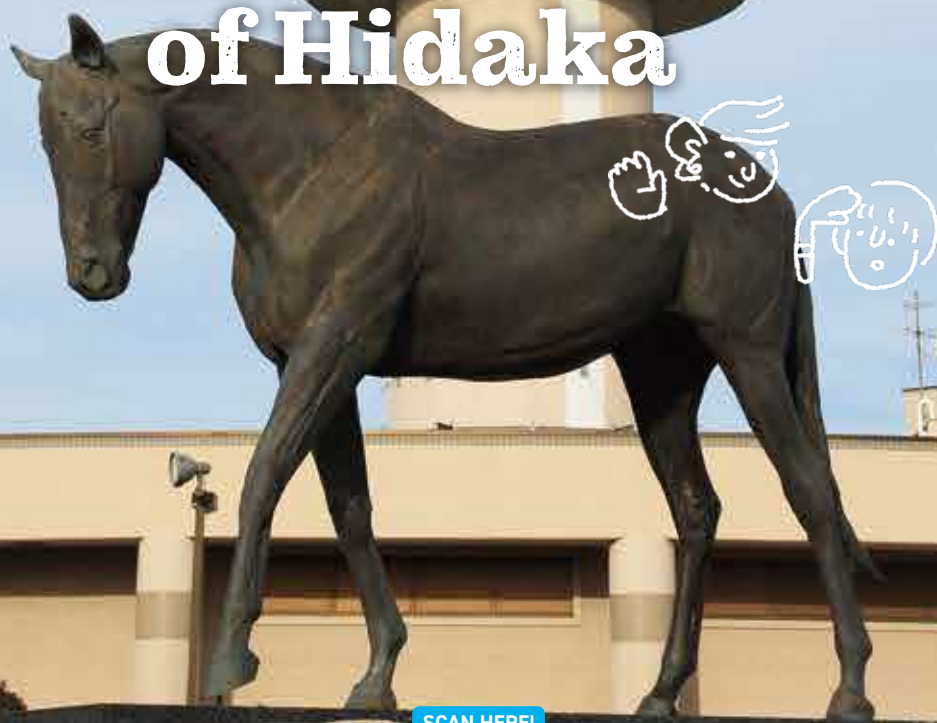


Lily-of-the-Valley Field

The largest cluster of wild lily-of-the-valley in Japan is the Memu Lily-of-the-Valley Field. The best time to see them is from late May to mid-June, when you can enjoy the lovely lily-of-the-valley typical of Hokkaido. Yoshitsune Shrine is great for history buffs. One of the legends of Yoshitsune that still persists in various parts of the country is also found in Biratori, and the statue of Yoshitsune, which was donated by an official of the Edo Shogunate during the Edo period, is still enshrined here.



The sights and sounds of Hidaka



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Re-cord Museum, Niikappu

Niikappu, amazing to see and enchanting to listen to



The world's largest oil painting is on display at the Di-Maccio Art Museum, The Forest of Taiyo, which was constructed from an abandoned former elementary school. Mirrors are placed on the top, bottom, left and right sides of the painting, making you feel as if you are lost in an endless universe. The world that embodies Di-Maccio's imagination is overwhelming to the visitors.



Di-Maccio Art Museum



The world's largest oil painting



Re-cord Museum

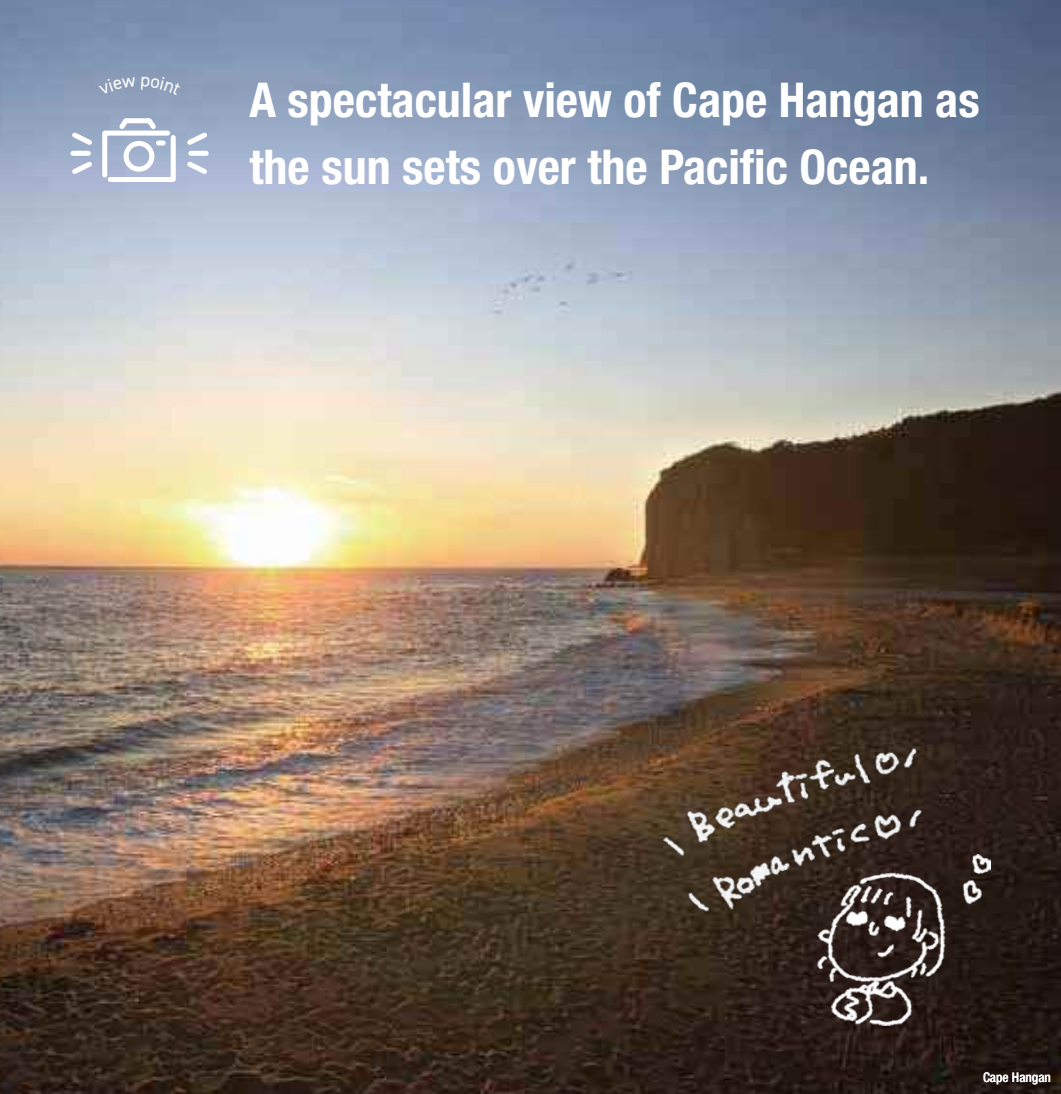
The Re-cord Museum is a popular tourist spot that many people think of when they think of Niikappu. The museum has a collection of over one million analog records, and you can actually listen to them. The town's landmark observatory, Yushun Tower offers a panoramic view of the town, and together with the adjacent Michi no Eki (roadside station), Thoroughbred Road Niikappu, is a great place to stay for sightseeing.



Record



A spectacular view of Cape Hangan as the sun sets over the Pacific Ocean.



Cape Hangan



Niikappu Onsen Re-cord no Yu

The steep cliffs of Cape Hangan can be seen from the observation deck of the Re-cord Museum. It faces the Pacific Ocean, and the sunset that can be seen along with the cape is truly spectacular. There is a campground adjacent to the cape, so we also recommend barbecuing while admiring the sunset. You can see Cape Hangan from the open-air bath at the Niikappu Onsen Re-cord no Yu. This is the perfect place to relax after a day of enjoying horseback riding or mountain climbing, to help heal your tired body from the inside out.



Access Niikappu

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Oguri Cap Statue

Thoroughbred Ginza, a series of horse farms, is a treasured place for horse lovers.

Along Hokkaido Route 209, there is an approximately 8km stretch of thoroughbred ranches called Thoroughbred Ginza. The Thoroughbred Ginza Parking Lot Park, located at the entrance, is a spot where you can enjoy watching future racehorses run freely. The Yushun Memorial Hall, a museum dedicated to the achievements of the famous horse Oguri Cap, is also located along the way, making it a treasured destination for horse lovers.