Gumyoji Temple

MAP 商-2

The votive tablet featuring a drawstring bag and radish drawing is inspired by the temple's Shodendo (a sacred hall dedicated to the goddess of prosperity).

The temple is said to have been founded in 737, the oldest temple in Yokohama. Its bell is a Yokohama City Designated Tangible Cultural Property. The main standing statue of the Elevenheaded Kannon, carved using the nata-bori (axe carving) technique, is designated as a National Important Cultural Property. At the entrance of the approach, there are two Gumyoji Stations; one is a subway station, and the other is a Keikyu Line station located behind the main hall of the temple. The shopping arcade between the stations is a place for temple visitors to enjoy during their visits.

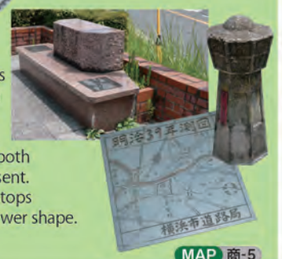
The photo below was taken in the 1970s, and the street still retains much of its former charm. The roof of the Niomon Gate was changed from a tiled roof to a shingle one. (source: Yokohama City Historical Archives)

Discovering Streets, Discovering in the Streets

The long staircase from Maita Station to Yokohama Eiwa Gakuin (schools) is often referred to as Maita's Hundred Stairs. You can also find a manhole cover featuring the Yokohama Bay Bridge.

MAP 街-5

At the Idogaya intersection, there is a red granite bench in the green space, with illustrations of the intersection both in the past and present. There are also car stops with the Marine Tower shape.



MAP 商-5

Gumyoji Market On the Bridge

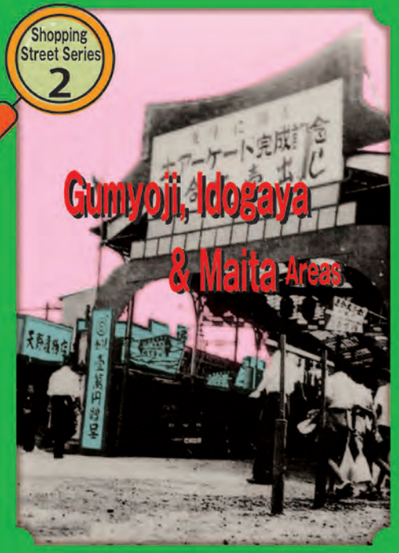
MAP 店-2

Gumyoji Shopping Street has developed as the approach to the Gumyoji Kannon of Gumyoji Temple, the oldest temple in Yokohama. On the fourth Sunday of every month, the Marche is held at the Kannonbashi Bridge and Sakurabashi Bridge, spanning Ooka River.

Let's enjoy Gumyoji Market!

Shopping Street Series 2

Gumyoji, Idogaya & Maita Areas



A Casual Visit to a Bathhouse

Located closely from the stations or the shopping streets, it' s easy to drop by. For your convenience, mini shampoo bottles and towels are available at bathhouses.

At the entrance of Yokohama Natural Hot Spring Kusatsu, you can see an old towel painting on display.

Natural Hot Spring Kusatsu MAP 商-5

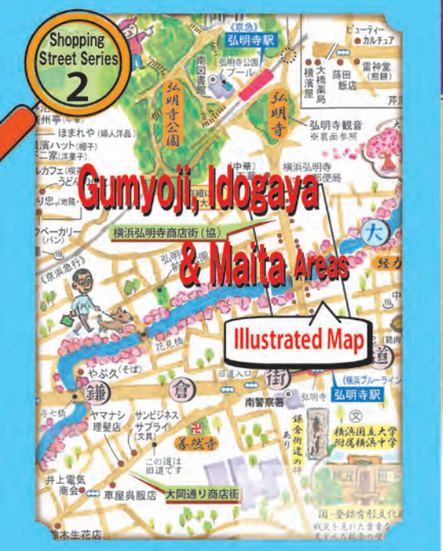
Nakajimakan MAP 店-3 Miurayu MAP 店-1

Shopping Street Series No.2

Gumyoji Temple, Idogaya, and Maita Areas

Ooka River originates near Hitorizawa area in Isogo Ward, crossing Minami Ward before flowing into Tokyo Bay near Sakuragicho area. It is one of the major rivers in Yokoyama City and covers a drainage area of 35.6 square kilometers and stretches 28 kilometers.

The Ooka River Promenade, famous for its rows of cherry trees, is a beloved resting spot for residents. Ooka River, the heart of the town, shows various appearances, depending on the seasons.



History Blended Into Town

Idogaya Incident Site

MAP 店-6

In October 1863, shortly after the opening of Yokohama Port, three French officers, including Captain Camus, were ambushed by suspected members of the Sonno Joi (exclusionism) faction around this area. Camus was killed, while the other two managed to escape. Camus is buried in the Yokohama Foreign General Cemetery.

Shokokuji Temple

MAP 街-5

Believed to have been founded in 1479, it is the family temple of the Kira clan, who ruled the Maita area during the Warring States period in Japan (from the late 15th to the end of 16th century). The temple belongs to the Soto sect of Zen Buddhism, and the main deity is Shakyamuni Buddha. The precinct is well-maintained, and visitors can see the old oni-gawara (ridge-end tiles), which were on the original roof and weighed over 600 kg.

Sumiyoshi Shrine

MAP 商-4

Serves as the guardian shrine for the upper, middle, and lower areas of Idogaya, although the founding year is unknown. A popular site for local people, especially during the New Year and the Shichi-go-san (a traditional Japanese celebration for children aged three, five, and seven).

The original votive tablet featuring a dragon drawing is said to bring protection and good fortune, and to increase luck, symbolizing the dragon as a bringer of rain.

Maita Church

MAP 店-6

Relocated from Hinodecho over 70 years ago. The building in the photo used to be the chapel,but now serves as an educational facility.

in the Streets

Items You can Find

Hat specialty shop Yokohama Hat

MAP 商-1

Offers a wide range of hats, including berets, caps, and hats with popular or unique designs such as explorer hats.

Delicious with Every Bite

Raijindo MAP 商-3

Offers handmade senbei (rice crackers) and arare (smaller pieces of rice crackers), focusing on the quality and taste of their ingredients, rice and soy sauce, as well as hand-making techniques to respect human craftsmanship.

Fruit-like coffee

PEACH COFFEE

MAP 商-1

Specializes in coffee that has fruity aromas and acidity. Collaborating with roasters nationwide,the shop offers a variety of flavors different from origins and roasting methods. It' s a cute coffee stand near Sakurabashi Bridge.

Japanese sake bar by sake shop

Ouka Shuzo MAP 商-1

Offers hidden gems of sake, carefully selected and based on the abundant knowledge of sake from all over Japan.

Solar Power System MAP 商-1

Installed on the roof of the Gumyoji shopping arcade. The system comprises 60 solar panels,each measuring 0.8 meters by 1.58 meters, set in a single row in a section of about 100 meters.

This system generates approximately 10,000 kWh of electricity annually.

Various seaweed

Inui Seaweed Store

MAP 商-3

Offers seaweed, dried foods, and Japanese tea. It also has a seaweed drying machine, with which seaweed is dried every morning before the store opens. Located near Maita Station.

Various cuts of meat!

Kinoshita Shop

MAP 店-6

A retail and wholesale butcher shop in Idogaya, which also accepts pre-orders for sale. Rare cuts such as beef tail and heart are available.

Phone: 045-711-0808

Famous kannon monaka

Seikodo Sohonpo

MAP 店-1

Kannon monaka, named after the Kannon (Goddess of Mercy) of Gumyoji Temple, was designated as a famous confectionery by Kanagawa pref. in 1967.