

Follow the traffic rules and manners.

The following actions are prohibited.

**Violations**

- Ignoring a traffic light
- non stop
- drunken driving
- calling or gazing at the screen of your mobile phone
- posting an umbrella
- listening to loud volume through the earphones
- without lights
- riding side-by-side with another bicycle

**Do you have Bicycle Liability Insurance?**

There have been some cases in which even bicycle riders have had life-threatening accidents and been ordered to pay high compensation costs. Make sure to enroll in insurances if you ride a bicycle. And please consult your insurance provider in the case you use a rental bicycle.

In Okayama City, it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to enroll in insurances due to the regulations enforced in April 2021.

**Five safety rules for cyclists**

1. Bicycles should use the road in principle, keep to left, Pedestrians first on the sidewalk
2. Obey traffic light and stop sign at the crossroad to confirm safety
3. Turn on the light in the nighttime
4. No drunk-driving
5. Wear a helmet

**Kibiji cycling route**

Total length of the route 25km  
Height difference 23m

The legend of Momotaro is authorized as Japan Heritage and remains related to the story of "Okayama", the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro are dotted in this route. Everyone will enjoy cycling casually, feeling historical culture and scenery in all seasons.



**Contact**

About sightseeing  
Okayama City Momotaro Tourist Center TEL: 086-228-2912

About the route  
Traffic Policy Division, City of Okayama TEL: 086-803-1375  
Tourism Project Division, City of Soja TEL: 0866-92-8277

**吉備津神社 Kibitsujinja Shrine**  
Japan Heritage



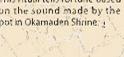
The main shrine (honden) that looks like a bird spreading its wings is designated as a national treasure. There are Yaoki Rock which is believed to be a rock on which Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto put an arrow at the fight with Ura and Okamaden Shrine where he is also believed that Ura's head is buried.  
TEL: 086-287-4111

**吉備津神社 Kibitsujinja Shrine**  
Japan Heritage



⑥ 矢渡岩と矢立の神事  
Yatatenoshiji Ritual  
Washing yearly peace, an arrow is released into the sky. In front of Yaoki Rock on January 3rd and many people gather to watch the ritual.

**吉備の中山 Kibi no Nakayama**  
Japan Heritage



A famous mountain that appears in "Makura no Soshi" (the Pillow Book). It is said that Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto took up his position at the fight with Ura. There is a 105-meter long Nakayama-Chayuyama Burial Mound on the south side of the mountain. It is believed to be the grave of Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto.

**吉備津神社 Kibitsuhikojinja Shrine**  
Japan Heritage

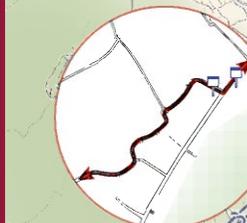
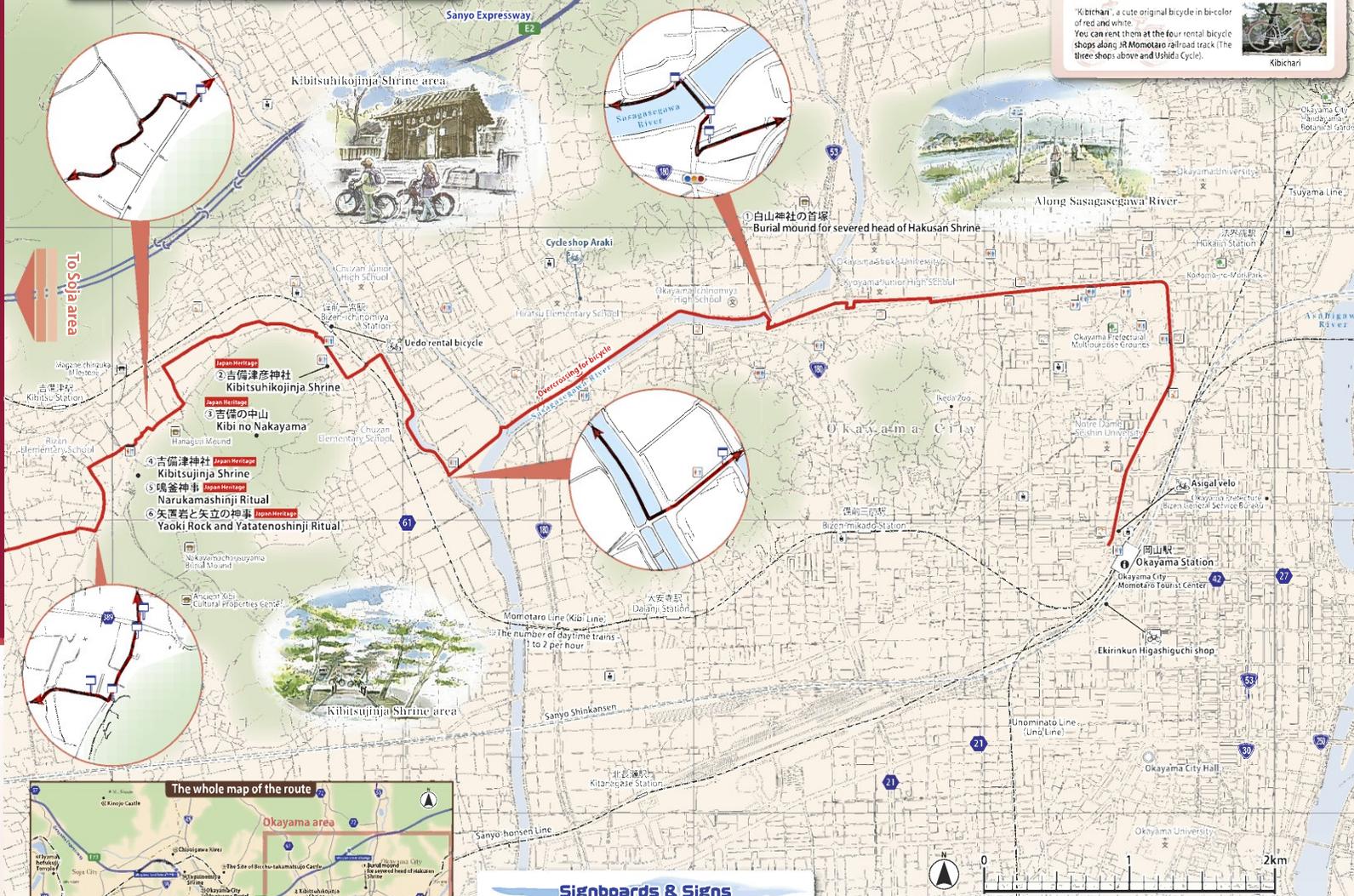


It is said that the shrine was built on among the remnants of the former residence of Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto who is known as a model for the character of Momotaro, an old tale. It is highly rated for its value as a source of shrine architecture and beauty of the shrine.  
TEL: 086-284-0033

**白山神社の首塚**  
Japan Heritage



Burial mound for severed head of Haku-san Shrine



**Signboards & Signs**

You can find the signboards and signs on the Kibiji cycling road as follows.

**Explanatory notes**

- Kibiji cycling route
- Expressway
- Bullet train
- JR conventional line
- Information board
- Rental bicycle
- Rental bicycle (drop-off available at designated spots)
- Bicycle shop
- Tourist Information Center
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**Let's rent a bicycle and tour Kibiji!**

Rental bicycle is available at this mark on the map. You can both rent and return the bicycle at any of the three shops listed below.

- JR Soja Sta.-mae Araki rental bicycle TEL: 0866-92-0233
- Kokubunji Temple-mae Takaya rental bicycle TEL: 0866-93-3421
- JR Bizen-Ichinomiya Sta.-mae Uedo rental bicycle TEL: 0860-284-2311

"Kibichari", a cute original bicycle in bicolor of red and white. You can rent them at the four rental bicycle shops along JR Momotaro railroad track (the three shops above and Utsuda's Cycle).

**KIBIJI CYCLING MAP**

**Let's tour the Japan Heritage by bicycle.**

Authorized story of Japan Heritage

Okayama is the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro. The folk tale about defeat of the age-related heritage of ancient Kibi. Okayama was called Kibi in the past. In this area, some remains such as the ancient mountain castle called Kinjo Castle and huge stones standing along a huge mound still exist. The legend Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto defeats age, Ura is set in these remains. Mountain Castle standing on the precise dirt is called as a castle of Ura and the huge stones are believed to be the shield of Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto. The winner, Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto, is enshrined in Kibitsujinja Shrine and Ura's head is buried near that. The legend of age extermination is believed to be the model for the legend of Momotaro based on history of the property and submission of ancient Kibi. Various remains in Kibi invite you into the mystic folk tale.

- List of cultural assets**
- ① --- Places introduced on the map
  - ① Mt. Kinjo (Kinjo Castle) ② Ohno-kama Pot
  - ③ Tateyuki Tumulus ⑦
  - ⑧ Senamiyoshi Stone of Takatsukiji Shrine ⑨
  - ⑩ Yaoki Rock and Yatatenoshiji Ritual ⑫
  - ⑬ Yagunomiya Shrine ⑭
  - ⑮ Kakiujicho Shrine ⑯
  - ⑰ Chisugawa River ⑱
  - ⑲ Kibitsugu Kanicho Book
  - ⑳ Bichimomori Okubimomori Ryakki Summary
  - ㉑ Kibi no Nakayama ㉓
  - ㉔ Kibitsujinja Shrine ㉕
  - ㉖ Katsunoya Okamaden Shrine
  - ㉗ Narukamashiji Ritual ㉘
  - ㉙ Old map of Kibitsujinja Shrine
  - ㉚ Ugr's mask of Kibitsujinja Shrine
  - ㉛ Kibitsuhikojinja Shrine ㉜
  - ㉝ Ceremonial vessel stand
  - ㉞ Tsukuryama Burial Mound Cluster ㉟
  - ㊱ Tsukuryama Burial Mound ㊲
  - ㊳ Ryoguzan Burial Mound
  - ㊴ Komozizuka Burial Mound ㊵
  - ㊶ Misutsuzuka Burial Mound
  - ㊷ Yatotsuka Burial Mound
  - ㊸ Peach seed excavated from Ioto Ruin
  - ㊹ Okayama's peach
  - ㊺ Kuidango
  - ㊻ Burial mound for severed head of Haku-san Shrine ㊼

The official website of Japan Heritage.  
Okayama, the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro  
https://momotaro-ura.jp

**① 鬼ノ城 Kinjo Castle**  
Japan Heritage



It is believed to be a castle of Ura in the Ura legend. The area of the castle is as big as 30ha. It presents a sense of intimidation and power as an impenetrable fortress.

**The whole map of the route**



**Soja area**

Scale: 0m, 25m, 50m, 75m

**② 千足古墳 Senzoku Burial Mound**  
Japan Heritage



The largest mound in the Tsukuriyama Burial Mound. The original burial mound and rows of Hanwa staves have been restored through historic site maintenance work, and it is now possible to climb up to the top of the mound. You can see the stone chamber during opening hours of the Tsukuriyama Burial Mound Visitor Center.

**③ 造山古墳 Tsukuriyama Burial Mound**  
Japan Heritage



It is the biggest burial mound in Japan that the entrance is permitted. It is said to be the grave of a king who ruled Soja in the early 5th century. The surrounding medium and small-sized burial mounds are believed to be the graves of the vassals who served the king.

**④ 岡山造山古墳ビジターセンター**  
Okayama City Tsukuriyama Burial Mound Visitor Center



This is the place enables people to learn Tsukuriyama Burial Mound, surrounding small burial mounds and "The Legend of Muneharu" approved as Japan Heritage.

**Opening Hours**  
10:00 ~ 15:00 (Closed)  
Mondays / Open on national holiday Mondays and closed on the following business days, New Year's holiday (from 25 Dec to 3 Jan)

**⑤ 雙喰神社 Koikujinja Shrine**  
Japan Heritage



The shrine was built where Ura, who disguised himself as a carp, was caught by Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto, who disguised himself as a commoner.

**⑥ 備中高松城址**  
The Site of Bichu-takamatsujo Castle



The castle is a residence of Muneharu Shimizu, a military commander of the Sengoku period. It is famous for a battle of the mound in 1565 by Hideyoshi Hashiba.

**⑦ 備前守の墓 文石**  
Sentaimonkei Stone of Tsatetsukinjia Shrine



It is believed to be a vehicle to fly that Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto used at the fight with Ura.

**⑧ 備前道跡**  
Tatetsuki Tumulus



This was built at the end of Yayoi period and it is one of the biggest tumulus in Japan. 5 huge stones on the summit are believed to be the shields that Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto made at the fight with Ura in the Ura legend.

**⑨ 井山宝福寺 Iyama-hofukuji Temple**



Rural scenes



**⑩ 井山宝福寺 Iyama-hofukuji Temple**



The temple is famous for Sesshu who was called a master painter and painted a mouse with his teardrops and loes in training days. It is also famous for the colored leaves.

**Soja Station**  
Soja-ekimae Tourist Information Center

Araki rental bicycle

Soja City Hall

Soja City Budokan

Soja City Sports Center

Soja Minami High School

Soja City Budokan

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Soja Minami High School

**⑪ きびつるの里 Kibiji Tsurunosato Center**



Kibiji Tourist Information Center

Ezaki Burial Mound

**⑫ 備中国分寺 Bichu-kokubunji Temple**



The Site of a 5-storied pagoda in the scene of Kibiji. You can enjoy watching Chinese milk vetch and rape blossoms in spring, sunflower in summer, and cosmos in autumn.

**⑬ 吉備路もてなしの館 Kibiji Motenashinoyakata House**



Visitors can enjoy an exquisite lunch supervised by a Michelin-starred restaurant with a gazing at the beautiful landscape of Bichu-kokubunji Temple, as well as a wide selection of souvenirs. Freshly baked bread and coffee are also popular. On the second Sunday of every month, "Muneharu March" is held, featuring a large gathering of gourmet kitchen cars.

**Open Hours**  
Breakfast Menu: 8:00 ~ 10:00 (Reservation not available)  
Bakery Cafe: 9:00 ~ 17:00  
TEL: 0854-94-0500  
One-Day Trip to Mt. Sanyo (Open) 11:00 ~ 21:00, (Wednesday 13:00 ~ 21:00)

**⑭ こもり塚古墳 Komorizuka Burial Mound**  
Japan Heritage



A keyhole-shaped tumulus with a total length of 100 meters. It has a horizontal stone chamber which is the longest in the Kibi area showing that it was once very powerful.

**⑮ 血吸川 Chisugawa River**  
Japan Heritage



The river flows from Mt. Kinjo and it is believed that the river was covered with Ura's blood by the fight with Kibitsuhiko-no-mikoto.

**⑯ 矢吹宮 Yaguinomiya Shrine**  
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Rental Bicycle in front of Takamatsujo Station

Bichu-takamatsujo Station

Ushida Rental Bicycle

Takamatsujo Agricultural High School

**⑱ 備前道跡**  
Tatetsuki Tumulus



Site of Sasumoto Tower

**⑲ 備前道跡**  
Tatetsuki Tumulus

Sentaimonkei Stone of Tsatetsukinjia Shrine

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Tsukuriyama Burial Mound area

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**㉒ 造山古墳**  
Tsukuriyama Burial Mound



A gigantic keyhole-shaped tumulus with a total length of 282 meters shows the power of Kibi.

**㉓ きびつるの里**  
Kibiji Tsurunosato Center



It is a center for protection and reproduction of red-crowned crane, which is a special national natural treasure. You can watch the beautiful red-crowned cranes while enjoying the nature.

**㉔ 国民宿舎サンロード吉備路**  
Kokuminshukusha Sunroad Kibiji Inn



Natural hot springs baths for one-day trips are available. There is a restaurant popular for its genuine Japanese kaiseki cuisine, a bakery cafe where you can enjoy freshly baked bread and coffee, and Sanchoku Hana Park where you can purchase fresh agricultural products indigenous to Soja.

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