



Renowned Waters of Ono

Izumi-cho/Itoyo-cho, Ono City

The many springs and clean, clear waters of Ono City are the pride of its citizens. Its close ties to residents of this castle town have remained strong throughout the years.



Hongan Spring, home to the *itoyo* fish (Nationally Designated Natural Monument)^①

Surrounding by vast forests, Ono City is a treasure house of clear springs which can be found throughout the city and its environs. Among them Itoyo-cho's Hongan Shōzu is particularly important, being a waterway dug to feed water to the castle town and the beginning of the city's notoriety as a home to pure waters. It is also one of but a few locations where freshwater itoyo fish live, and is a nationally protected natural monument.



The waters of Hongan Shōzu



Itoyo fish



Sewari Waterway^②



Fresh spring water^③



Yoshikage Spring^④

Thanks to efforts to reconstruct the city's old waterways and drainage canals, such as Sewari Waterway, brings views of flowing water throughout the city. The waters of Izumi-cho, within the city, have been selected as among the nation's most famous waters. Its use by so many samurai families in the castle town's heyday has earned the water the nickname "lordly spring water," and the various springs and waterways in town frequently serve as gathering spots for locals and festivals. The family graveyard of Sengoku Period warlord Asakura Yoshikage also houses Yoshikage Spring, and visitors can also stop at nearby Yoshikage Park.

