



Falls in Mizumadani

Yanagimoto-cho/Akatani-cho, Echizen City

Travelers come from within and without the prefecture to taste its pure *akadani no mizu* water and visit the reputed birthplace of famous samurai Suzuki Kojirō. Coming to escape the heat of summer, visitors dip their legs into the crisp waters of the waterfalls of Yanagi no Taki, believed to be effective in preventing cancer.



Yanagi no Taki(3) (Nunodaki)

It is said that legendary samurai Suzuki Kojirō was born at Mizumadani Falls near present-day Echizen City. Approximately 3km along the Mizuma River's tributary, the Gankutsudani River stands Mt. Gongen, whose 5 waterfalls (the Yanagi no Taki) are said to have been where Kojirō perfected his *tsubamegashi* sword technique.



Yanagi no Taki(2) (Fudōdaki)



Yanagi no Taki(2) (Okamadaki)



Yanagi no Taki(4) (Madodaki)



Yanagi no Taki(5) (Meotodaki)



Kojirō Park^①

Near Kōzen-ji Temple, said to be Kojirō's home, sits Kojirō Park. With the famous samurai as its symbol, the park's ponds, stone amphitheater, and cherry trees create help visitors connect to the birthplace of this legendary fencer.

In the eastern part of Echizen City's Imadate district, the eastern end of the Akadani settlement remains home to the waters of Akadani's Uriwari Spring. Visitors from the prefecture and its surrounding area come on weekends to sample its waters, which have flowed for 1000 years.

The town's houses are built to coexist with the river, and bridges connect each home with the road across its waters.



Akadani's Uriwari Spring



Bridges to homes bordering the Akadani River^②

