

# MINAMIASO WATER SOURCE MAP

To get around, why not go by bicycle, E-bike or on foot.

On a full charge the e-scooter gets around 17km total. To go further than that you can use one of the many charging points scattered around the village, located at cafe's and hot springs.

**Hakusui Iwato Festival**  
During this majestic Shinto festival Japanese flutes and Taiko drums accompany the many dancers.

The tomato roll cake is a favorite.

Here you can find plenty of local produce, freshly harvested vegetables, lunchboxes, souvenirs, Shirakawa springwater products, etc.

**Strawberry farm**  
From December to May you can pick your own delicious strawberries here.

The sweet and delicious Home-run Melon is a Minamiaso favorite, as well as its big brother the Jagai-Home-run.

There are many handmade soba-restaurants in Minamiaso, each with their particular flavour and specialities.

The multi-brand store and Library about a picture book.

The Torokko sightseeing train runs from March until November on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays and every day of the week during Spring Break, Golden Week and Summer Holiday.

Local fruits and vegetables can be bought here at the many unmanned stands.

A small back road between the ricefields overlooking Mt. Aso's five majestic peaks.

Follow the riverbank for about 500m for a beautiful view.

Marked in green are the old tiny backroads used by local farmers, since two tiny cars can only just pass each other on these, thank you for being careful to keep the road clear for them.

**Old Signpost built by Kai Ario**  
About 150 years ago Kai Ario took it upon himself to build many signposts to show weary travelers the way. Now it's characters have faded but its said to still protect travellers from all corners of the world.

Nearly 300 years ago Minamiaso was plagued with an enormous flood and resulting landslides. This monument is dedicated to a key player in the rebuilding the drainage system and leveling of the destroyed ricefields, mister Katayama Shouou.

**Shioisha Spring** 塩井社水源

This fairytale like Shinto Shrine holds a mysterious beauty with its deep blue water and large ancient trees. A nice place to walk around and enjoy the silence.

**Terasaka Spring** 寺坂水源

Named after the nearby temple this spring sprouts right underneath Minami Aso's railtrack and is a great meeting place for both locals and tourists.

**Ike no Kawa Spring** 池の川水源

The bottom of this spring's natural pond is covered with small "Kabuto" stones and pebbles, which were used in crop and harvest prediction ceremonies since the old days.

**Yoshida Castle Spring** 吉田城跡上汲場

As the name suggests this delicious and fresh water spring used to provide now disappeared Yoshida Castle with all its water needs.

**Shirakawa Spring** 白川水源

The most famous of all the water springs in Minamiaso, its enormous 60 tons per minute flow gives birth to the huge and beautiful Shirakawa River. Surrounded by trees it is truly a magical place with the peaceful sound of flowing water.

**Takezaki Spring** 竹崎水源

Flowing quietly in the shadow of a bamboo grove this spring might seem small, but with its 120 tons per minute it alone provides over 3.5 km² of rice fields with water all year round.

**Kawajigo Spring** 川地後水源

Flowers are always in bloom at this tiny spring, why not enjoy a bit of refreshing water in the shade of the small gazebo?

**Wakisawatsu Spring** 滝沢津水源

Looking at the bottom of this spring sand blows up and flutters down again as the water sprouts. Why not relax for a moment underneath the gazebo or let the kids play in the shallow water.

**Oike Spring** 小池水源

This big pond full of life is a favorite amongst children for playing around and is great for enjoying a quiet picnic underneath the many trees.

**Myoujin Ike Meisui Park** 明神池名水公園

Legend has it that the water sprouting from this pond brings fertility and many offspring, and accordingly it features a shallow playpond where kids can play and watch the koi.

**Shirakawa Spring**

**Myoken Shrine Pond** 妙見神社の池

This beautiful shrine and its natural pond are dedicated to the shinto god of water Myoken.