

A town of history and culture.



Okuni-jinja 小國神社
A 1400 year old shrine situated with dignity amid a cedar forest.

Junidan bugaku 森町三大舞楽
Three styles of dance were imported from Kyoto several hundred years ago and have been succeeded generation by generation in Mori Machi. It is designated as an intangible cultural asset by the government.

Okuni-jinja 小國神社
Open on Saturday and Sunday in the weekend closest to April 17-18.

Amenomiya-jinja 天宮神社
Open on Saturday and Sunday in the first weekend of April.

Yamana-jinja 山名神社
Open on Saturday and Sunday in the weekend closest to July 14-15.



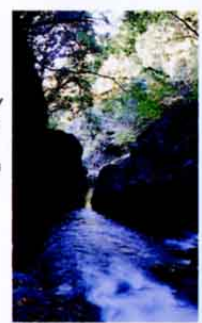
Tomodake 友田家
A traditional Japanese house built more than 200 years ago. It uses a thatched roof, columns and beams roughed with axes which are deriving a natural and basic beauty from crude materials.

Tomb of Mori-no-Isimatsu 森の石松の墓
A star member of the Shimizu family. So popular that his story is raised in a nanwabushi recitation. The tomb is in the Daido-in temple.



Nature trail 吉川溪谷ハイキングコース
Walk enjoying seasonal nature and scenic views. The hiking with a feel of a simple life and culture of people living in valleys makes this spot popular among visitors.

Yoshikawa keikoku 吉川溪谷
A ravine extremely beautiful with new green leaves or autumnal leaves in the season.



Flower tour in Mori Machi

Herbs Not only thymes, sages and lavenders but 80 kinds of the world-representing herbs are enjoyed seasonally.



Irises 花菖蒲-小國神社
The Okuni-jinja shrine is famous for irises. The selections and volume as many as 130 species and 400 thousand flowers look fabulous. Late May to late June.



Hydrangeas 紫陽花-極楽寺
More than 13 thousand hydrangeas grow in colonies in the Gokuraku-ji temple. June 1 to early July.



Clovers 萩-蓮華寺
Renge-ji is known as a temple of clovers. Various clovers bloom in the garden from early summer to early autumn.



Bellflowers 桔梗-香勝寺
More than 30 thousand bellflowers bloom in the Koshō-ji temple two times a year, spring and fall. Mid June to late July, or late August to mid September.



Mori Machi Culture Center 森町文化会館
This facility was built for the purpose in conserving the traditional culture that has been long succeeded in Mori Machi. A library, art gallery and even tea-ceremony room are available.



Cottage Acty Mori コテージ・アクティ森
Cottages built of Japanese cypress are lined near Acty Mori. Each cottage is equipped with a kitchen to allow lodgers to cook by themselves. A supper will be served if requested. Call 05-38-55-9800.

Acty Mori



Acty Mori アクティ森
Experience pottery, Japanese paper making, ceramic forming and dyeing fabric with grass in the environment surrounded by greenery-affluent mountains and the Yoshikawa river running nearby. A restaurant, putter golf and tennis fields, herb garden are available, too.



A restaurant in forest 森のレストラン
Enjoy Japanese style dishes using local fresh harvests, steaks grilled with charcoal, fresh salads, etc. All these are meticulously cooked by the chef Imai to dish the benefit of the harvests.



Putter golf バターゴルフ
A downsized putter golf course of 18 halls and par 72. It uses a shoulder of the Yoshikawa river all covered with natural lawn.



Ajitsai group あじさいグループ
A group of housewives who make ice cream, soybean paste, pickles, cookies and cakes using long succeeded processing techniques.



Yonnaichi よんいち
Yonnaichi means "stop by." It is a dialect used in this area. A local handmade ice cream and Mori Machi's specialties in the shop receive a good reputation from the visitors.