

Sights near Horse Riding Facilities

Mombetsu Race Track (Hokkaido Horse Race)

You can enjoy horses races here at the one and only horse racetrack in Hidaka, the horse breeding region. Grand Chariot Night Horse Races are held in mainly every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from April to November. You can also enjoy delicious local gourmet in the facility.



Tomioka-Komaoka 76-1, Hidaka-cho
☎01456-2-2501
<http://www.hokkaidokeiba.net/>

Hidaka Information Center for the Home Town of Race Horses

For people visiting the horse breeding region, this facility provides various information on things such as race horses, horse breeding farms providing farm tours, and transportation and accommodations near the region.



Shizunai-Kamimori 175-2, Shin-Hidaka-cho
☎0146-43-2121
Chikuji 2-chome 1-1, Urakawa-cho ☎0146-22-2258
<http://uma-furusato.com/>

JRA Hidaka Horse Training Field

This training field has world-class training facilities in a huge area with approximately 1,500 ha, and produces numbers of thoroughbreds which show outstanding performances at horse races in every part of Japan.



Nishicha 535-13, Urakawa-cho
☎0146-28-1211
<http://jra.jp/Hidaka/>

Hokkaido Auction Market of Hidaka Agricultural Cooperative for Light Weight Horses

One year old horses, breeding horses, and more - over 2,000 horses are traded annually in this horse Auction Market. Many buyers from all over Japan come to participate in the auction and its atmosphere becomes vibrant and energetic.



Shizunai-Kamimori 175-2, Shin-Hidaka-cho
☎0146-45-2133
<http://www.hba.or.jp/>

Map of Horse Riding Activities in Hidaka, the Horse Breeding Region



Horse-related Events and Activities

Kiba (Horseback) Prayer Offering

A traditional event, which has continued since 1910, praying for good health of both people and horses. Horseback worshippers leave JRA Hidaka Training Field and enter the Nishicha Shrine to pray without dismounting from their horses.



Venue: Nishicha Shrine (Nishicha 124, Urakawa-cho)
Date: January 2

Urakawa Horse Festival (Shinzan Festival & Urakawa Horse Race Festival)

At this festival there are a number of horse-themed unique and characteristic events, such as horseback wedding ceremonies, Jockey Babies, a pony race hosted by JRA, and more! You can also enjoy a country style party with lamb barbeque.



Venue: Special Venue in JRA Hidaka Horse Training Field (Nishicha, Urakawa-cho)
Period: Late July

Hatsuma (First Horse Day) Festival

This festival is held on the First Horse Day on February when it is said that all wishes come true. The festival is celebrated at Yoshitsune Shrine, which is named after Yoshitsune Minamoto, a mounted warrior and enshrined deity who was said to have cherished his horses.



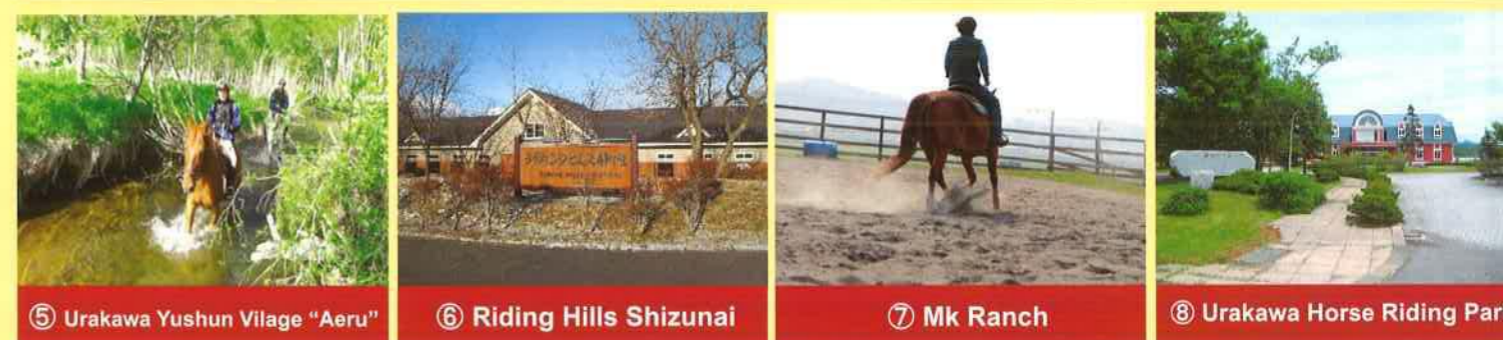
Venue: Yoshitsune Shrine (Honcho 119-1, Biratori-cho)
Period: Early February

Hidaka Mountain Endurance Equine Competition

This competition is a long distance endurance race through the grand Hidaka Mountains with courses 20, 40, 60 and 80 kilometers in length. Participants aim to finish in the shortest possible time while considering their horse's condition and pacing.



Venue: Arabian Horse Plantation (Tomioka 452-1, Hidaka-cho)
Period: Mid October



Overview of Horse Riding Facilities

Hidaka, Hokkaido produces approximately 80 % of the thoroughbred horses in Japan, and is the 5th largest horse breeding region in the world.

There are a number of different horse riding facilities located in the area, each one making use of the unique characteristics of their location.

Let's enjoy making bonds with horses in the horse producing region, Hidaka!

① Arabian House Plantation

You can take care of horses and freely take photos as well

This facility specializes in field horse riding. It is located a five minutes' drive from the Rest Area and close to camping sites and onsen. Pedigree Arabian horses are bred, raised, and trained in this facility and no other place like this can be found in Japan.

- Address : Tomioka 452-1, Hidaka-cho ■ URL : <http://arabu-hidaka.com/>
- Irregular holidays.
- Trial and regular lessons : A variety of courses are prepared depending on time, budget and level so everyone, from beginners to veterans, can enjoy a lesson.
- Contents : Slow Paced Trekking (30min,60 min,90min) ; Farm Tour.
We can arrange canter and long courses for the amount of time you desire.
- Message from the Facility : At our huge horse farm with an area of 150 ha, you can go near horses to take pictures freely. We prepare plans for families and groups that want to communicate with horses in a relaxed mood (for 3-4 persons). For details, please contact us.



Horse riding

② OK Ranch

~ Horses and People ~

You can ride a horse in both Western and British styles, and try endurance riding, too. You can ride Quarter horse, Trotter, Half Arab, and more!

- Address : Tomioka-higashi 1-997-7, Hidaka-cho ■ URL : <http://ok-ranch.sub.jp/>
- Irregular holidays. (Closed from May to the end of Oct. to operate Silver Ranch in Ishikari City)
- Trial and regular lessons : Mainly trekking, but lessons in the race track are also provided. We aim to provide horse riding lessons where even beginners can ride a horse freely.
- Contents : Trekking (60 min) ; Lessons (30 min, 45 min)
- Message from the Facility: You can travel to the sea, mountains, rivers, and mountain roads by horse trailer, and trek at a place where you can enjoy sceneries such as Sapporo and Chitose. If the group is small enough, even beginners can enjoy two or three hours of trekking.



Horse riding lesson

③ Yuba Land Grasshopper

Various refreshing courses are prepared

This facility provides lessons mainly for serious horse riders. There are thoroughbred and miniature horses in the facility.

- Address : Furugishi 111-1, Niikappu-cho ■ URL : <http://www.merchandize-mart.com/original6.html>
- Irregular holidays.
- Trial and regular lessons : Even beginners can go trekking after a 15 minute lesson.
We select an appropriate course suited to your experience and skill.
- Contents : Pony Club's Trial Course ; Trekking (60 min)
We can arrange canter and long courses for the amount of time you desire.
- Message from the Facility : Starting from the Edwin Dun Endurance Course which is popular for many repeaters, we are proud to offer a variety of courses which are outside of the farm and very refreshing.



Pony riding

④ Niikappu Horoshiri Horse Riding Club

Commanding a splendid view of sea and forests

Our location alongside Route 235 makes for easy access, and our spot at the top of the hill commands a splendid view of sea and forest. Almost all horses for horse riding are former racehorse thoroughbreds.

- Address : Seppu-cho 71-11, Niikappu-cho ■ URL : <http://horoshiri.jp/>
- Closed during New Year's holidays (Dec 26 - Jan 7)
- Trial and regular lessons: The very popular Trial Trekking course is sure to make wonderful memories! Even those who have never touched a horse can enjoy horse riding in forests after practicing an easy hand rope technique. There is an indoor racetrack, too, so you can enjoy lessons even on a rainy day.
- Contents : Trial Trekking (50 min) ; Draft Horse (350 m); Forest Canter Course (50 min); Long-distance Canter Course (100 min)
- Message from the Facility: Here in Hidaka, the horse producing region, you can enjoy riding former race horses that actually competed in big-named races in central and regional racetracks. You can even request famous race horses for riding! Why don't you saddle up a thoroughbred and give it a try?



Trekking

Matters require attention

Please make a contact with facilities before visiting. Contents available might be limited.

⑤ Urakawa Yushun Village "Aeru"

A heavenly place where people and horses can bond

You can communicate with horses in the facility with a hotel overlooking the Hidaka Mountains. You can ride thoroughbreds, ponies, and retired race horses.

- Address: Nishicha 141-40, Urakawa-cho ■ URL : <http://aeru-urakawa.co.jp/horseriding/>
- Open all year round
- Trial and regular lessons: We have draft horses, lessons at racetracks, and trekking which even beginners can enjoy. (Reservation required by the day before)
- Contents : Draft Horses (One circuit) ; Lessons (45 min) ; Trekking (30 min)
- Message from the Facility: For hotel guests the price of trekking is 10 % off. A Sunday program where you can ride along a grass slope course in JRA Hidaka Horse Training Field is very popular among visitors. Hotel stay and horse farm working combined program is available (please contact us).



Trekking

○ Facilities available for membership in Hidaka area

⑥ Riding Hills Shizunai

Located on a hilltop and surrounded by nature, here you can feel at home

This facility is located along the National Route, and is perched upon a hilltop facing the Pacific Ocean. Surrounded by nature, you can feel as if you are in the different world. Horses grazing peacefully in a huge pastureland and the experienced staff will welcome you.

- Address: Shizunai Mauta 7-1, Shin-Hidaka-cho
- U R L : <http://www.shinhidaka-hokkaido.jp/hotnews/category/181.html>
- Closed Mondays (If Mon. is a public holiday, the facility will open on that day and close the following Tues.)
- Trial and regular lessons: Horse riding trials, private lessons, and trekking are available when group lessons are not held (prior contact required.)
- Message from the Facility: At this facility we work to create a space where everyone can make bonds with horses and enjoy riding them. We have an all weather indoor racetrack so you can enjoy horse riding even on a rainy day and in winter. Please visit us any time!



Trekking

⑦ MK Ranch

Various programs allow you to communicate and connect with horses

We want to make a place where not only bonds between horses and people but also the bonds between people and people through horses are deepened. Here, you can communicate with various kinds of horses.

- Address: Mitsuisi Kerimai 307-1, Shin-Hidaka-cho, Hidaka-gun
- URL : <http://www.mkranch.jp/> ■ Irregular holidays.
- Trial and regular lessons: For better communication with horses, we prepare programs such as groundwork without riding horses, communicative horse ridings, and more.
- Message from the Facility: Are you interested in close communication with horses in Mitsuishi, one of the best horse producing regions in Japan? Based on the concept, "No Genre All Genre," we focus on better communication with horses.



Communicating with horses

⑧ Urakawa Horse Riding Park

You can ride horses even on a rainy day

We provide trial horse riding and private lessons to promote horse riding among the town residents. Located along Tenma Kaido (Route 236), we have 13 thoroughbreds and ponies.

- Address: Nishi-Horobetsu 327-9, Urakawa-cho
- U R L : <http://www.town.urakawa.hokkaido.jp/sports-culture/sports/shisetsu/jyoubakouen.html>
- Closed Mondays. (If Mon is a public holiday, the facility will open on that day and close the following Tues)
- Trial and regular lessons: Trial horse riding and private lessons are available when lessons for the town residents are not held (advance contact required.)
- Message from the Facility: As we have a large indoor racetrack in the facility, you can enjoy horse riding even on a rainy day and in winter.



Horse riding lesson