Four Seasons

Fun Events

Ibaraki Town is a comfortable place to live. Boasting a temperate climate, it is neither excessively hot in the summer nor excessively cold in the winter. Residents enjoy the relaxed transitions of the four seasons. It is also a nice treat to be able to witness the unique aspects of spring, summer, fall, and winter, including specific flowers, birds, and more.

The Town is host to numerous fun events. Both residents and non-residents can take in a relaxing moment at local festivals showcasing seasonal flowers—and much more.



June – July
Hinuma Hydrangea Festival

The visitor can take in a spectacular array of 10,000 bulbs in 30 different varieties of hydrangea. In particular the “Hydrangea Valley,” featuring differences in elevation, should not be missed. Events held during the festival duration offer booths where visitors can sample various kinds of food as well as hands-on “workshop”-type opportunities. These are some of the many featured events to be enjoyed here.



July
Kozuru Gion Festival

This is a festival of Yasaka shrine, which located on the grounds of the Kozuru Suwa shrine, which is said to be the place where people first came to pray for freedom from illness and disaster during the Meiji Period. Portable shrines and floats wind their way around the town in a dynamic display.



July
Amba Festival

Witness a fascinating ritual atop the Osugi shrine in the Shimoishizaki area. In an unusual sight even in Japan, stages are set atop Japanese traditional boats, with floats fitted with lanterns to create a magical atmosphere.

November
Ibaraki Town Citizens’ Festival

The various exhibits at the venue are truly elaborate and creative, including artwork of children of the town, paintings, calligraphy, traditional ikebana flower arrangement, and more.



November
Ibaraki Festival

This is one of the largest events held by the town, bringing together the agricultural, trade and commerce, and industry sectors. It is a festive event involving merchandise sales, local specialty foods, workshops and PR booths, stage shows, and more. The fireworks finale is truly an amazing display.







December
Hinuma de Marche

In addition to special Christmastime light shows, visitors can purchase gourmet specialties, handmade items, and more, as well as engage in special workshops.

Around November – December
Ibaraki Town Physical Fitness 10-Mile Ekiden Relay Race

People from the town as well as other places throng the streets, braving the cold and wind coming off of Lake Hinuma.