



1 Day at Takeno Beach: 1 Train Stop Away From Kinosaki Onsen



After a dip in Kinosaki Onsen's healing waters, you'll feel refreshed and ready to conquer your next summer vacation destination just 1 train stop away! Takeno Beach is proudly dubbed as one of Japan's absolute best beaches and a scenic 10-minute train ride away from Kinosaki Onsen Station lies a quaint fishing town with countless picturesque views. Visiting us in the summer? Consider extending your hot spring vacation to the shores of Takeno Beach.

Breakfast at Colombia



We recommend starting off the day early, so be sure to get on a morning train from Kinosaki Onsen! If you haven't had breakfast yet, pop into [Cafe House Colombia](#) once you hop off the train at Takeno Station and start the walk through town. This adorable cafe serves up a hearty and wholesome serving of their famous *omusoba* (an omelette with stir-fry noodles).

Back in Time We Go

Now you may be wondering - where's the beach? It's not immediately viewable right from Takeno Station, but worry not! Sky blue waters and soft sandy shores await after a 15-minute walk north across the Takeno River and through town. A storybook setting unfolds after crossing the bridge over the Takeno River. The sleepy narrow roads are lined with cozy retro *yakisugi* (charred cedar) homes, an architectural hallmark of the town.





The Beach and Nekozaiki Peninsula

At last, the beach is in sight! Feel the sand between your toes and dip your feet into some of Japan's most pristine waters. Take a quick plunge and either spend the morning chilling with a book by the water or dry off and venture up the nearby [Nekozaiki Peninsula](#). The hike is two hours roundtrip, and the view at the top is unmatched - the northernmost point of Hyogo Prefecture paints the Sea of Japan's aquamarine waters on a mesmerizing panoramic canvas.



From the top of Nekozaiki Peninsula



Stand Up Paddleboarding and Kayaking

If a two-hour hike isn't on the schedule, how about setting sail on a [paddleboard](#) or in a [kayak](#)? With the instruction of a certified local guide, find your balance and float around to the hidden gems dotting the sparkling blue coastline of Takeno Beach.

Lunch at Ottotto

Takeno is blessed with the bounty of the ocean right at its fingertips, so a seafood feast is only fitting for the day's lunch. Savor a fresh catch at [Ottotto](#), a rustic cafe right by the beach and a favorite with locals. The fish menu changes daily depending on the fishermen's most recent catch.



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[Kinoshiki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored hot springs dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven public bathhouses, all located within walking distance of each other and the train station. Guests are encouraged to wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and go onsen-hopping.

[Toyooka](#) is a downtown area home to the Oriental White Stork, a bird that was revived from extinction in this very town. The city's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now over 300 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known for the Genbudo Caves.



[Izushi](#) is the resident castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on small plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with fun activities year-round. In the winter, one can go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding. In the warm months, one can go camping, paragliding, fishing, tree climbing, and more. Kannabe is the perfect destination for adventurers.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fisherman town that is a hidden gem among the northern coast of Hyogo Prefecture. The beach has clear, blue waters while the mountains surrounding it offer great hiking opportunities. It is encouraged to stroll through the peaceful town, where one can find small shops and traditional landscapes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature—including a giant field of sunflowers in the summer and brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall.

