

Welcome to Hiratsuka City Museum

Hiratsuka City:

Is located 50 kilometers from Tokyo and is in the center is located of the Shonan area which is the south-central part of Kanagawa Prefecture.

Population Male	130,321
Female	126,918
Area of Land	67.88 km ²



Urban Area:

The central part of Hiratsuka City lies on old dunes. In the Edo era, there was a posting town for the Tokaido trail. Now this area is urbanized and many people live here. There are also many buildings, shops and factories.



Scenery from Shonandaira

Suburban Area:

The suburban area of Hiratsuka City is located along Kaname river and Oiso hills. Active agriculture is managed here and traditional scenery and diverse natural environment are reserved.



Chery blossoms on the bank of Hanamizu River

Sagami River:

Sagami River, the source of which is Mt.Fuji flows into Sagami Bay, is at the east end of Hiratsuka City. Many people enjoy fishing, boating and birdwatching on this river. Hiratsuka also gets its water supply and generates electricity by water power from this river.

Kaname River:

Kaname River, Shibuta River and Suzukawa River which flow from the Tanzawa Mountains, lead into Hanamizu River in Hiratsuka City. Many paddy fields in Hiratsuka City get water from these rivers. In old times these rivers often flooded , but now flood control works have been completed and many people visit the bank of these rivers to enjoy cherry blossoms in spring.

Sagami Bay:

Hiratsuka City faces Sagami Bay. On the beach many people enjoy fishing, walking, jogging and playing varios sports and games. Some people also enjoy observing seabirds or flowers on the sandy dunes. At the east side of ths beach there is a new port for fishing where many fishing boats leave every day.

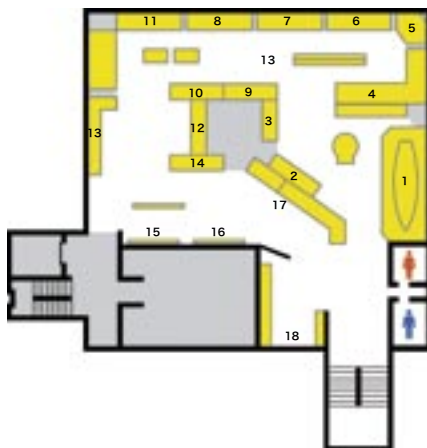
Hiratsuka City Museum:

Hiratsuka City Museum opened in 1976. The theme of the museum is the nature and culture of the Sagami River area. This museum has six parts: archeology, history, folklore, biology, geology and astronomy. This museum is now known as an active community museum all over the country.

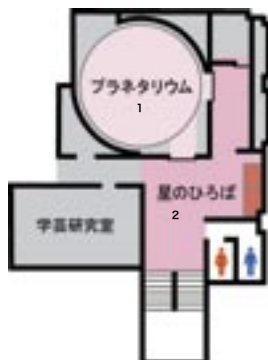
Many students and citizens visit the museum, look at the exhibition, and participate in the workshops. Some of them also do research with the curators of the museum.



- 1 . Welcome to Hiratsuka City Museum
- 2 . Let's get to know more about our Town
- 3 . Blessings given from Sagami River
- 4 . Researching along Sagami River Basin
- 5 . Kaname River and life of people living in the riverside area
- 6 . Four seasons in the countryside
- 7 . Green Pigeons flying between mountains and sea
- 8 . Stone products of our town
- 9 . Ancient people's life on Goryogadai Highland
10. Tsukakoshi Tumulus
11. Hiratsuka-shuku (Post town of Hiratsuka in Edo era)
12. Old farm house in Sagami
13. Donation Articles



- 1 . Seaside life in Sagami Bay
- 2 . Watching the nature of sea by Beach-combing
- 3 . Driftage from Rivers
- 4 . Origin of Ground
- 5 . Giant White Clams of the deep sea
- 6 . Rocks and Geographical Features
- 7 . Earthenware telling old lives
- 8 . History of Tools
- 9 . Religious Services
10. Research for the old provincial capital of Sagami
11. Four Seasons of Farmers
12. The life of post town in Edo era
13. Traditional Meetings at villages
14. Perishing things and sceneries
15. Earthquake and Ground of Hiratsuka
16. Urbanization and Organisms
17. Life in Showa Era
18. Space for PC operation desk and temporary exhibition



- 1 . Planetarium
- 2 . Information corner about astronomy