



Yasunami Waterwheel Group

Distance (one way) 2.5km

25 minutes walk 12 minutes by cycling



The Shikamura Canal was built to divert water from the Aso River, a tributary of the Shimanto River, by constructing a weir (160m long, 11m wide) to irrigate the four villages of Akita, Yasunami, Saoka, and Kotsuka. Previously, numerous waterwheels were installed to pump water to the rice fields of Kattan and Cotton in the idyllic rural scenery of this canal. Unfortunately, there are now only a few waterwheels pumping water to the rice fields, and 15 waterwheels of various sizes have been installed for tourism purposes and are managed by local residents. A park has also been developed near the waterwheels, which, together with the hydrangeas planted along the canal, add color to the scenery.

