

1 Sorachi River Outcrop Coal Seam
Akabira City
Discovered in 1857 by Matsura Takehiro, later inspected by Enomoto Takeaki, and American geologist Lyman who was hired by the Hokkaido Development Commission, this was the first confirmed coal seam in Sorachi. ("Can be seen in the distance from the observation deck")
Akabira Coal Mine Heritage Guidance Facility
Museum Hours: April - November 9:30 - 17:00
Mikasa Geopark Promotion Association Phone: 01267-2-3997
https://www.city.mikasa.hokkaido.jp/geopark/

10 Hokutan Ikushunbetsu Coal Mine Nishiki Shaft Tower
Mikasa City
Construction of the Ikushunbetsu vertical shaft tower began in 1917. When completed it was 215 meters deep, with a haul pit head 10 meters high. It is the oldest vertical shaft in Hokkaido. The steel bones of the shaft bear the seal of Yawata Iron & Steel in Kyushu.
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16 Hokutan Akama Coal Mine Slagheap
Akabira City
A mound created from discarded slag that is produced when sorting coal, now the landmark of Akabira. The 777-step straight "Slagheap Stairs" are the longest in Japan. (Climbing is only permitted during months without snow.)
Akabira City Construction Department Management and Planning Section Phone: 0125-32-1821

22 Sumitomo Ponbetsu Coal Mine Shaft Tower and Surrounding Facilities
Akabira City
Built in 1960 using German technology, the building was once admired as the forerunner of modernization. However, the mine closed 12 years later. Only the exterior is viewable (trespassing is prohibited)
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2 Hokutan Horonai Coal Mine Otowa Pithead
Mikasa City
In 1879, the first shaft of Horonai coal mine to be dug, approximately 700 meters long. It marked the beginning of modern coal mining in Hokkaido. (Viewable from the footpath)
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11 Mitsubishi Bibai Coal Mine shaft tower
Bibai City
Built in 1923, this is the second oldest shaft tower in Hokkaido, and the only one of its kind in Japan. Two vertical shafts, one for exhaust line up side by side, currently the site is open to the public as part of the development of Hokkaido Forest Park. (Closed during winter months)
Bibai City Maintenance Division City Maintenance Section Phone: 0126-62-3131
https://www.city.bibai.hokkaido.jp/sohishi/21601.html

17 Saitan Kyukoku Kofu-no-Zou Statue of Coal Miner Mining to Save the Country
Yubari City
This concrete statue (3.63 meters high) built in 1944 is a symbol of Yubari, the city of coal mining. It is not merely a familiar icon to citizens of Yubari, but also carries value as an artifact of wartime. (Currently closed to the public)
Municipal Tangible Cultural Property of Yubari
Yubari City Board of Education Phone: 0123-57-7711

23 Sumitomo Akabira Coal Mine Shaft Tower and Surrounding Facilities
Akabira City
Built in 1963, this vertical shaft is the improved version of the Sumitomo Ponbetsu shaft tower. Guided tours inside the facility are offered twice a day, making this an extremely valuable facility, and allows for one to experience the massive scale of the coal mining industry. (Guided Tour Times)
Akabira City Coal Mine Guidance Facility Phone: 0125-74-6505
Hours: 9:30 - 17:00 Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

3 Former Kabato Shujikan (prison) Main Building (Tsukigata Kabato Museum) Sorachi Shujikan Prison Wardens' Quarters Brick Chimney Sorachi Shujikan
Tsukigata Town, Mikasa City
The Sorachi Shujikan (prison) was established in 1881, the Kabato Shujikan in 1882. Prisoners were forced to work on road construction and coal mining as part of the development of Hokkaido. Designated as Municipal Tangible Cultural Properties.
Tsukigata Kabato Museum Phone: 0126-53-2399
Museum Hours: April - November 9:30 - 17:00
Mikasa Geopark Promotion Association Phone: 01267-2-3997

12 Former Hokutan Takinoue Hydroelectric Power Plant
Yubari City
Built as a power source for the Hokutan coal mine, operation of the power plant began in 1925, supplying electricity all the way to Utsahiki, some 100 kilometers away. (Only the exterior is viewable between April and November)
Hokkaido Bureau of Public Enterprises, Yubari River Hydropower Control Room Phone: 0123-57-2542
https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/htd/takinoue.html

18 Portrait of Citizen's Court
Bibai City
The portrait of the citizen's court depicts the symbolic event which took place during the post-war labor movement, where union members gathered inside the town hall, and for 36 hours held hostage administrative leaders, demanding improvement of labor conditions.
Bibai Local History Museum Phone: 0126-62-1110
https://www.city.bibai.hokkaido.jp/sohishi/21601.html

20 Former Raijo Elementary School (Current Seisa University) School Building and Gymnasium
Ashibetsu City
Built in 1954, the straight 106-meter-long school building made of brick, houses 36 classrooms, and shows great attention from the public at that time. It symbolizes the energy of a thriving coal mining town as it general for municipalities.
Ashibetsu City General Affairs Department Planning and Policies Section Town Revitalization Promotion Section Phone: 0124-27-7061
https://www.city.ashibetsu.hokkaido.jp/kanon/sentaku/

4 Yubari Large Coal Outcrop (Yubari 24 Foot Shaft)
Yubari City
Discovered in 1888 by Hokkaido government technician Ban Kihachi. The shaft, one of the largest at 23 meters (24 shafts) depth, is thick. It is not merely a rarity, but the starting point of history in Yubari. (Currently closed to the public)
Yubari City Board of Education Phone: 0123-57-7711
https://www.city.yubari.lg.jp/kanon/minasoutakemidori.html

13 Hokutan Shin Horonai Coal Mine Entrance
Mikasa City
Though the mine experienced three gas explosion accidents, it began coal production in 1934. The mine also became the forerunner for methane gas use inside the coal shafts. (Only the exterior is viewable. Entrance to the premises is prohibited.)
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19 Former Sakae Elementary School (Kan Yasuda Sculptural Museum Art Plaza Bibai)
Bibai City
Built in 1949, the elementary school reached its peak in 1959 when there were 30 classes, a total of 1,250 elementary school students. The venue currently serves as an art gallery displaying the art of famous sculptor Yasuda Kan. The former school building and gymnasium are a Municipal Tangible Cultural Property.
NPO Art Plaza Bibai Phone: 0126-63-3137
https://www.artplaza.jp/gallery-hours: 9:00 - 17:00 Closed: Every Tuesday, and the day following a holiday (excluding Sundays, New Years Holiday)

21 Mikasa City Hall
Mikasa City
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5 Kobayashi Sake Brewery Buildings
Kuriyama Town
Moved in 1900 to Kuriyama near Yubari, Kobayashi increased its shipments as it became a familiar and loved sake by coal miners. Numerous kurus (stone warehouses) made of brick and limestone are scattered throughout the premises, contributing to the beauty of the town. Designated National Tangible Cultural Property.
Kuramoto Kitano Nishiki Memorial Hall (Kobayashi Sake Brewery and Store) Phone: 0123-76-9292
http://www.kitanoishiki.com/ Opening Hours: April - October 10:00 - 17:00 November - March 10:00 - 16:00

14 Former Hokutan Yubari Coal Mine Model Shaft (Yubari Coal Mine Museum)
Yubari City
A portion of the supplementary shaft from Tenryu coal shaft was utilized as a display in 1939. The facility is a rarity even in Japan, offering tours underground to view actual coal seams and machinery used to excavate the coal. (Currently closed to the public)
Yubari Coal Mine Museum Phone: 0123-52-5500
Museum Hours: April - September 10:00 - 17:00, October - November 10:00 - 16:00 Closed Tuesdays

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6 Former Hokutan Yubari Coal Mine Tenryu Shaft
Yubari City
Opened in 1900, the fact that the intake and exhaust vents still remain as a pair, and the red brick mine entrance is beautifully designed, are characteristic of this coal mine. (Currently closed to the public)
Yubari Board of Education Phone: 0123-57-7711

15 Former Hokutan Shimizusawa Hydroelectric Power Plant
Kotani
Similar to the Takinoue Hydroelectric Plant, the Shimizusawa Hydroelectric plant was built and began operations in 1940 to supply power to the coal mine. (Only the exterior of the facility is viewable.)
Hokkaido Bureau of Public Enterprises, Yubari River Hydropower Control Room Phone: 0123-57-2542
https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/htd/shimizusawa.html

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7 Coal-mining Heritage Management Center Stone Warehouse
Iwamizawa City
Stone warehouse built in 1909, vestiges of its railway days still remain. The center has been in operation since 2009, and serves as an information hub where "memories of coal mining days" are shared.
NPO Coal Mine Memorial Promotion Foundation Phone: 0126-24-9901
http://www.mc.sorachi.com/index.html Facility Hours: 10:30 - 17:30 Closed Mondays and Tuesdays

8 Former Hokutan Shikanotani Club (Yubari Rokumeikan)
Yubari City
Established in 1913, the welfare facility has been used for meetings, conferences, and to entertain guests and VIPs of Hokutan. The bedroom and kitchen underwent major renovations in 1954, when the facility welcomed the Showa Emperor. (Only the exterior is viewable)
Designated Tangible Cultural Property
Yubari Regional Developmental Section Phone: 0123-52-3128

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9 Horonai Power Substation
Mikasa City
Built around 1919, old electric switchboards remain even today. Situated in the middle of the approximately 100 meter long private power grid between Yubari and Utsahiki, it is one of the few facilities marking the dawn of long distance power distribution. (Only the exterior is viewable.)
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28 Industrial Nightscape and View of an Industrial City
Muranon City
The factories and large industrial facilities surrounding the port have become a popular spot to enjoy nightscapes. There are many stores and facilities near the factory areas which remain today, showing a glimmer of its glory days. (Not open to the public)
Muranon Tourism Association Inc. Phone: 0143-23-0102

29 Otaru Port North Breakwater
Otaru City
Built in 1908, this was the first full developed port of the country to be built and maintained by kami Hiroi, director of the port construction office. Today, 100 years later, the breakwater still functions as the "first line breakwater" for the port.
Otaru Port Office (Otaru Development and Construction Development, Hokkaido Regional Development Bureau) Phone: 0134-22-6131

33 Former Hokutan Muroran Maritime Club
Muranon City
Hokutan mariners' club built in 1936, the cabin-like feature is characteristic of the building. It was built on the site of the former villa of Inoue Kaguro, the managing director of Hokutan at the time. (Not open to the public)
Muranon City Economics Department Tourism Section Phone: 0143-25-3320

38 Former Muroran Station
Muranon City
Built in 1912, this building's roof and white walls possess the vestiges of Western-style architecture. The exterior of the facility is built with gabled roof, and covered arcade known as "Gangji". National Tangible Cultural Property.
Muranon Tourism Association Phone: 0143-23-0102
http://muranon-tourism.com/ Facility Hours: April - October 8:00 - 19:00, November - March 8:00 - 17:00

43 Steam Locomotive D51 #320
Abira Town
Built in 1939, the locomotive was used for transporting coal between Otaru, Chitose and Abira district up until 1975. Today it is maintained by former locomotive operators. (Once annually displayed by the visitors) Abira Municipal Cultural Property
Abira Board of Education Phone: 0145-29-7036
Facility Hours: Early April - late October 9:00 - 18:00

24 Former Thermal Energy Power Plant (Japan Steel Works)
Muranon City
Coal-operated brick thermal power plant facility built in 1909, in order to procure self-generated energy required for producing steel, generators were imported from the United Kingdom. (Closed to the public)
Japan Steel Works M&E (Co) Muroran Manufacturing Company Daytime General Guidance and Administrative Group Phone: 0143-22-0143
http://www.jsw.co.jp/

26 Zuisenkaku
Muranon City
This Japanese inn was built in 1911 to host the Taisho Emperor when he was still a prince and visited the Japan Steel Works M&E, Inc. Muroran Plant. Today it is used as an inn to welcome VIPs. (Not open to the public)
Japan Steel Works M&E, Inc. Muroran Plant, Daytime General Guidance and Administrative Group Phone: 0143-22-0143
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31 Ironai Bank Street (Former Otaru Branches of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and Former Mitsubishi Corporation)
Otaru City
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Hokkaido Chubu Bureau Phone: 0134-25-3333
Open: Summer 9:00 - 19:00, Winter 9:00 - 18:00 (Former Mitsubishi Corporation Otaru Branch Office)

34 Former Temiya Line and Affiliate Facilities
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Otaru Construction Department Parks and Recreation Section Phone: 0134-32-1111
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Muranon History Museum Tonten-Kan Phone: 0143-59-4922
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Iwamizawa City Planning and Finance Department Planning Room Planning Adjustment Section Phone: 0126-35-4834

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https://www.city.bibai.hokkaido.jp/sohishi/21601.html

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Japan Steel Works M&E (Co) Muroran Manufacturing Company Daytime General Guidance and Administrative Group Phone: 0143-22-0143
http://www.jsw.co.jp/

26 Zuisenkaku
Muranon City
This Japanese inn was built in 1911 to host the Taisho Emperor when he was still a prince and visited the Japan Steel Works M&E, Inc. Muroran Plant. Today it is used as an inn to welcome VIPs. (Not open to the public)
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31 Ironai Bank Street (Former Otaru Branches of Mitsui & Co., Ltd. and Former Mitsubishi Corporation)
Otaru City
Major banks such as the Bank of Japan, Meiji Bank and others that were built during the Meiji to Showa periods line the streets, and along with branches of companies dealing in coal tell the story of a time when the city flourished.
Hokkaido Chubu Bureau Phone: 0134-25-3333
Open: Summer 9:00 - 19:00, Winter 9:00 - 18:00 (Former Mitsubishi Corporation Otaru Branch Office)

34 Former Temiya Line and Affiliate Facilities
Otaru City
The Temiya Line was opened in 1880 as the first railway in Hokkaido. The former railway line is utilized today as a free and open space for citizens in the central part of the city.
Otaru Construction Department Parks and Recreation Section Phone: 0134-32-1111
Otaru City Industrial Port Department Japan Heritage Personnel Phone: 0134-32-4111

39 Asahi Station
Iwamizawa City
Built in 1919, the station served as the hub for the Manji Line which transported coal from Manji, Murato, and Asahi coal mines. (Only the exterior is viewable)
Iwamizawa City Construction Department Parks and Green Space Environmental Section Parks and Green Space Projects Phone: 0126-35-4674

44 Former Mitsui Ashibetsu Colliery Railway Tanzan Bridge
Ashibetsu City
Built in 1945, the bridge served the Mitsui coal mine exclusively. Diesel locomotive train carrying coal is displayed on the steel