

Kushiro Location MAP

① JR Kushiro Station

Countless girls shared the heartbroken sentiment of separation at the station watching the Japanese film **Bokura ga ita**. On the station's 2nd floor is a gallery, where the original manga author Yuuki Obata's drawings were displayed and attracted lots of manga fans.



Kita-odori 14-5, Kushiro
Tel: 0154-24-3176
<http://www.jrkushiro.jp/index.html>



② Kushiro Art Museum, Hokkaido

Located near the Kushiro port, this museum exhibits artwork of local artists and displays a wide variety of themes from outside and inside Hokkaido. Appears in **Bokura ga ita**.

Saiwai-cho 4-1-5, Kushiro
Tel: 0154-23-2381
<http://www.kushiro-artmu.jp/>
Closed on Mon, Year-end and New-year holidays



③ Robata Renga

Kushiro's local barbecue style (called *Robatayaki*) is the selling point of this restaurant. In the Chinese film **If You Are the One**, the main character Qin has a meal with Wu Sang and Xiaoxiao here.



Nishiki-machi 3-5-3, Kushiro
Tel: 0154-32-3233
<http://www.renga.jp/>
Closed from Dec 31 to Jan 2.

④ Kushiro Fisherman's Wharf MOO

A shopping complex including a popular riverside barbecue restaurant (Ganpeki Robata), market and souvenir shops. In the Japanese comic **Sumire wa Blu**, Sumire often drops in at MOO with her friends.

Nishiki-machi 2-4, Kushiro
Tel: 0154-23-0600
<http://moo946.com/>
Closed on 7-8 Nov, and 1 & 12 Jan



Kushiro Tourist Guidebook (Gurutoku Passport)

provides you with tourist information and coupons which offer discounts and other services. Available at many places such as train station information desks.
<http://www.kushiro.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ss/srk/gurupass.htm>



⑤ Nusamai Bridge and neighboring area

The Nusamai Bridge (5th generation) crosses the mouth of Kushiro River. Its picturesque form and four bronze statues are fascinating. Appears in films **Bokura ga ita** and **Hanamizuki**.

Back in 1950s, the film **Banka** swept the country. The bridge appears as it was before being rebuilt and Kushiro is portrayed as a nostalgic city. The Nusamai Tourist Information displays materials.



Do not miss the Love Kushiro Illumination event: 40,000 light decorations at Nusamai Hiroba (under the Nusamai Bridge).

Period: from the end of December to mid-March

⑥ Restaurant Izumiya Honten (Main Shop)



The specialty of this traditional restaurant is *Supakatsu*, a dish with spaghetti, pork cutlet and meat sauce served on a hot cast-iron griddle. This restaurant appears in **Bokura ga ita**.

Suehiro 2-28, Kushiro
Tel: 0154-24-4611
Closed once a month on Tuesday (Week unconfirmed)



⑦ Shusse-zaka

Chic street lamps light up stone pavements on Shusse-zaka. In the film **Hanamizuki**, Kohei and Sae reunite here after a little trouble at the beginning.



⑧ Nusamai Park

The park commands a view of a roundabout, Nusamai Bridge and Kita-odori Street. Night view is a must-see. In the comic version of **Bokura ga ita**, Yano and Nanami visit here together.



Film/Manga Data (NB: Titles read Japanese original.)

Bokura ga ita (2012)

Original: Yuuki Obata, Dir: Takahiro Miki, Starring: Toma Ikuta, Yuriko Yoshitaka. Filmed in Kushiro, Akkeshi and Shiranuka, where many local residents appear in the film. Continuing story in the Betsucomi magazine for over a decade, its comic books have sold over 10 million copies. Kushiro and neighboring areas are the places where main characters spend their school years.

Hanamizuki (2010)

Dir: Nobuhiro Doi, Starring: Toma Ikuta, Yui Aragaki. Inspired by the song *Hanamizuki*, by Yo Hitoto, the story describes a young couple which nurtures love while giving in to awkwardness and facing separation on the way to becoming adults. Filmed in Kushiro, Hamanaka and Shiranuka, where many locals appear. Seasonal beauty of the areas are attractive to film viewers.

Sumire wa Blu (2001)

A long story written by a Kushiro resident named Yuuki Obata. A high-school first grader Sumire Kinoshita fell in love with Daichi Makimura, but Daichi also falls in love with his childhood friend Shinobu. The story expresses young, sensitive and nostalgic emotions with a fresh touch. Many local places and ice-hockey games in which Daichi plays, appear in the story.

If You Are the One

(Released in Japan in 2010)

Dir: Feng Xiaogang, Starring: Ge You. This Chinese film about a man looking for a real love through spouse hunting became a national historical blockbuster. Its success stimulated large numbers of Chinese people to travel to Hokkaido. Since then, many Chinese tourists have visited Akanko Onsen, one of the filmed places.

Banka (1957)

Original: Yasuko Harada, Dir: Heinosuke Gosho, Starring: Yoshiko Kuga. The film motivated many young adults to copy the heroine's fashion and lifestyle free of conventional customs. Filmed in Kushiro and Shibechea.

Some of the listed spots/facilities may not allow visitors to enter. Please contact prior to your visit and do not disturb neighboring residents.

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Distance (Time) from Kushiro to:
 *when driving at 50 km/h

Akkeshi: 46km (55 min)
 Shibecha: 48km (60 min)
 Teshikaga: 73km (90 min)
 Tsurui: 34km (40 min)
 Akanko Onsen: 75km (90 min)

① Sae's residence (Onbetsu, Kushiro)

A detached house filmed in **Hanamizuki** as the residence of Sae and her mother.

A 5-minute walk from JR Shakubetsu Station. Please do not disturb neighbors when visiting as this is a private property.



② Shiranuka Fishing Port

Adjacent to fishery cooperatives, the port was filmed in **Hanamizuki**. This film includes scenes in which Sae and Kohei celebrate Sae's success on her university entrance exam.



③ JR stations of Shiranuka and Nishishoro

In **Hanamizuki**, Kohei and Sae board the train at these stations which are named in the film as follows: Shiranuka is Shiraboro and Nishishoro is Tanbetsu.

④ "Tancho" Kushiro Airport

A gateway to Kushiro, filmed in **Bokura ga ita**.

⑤ Koitoi Kaigan (Shiranuka)

Alongside Route 38, beautiful sand beaches running along the Pacific Ocean were filmed in **Bokura ga ita** and **Hanamizuki**.


Michi-no-eki (roadside service station) Shiranuka Koitoi
<http://city.hokkai.or.jp/~koitoi/index.htm>



⑥ Lake Akan and cruisers

In **If You Are the One**, Qin and Xiaoxiao stay in the hotel suite at Akan Tsuruga Besso Hinanoza. A breathtaking view of the sunset was reflected by the lake.

Akan Tourism Association
<http://www.lake-akan.com/>



⑦ Robata Hamakko (Akan, Kushiro)

Named Izakaya Yon-shimai (four sisters) in **If You Are the One**. Qin enters the *izakaya* lured by the signboard of good-looking sisters and sees

Akanko Onsen 1-1-21, Akan-cho, Kushiro
 Tel: 0154-67-3298



⑧ JR Kawayu Onsen Station

TV station NHK made a drama series **Kimi no nawa**. Audiences were glued to the TV every morning to see if Machiko and Haruki would be reunited.

Filed in eastern Hokkaido.

⑬ Cape Kiritappu and a lighthouse (Hamanaka)


In **Hanamizuki**, Sae and Kohei go on their first date and later meet again after a period of separation at Cape Kiritappu. These are key scenes.



⑭ Kiritappu Town center, Hamanaka

In the TV anime **Lupin III: Part II, Episode 108 "Zantetsuken's Lament"**, Lupin enjoys himself in onsen and Jigen does so on grassland, while Goemon trains at a cape on holiday. Meanwhile, a swordsmith and his granddaughter Nami approach them for a secret of zantetsuken (a famous fine sword)... You can find their names written on a cape rock.

Hamanaka Tourist Association
<http://www.kiritappu.jp/home/top.html>




⑨ JR Toro Station

Japanese film **Kojika Monogatari** is a story of a boy who meets a fawn. Manga artist Noriko Sasaki reports on the film shooting in her work **Dobutsu no Oisha-san** Volume 5.

⑩ Former Akkeshi Shiomi High School

This school building was used to film **Bokura ga ita**. The love story begins on the rooftop.

The building is the present Shinryu Junior High School. Please do not enter the site.



⑪ Kokutai Temple (Akkeshi)

Officially-designated historical site. In **If You Are the One**, Qin and company happened to be present for the funeral.

Visitors are not allowed to enter. Please enjoy views of gardens and buildings from outside the site.

When funerals and memorial services are taking place, visiting and viewing are completely prohibited.



⑫ Bekkanbeushi Wetland (Akkeshi)

Japan's popular film **Tsuribaka Nissi** chose eastern Hokkaido in its final episode. Hama-chan and his colleagues fished endangered Ito (Japanese huchen) in the wetland.

Akkeshi Tourist Association <http://akkeshi-kankou.7pm.jp/>
 Akkeshi Waterfowl Observation Center
<http://www.akkeshi-bekanbeushi.com/>

Film/Drama/Manga Data (NB: Titles read Japanese original.)

Tsuribaka Nissi 20 Final episode (2009) Dir: Yuzo Asahara, Starring: Toshiyuki Nishida, Rentaro Mikuni. In this 20th and final episode, Hama-chan and Su-san encounter amusing situations during incentive fishing tour in Hokkaido. Filmed in Akkeshi and Nakashibetsu. Its original manga (author: Juzo Yamasaki, Ken'ichi Kitami) continues in the Big Comic Original magazine published by Shogakukan.

Kimi no na wa (1991) First broadcast as a popular radio drama in 1952, the story appeared in film, theater and 4 TV remakes. The 1991 TV series, starring Kyoka Suzuki and Tetsuo Kurata, was broadcast in NHK's morning slot for one year. This was the first NHK morning soap opera after the acclaimed drama *Oshin*. Kawayu Onsen Station, Mount Ito and Bihoro Pass appear in its Part 3: Departure in Hokkaido.

Kojika Monogatari (1991) Dir: Yukihiro Sawada, Starring: Tomokazu Miura, Teppei Yamada. The story of friendship between a fawn and a boy was filmed around Kushiro Wetland, along JR Senmo Line, and in Shibecha.

Lupin III (1967-) Nationally popular comic featuring Lupin, Jigen, Goemon, Fujiko and Zenigata. Numerous episodes were produced for TV anime series (1971/1977/1984), animated films and TV specials. Lupin III was born in Hamanaka, because the author Monkey Punch was born there. The 2007 TV special, *Elusiveness of the Fog*, features Hamanaka from the ancient times through to the future.