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Nagaragawa Ukai Museum  
Gifu Nagara River Museum of Ukai Tradition

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**Experience the thrill of cormorant fishing on the Nagara River, a traditional culture loved for more than 1,300 years!**

While the *ukai* fishing season runs from May 11 to October 15, in the museum, at any time of year, you can enjoy some of the experience. After 1,300 years, this well-loved tradition lives on and continues to thrill.



**Now, feel centuries of passion unroll as from a picture scroll.**





### ① Kagaribi Flame-lit Tunnel

In the darkness, through the light of suspended flames reflecting on the water, cormorants dive for *ayu* (sweetfish) in the Nagara River. Six master fishers, names inherited through generations, emerge in the glow of *kagaribi* light and tell of the traditional beauty of this human-nature interaction.

### ② Guidance Theater *Welcome to Nagara-gawa Ukai*

Experience the world's only picture-scroll presentation screen! In this experience of *ukai*, life-size cormorant boats, along with faithfully reproduced sound and lighting, help you feel as if you have entered a picture scroll.  
◆ During the presentation the theater is dimmed. Please mind when you step.



### ③ Nagara-gawa Ukai History and Topics

Discover stories and historical timelines of five historic characters who were devoted to *ukai* and its traditions: Oda Nobunaga, Tokugawa Iyeyasu, Matsuo Basho, Emperor Meiji, and Charlie Chaplin.

### ④ Special Exhibition Room

Here you can see displays and temporary exhibitions related to *Nagara-gawa ukai*. Besides showing National Important Folk Cultural Properties "*Nagara-gawa Ukai Yogi*" (implements used for cormorant fishing), information in a database is also publicly available.



### ⑥ Nagara-gawa Ukai Historical Picture Scroll

Unroll the history of *Nagara-gawa ukai* fishing and feel the charm of cormorant fishing that has continued for more than 1,300 years.



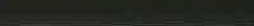
### ⑤ Ukai-Nagara River Symbol Stage

See the dynamic moment when a cormorant catches an *ayu*. Communicating the deep pleasure of *ukai*, this experiential video system gives you a view from the riverbed of bird and boat.



### ⑦ The World of Usho Bird Masters

Inheriting their titles from previous masters, six master cormorant handlers steward and practice still today the legacy of *Nagara-gawa ukai*. They also work as Master Fishers of the Imperial Household Agency, and you can see their splendid costumes and the formal conduct they follow.



### ⑧ The World of the Cormorant

Everyone is impressed by a model cormorant that is four times the actual size of a living bird. Viewing images from inside the body, you can discover special features of cormorant anatomy. Participatory elements of the exhibition help you to experience and understand hidden aspects of cormorant ecology.

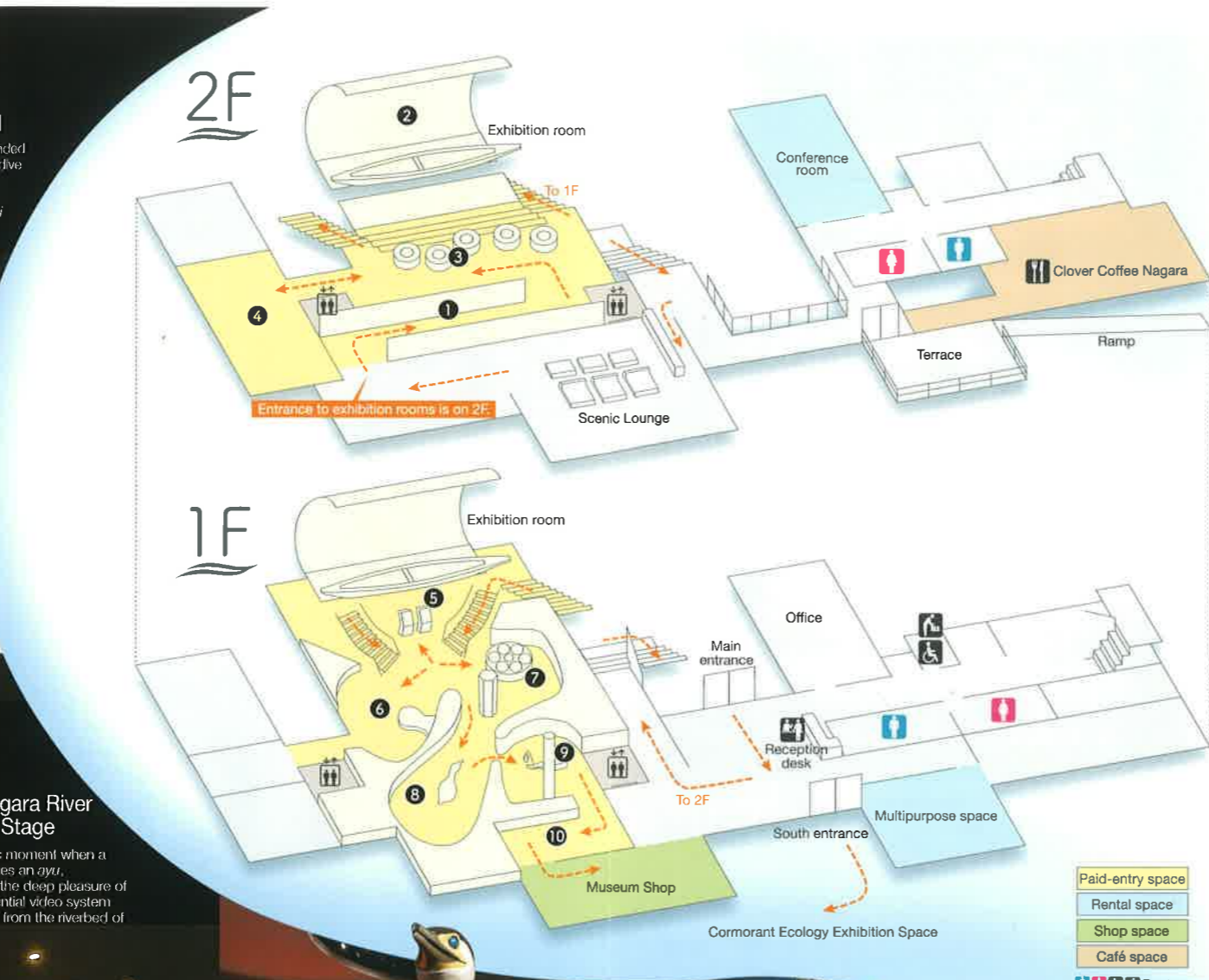


### ⑨ The World of *ayu* sweetfish and the Nagara River

The Nagara River is said to be one of Japan's three great pure water rivers. In fact, as *Ayu* of the Nagara River System it has been recognized as one of the world's Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems. Here you can discover the setting of *Nagara-gawa ukai*.

### ⑩ Forever-flowing clear waters of the Nagara River

Enjoy a video experience in which you feel like you are walking on the river and chasing *ayu* beneath your feet.



### Scenic Lounge

Take it easy while gazing at the beautiful sight of Mount Kinka and the Nagara River. (Free of charge)



### Multipurpose space

During the *ukai* off-season, mainly on weekends, cormorant handling demonstrations are held. The space is also available to rent for exhibitions and events (64.5m).  
◆ Reservation and payment required for rental  
◆ When events held by the museum are planned, the space may not be available.



### Conference room

The museum uses the room for training and meetings. It is also available for rent. In classroom configuration, it accommodates up to 30 people (56.8m).  
◆ Reservation and payment required



### Azumaya lounge area

Offering a great view of beautiful Mount Kinka and the Nagara River, this lounge area is usually open to the public free of charge. It is also available to rent for meals, meetings, events, and parties (max. 90 seats).  
◆ Reservation and payment required for space rental  
◆ When events held by the museum are planned, the space may not be available.



### Exchange and Experience Plaza

This outdoor space is available as a venue for local events, etc.  
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### Cormorant Ecology Exhibition Space

This is a display area for the breeding environment of Japanese cormorants of the kind used for *ukai*. See living birds and get a feel for the environment they live in.



### Museum Shop

The shop offers a varied range of products, including original museum goods, Gifu specialty products, food items based on *ayu*, sundry goods, and Japanese wash paper products. Great for souvenirs.  
◆ You can enter the shop without an exhibition ticket.



### Clover Coffee Nagara

Enjoy a meal and dessert while enjoying beautiful views of Mount Kinka and the Nagara River. This child-friendly shop has a kid's space and nursing room. In the summer, there is a beer garden where you can have a barbecue. Inquiries: phone 058-232-3896

Exhibition entrance fees	Category		Adult	Child	• Group: 20 persons or more • Adult: age 15 or older (excluding junior high school students) • Child: age 4 to 14
	Individual	One-time entry	500 yen	250 yen	
	Group		400 yen	200 yen	

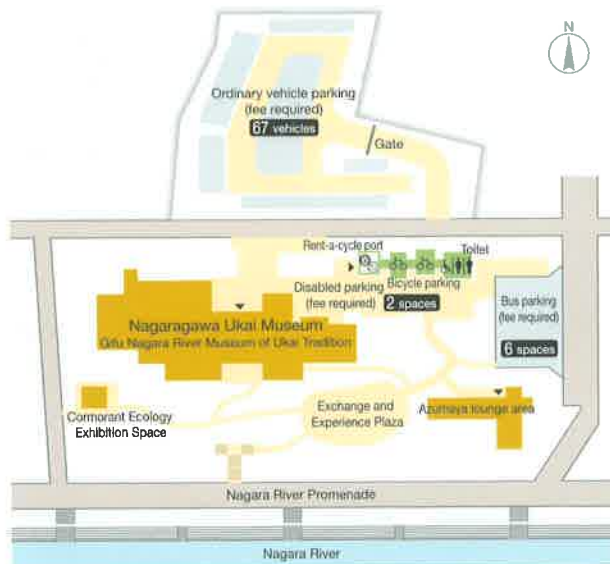
Opening times	May 1 – Oct. 15: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM (last entry 6:30 PM)
	Oct. 16 – Apr. 30: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (last entry 4:30 PM)

Closing days	Dec. 29 – Jan. 3
	May 1 – Oct. 15: Open every day (excluding some indicated days)
	Oct. 16 – Apr. 30: Closed Tuesday (open if Tues. is a national holiday, then closed next day)

**Parking fee**

- Ordinary: 100 yen per 30 min.
- Buses: 1,000 yen per visit
- ◆ 90 min. free of charge for viewing exhibition rooms
- ◆ 90 min. free of charge for eating and drinking in Clover Coffee Nagara
- ◆ 60 min. free of charge with 1,000 yen or more proof of purchase from Nagaragawa Ukai Museum shop
- ◆ 180 min. free of charge for viewing exhibition rooms



**Access**

**By bus**  
 By bus from JR or Meitetsu Gifu Station, about 15 min. then walk from Ukaia Bus Stop for about 6 min.

**By car**  
 From Tokai-Hokuriku Expressway: from Gifu-Kakamigahara IC about 20 min.; from Seki IC about 20 min.

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