

Follow the traffic rules and manners.

The following actions are prohibited.

Violations

- Ignoring a traffic light
- non stop
- drunken driving
- calling or gazing at the screen of your mobile phone
- holding an umbrella
- listening with loud volume through the earphones
- without lights
- riding side-by-side with another bicycle

Do you have Bicycle Liability Insurance?

There have been some cases in which even bicycle riders have had life-threatening accidents and been ordered to pay high compensation costs. Make sure to enroll in insurances if you ride a bicycle. And please consult your insurance provider in the case you use a rental bicycle.

※In Okayama City, it is mandatory for all bicycle riders to enroll in insurances due to the regulations issued in April 2021.

Five safety rules for cyclists

1. Bicycles should use the road in principle, Keep to left, Pedestrians first on the sidewalk
2. Obey traffic light and stop sign at the crossroad to confirm safety
3. Turn on the light in the nighttime
4. No drunk-driving
5. Wear a helmet

Kibiji cycling route

Total length of the route **25km**
Height difference **23m**

The legend of Momotaro is authorized as Japan Heritage and remains related to the story of "Okayama, the birthplace of the Legend of Momotaro" are dotted in this route. Everyone will enjoy cycling casually, feeling historical culture and scenery in all seasons.



Contact

About sightseeing
Okayama City Momotaro Tourist Center TEL:086-222-2912

About the route
Traffic Policy Division, City of Okayama TEL:086-803-1375
Tourism Project Division, City of Soja TEL:0866-92-8277

④吉備津神社 Kibitsujinja Shrine
Japan Heritage

The main shrine (honden) that looks like a bird spreading its wings is designated as a national treasure. There are Yaoki Rock which is believed to be a rock on which Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto put an arrow at the fight with Ura and Okamaden Shrine where is also believed that Ura's head is buried.
TEL:086-287-4111

⑤鳴釜神事
Japan Heritage

Narukamashinji Ritual
This ritual tells fortune based on the sound made by the pot in Okamaden Shrine.

③吉備の中山 Kibi no Nakayama
Japan Heritage

A famous mountain that appears in "Makura no Soshi" (the Pillow Book). It is said that Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto took up his position at the fight with Ura. There is a 105-meter long Nakayama-chausuyama Burial Mound at the south side of the summit. It is believed to be the grave of Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto.

②吉備津彦神社 Kibitsuhihokojinja Shrine
Japan Heritage

It is said that the shrine was built on among the remnants of the former residence of Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto who is known as a model for the character of Momotaro, an old tale. It is highly rated for its value as a source of shrine architecture and beauty of the shrine.
TEL:086-284-0031

①白山神社の首塚
Japan Heritage

About 1.5 meter high burial mound called "Komekani" is within the premise of Hakusan Shrine. This is the place where the winner, Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto cut Ura's head and exposed it.

Let's rent a bicycle and tour Kibiji!

Rental bicycle is available at this mark on the map. You can both rent and return the bicycle at any of the three shops listed below.

- In front of JR Soja Sta. **Araki rental bicycle** TEL:0866-92-0233
- In front of Bitchu Kokubunji Temple **Takaya rental bicycle** TEL:0866-93-3421
- In front of JR Bizen-Ichinomiya Sta. **Uedo rental bicycle** TEL:086-284-2311

"Kibichari", a cute original bicycle in bi-color of red and white. You can rent them at the four rental bicycle shops along JR Momotaro railroad track (The three shops above and Ushida Cycle).

Signboards & Signs

You can find the signboards and signs on the Kibiji cycling road as follows.

Explanatory notes

- Kibiji cycling route
- Expressway
- Bullet train
- JR conventional line
- Information board
- Rental bicycle
- Rental bicycle (Drop-off available at designated spots)
- Bicycle shop
- Tourist Information Center
- View point
- Park
- Convenience store
- Restroom
- Police station / Koban
- Elementary School/ Junior High School/ High School/ University

The whole map of the route

Okayama area

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KIBIJI CYCLING MAP

Let's tour the Japan Heritage by bicycle.

Authorized story of Japan Heritage

Okayama: the birthplace of "the legend of Momotaro"

The folk tale about defeat of the ogre related heritage of ancient Kibi-Okayama was called Kibi in the past. In this area, some remains such as the ancient mountain castle called Kinojo Castle and huge stones standing along a huge mound still exist. The legend Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto defeats ogre, Ura is set in these remains. Mountain Castle standing on the precipice cliff is called as a castle of Ura and the huge stones are believed to be the shield of Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto. The winner, Kibitsuiko-no-mikoto, is enshrined in Kibitsujinja Shrine and Ura's head is buried near that. The legend of ogre extermination is believed to be the model for the legend of Momotaro based on history of the prosperity and submission of ancient Kibi. Various remains in Kibi invite you into the mystic folk tale.

- List of cultural assets**
- ...Places introduced on the map
 - Mt. Kinojo (Kinojo Castle) (2)
 - Oninokama Pot
 - Tatetsuki Tumulus (7)
 - Sentaimonsei Stone of Tatetsukijinja Shrine (8)
 - Yaoki Rock and Yatatenoshinji Ritual (6)
 - Yaguinomiya Shrine (14)
 - Koikujinja Shrine (10)
 - Chisugawa River (15)
 - Kibitsugu Kanjincho Book
 - Bichuonokuni Okibitsunomiya Ryakki Summary
 - Kibi no Nakayama (3)
 - Kibitsujinja Shrine (4)
 - Kibitsujinja Okamaden Shrine
 - Narukamashinji Ritual (5)
 - Old map of Kibitsujinja Shrine
 - Ogre's mask of Kibitsujinja Shrine
 - Kibitsuhihokojinja Shrine (2)
 - Ceremonial vessel stand
 - Tsukuriyama Burial Mound Group (12,13)
 - Tsukuriyama Burial Mound (21)
 - Ryoguzan Burial Mound
 - Komorizuka Burial Mound (16)
 - Musaotsuka Burial Mound
 - Yataotsuka Burial Mound
 - Peach seed excavated from Joto Ruin
 - Okayama's peach
 - Kibidango
 - Burial mound for severed head of Hakusan Shrine (1)
 - Urama Chausuyama Burial Mound

The official website of Japan Heritage, "Okayama, the birthplace of the legend of Momotaro" <https://momotaro-ura.jp>

