

~Japan's Best Hot Spring Town, Kinosaki Onsen~

## The Closest Real Snow Resort to Kyoto & Osaka



More and more travelers to Japan are looking for a fun snow experience during their trip, whether it be skiing, snowboarding, or sledding. With over 500 ski resorts across the country, one may have a difficult time deciding on which one to visit. We tell prospective visitors to look no further, since the Kannabe Highlands has **the closest resorts from Osaka and Kyoto with real snow!**

The Kannabe Highlands is a mountainous area with the crater of the Kansai region's youngest, but extinct, volcano. The geological features of this volcano and the area make the Kannabe Highlands a great location for various snow activities for all ages and abilities.

### UP KANNABE

This resort has activities and facilities for everyone. There are [four ski runs](#), ranging in difficulty from absolute beginner to expert. Families with small children can enjoy the Kids' Snow Amusement Park. Established last winter, this kid-friendly and family-friendly snow park includes a "fluffy" slide, snow merry-go-round, snow rafting, and hot air balloon rides. Additionally, Up Kannabe is open late for

those interested in checking out night runs.



Please check our [landing page](#) for more detail about Kannabe during the snow season.

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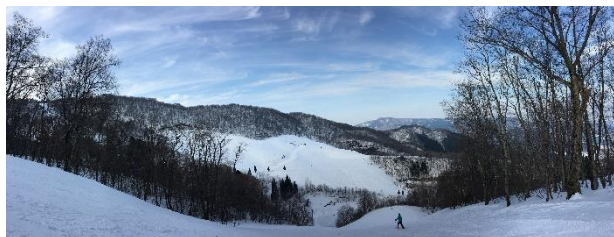


For beginners, Up Kannabe has [skiing lessons with an English-speaking instructor](#). The instructor can help teach participants the basics, starting with help with putting on ski equipment, walking through the snow, and getting on the ski lift if necessary. Afterwards, participants move on to learning how to turn and break. The instructor will go at the group's pace, so each lesson is a little bit different!

In addition, Up Kannabe also offers [snowshoeing](#), [sledding](#), and rental equipment & clothing for both skiing and snowboarding.

### OKU KANNABE

Like Up Kannabe, this ski resort has courses that range from beginner to advanced. It is about a 10-minute drive from Up Kannabe and is the adjoining ski resort to Manba Ski Resort. Beginners can work on their turns and stops on the beginner runs and kids can take their time learning in the Beginner & Kids Park. Advanced skiers and snowboarders can polish up on their form as well as challenge themselves on the 3.1 km course that features a 35° slope. This ski resort also has [banana boat snow rafting](#), which can be enjoyed by guests of all ages.



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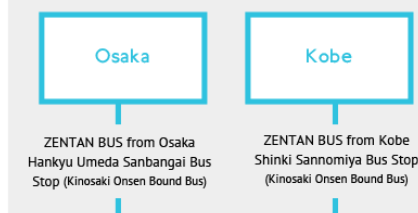
#### BY TRAIN from KYOTO/OSAKA/KINOSAKI

Accessible to JR Ebara Station by JR KANSAI WIDE AREA PASS



#### BY BUS from OSAKA / KOBE

It will take about 2.5 hours to Hidaka



JR Ebara Station on JR San'in Line ( Located in HIDAKA)

From Ebara Station take the ZENTAN BUS headed for Kannabe Kougen (Kannabe Highlands)  
Ride the bus for about 25 to 35 minutes. Get off at the bus stop "KANNABE KOUGEN YUTUROGI" for UP-KANNABE and "YAMATA" bus stop for OKU-KANNABE

\*Please check with the bus company "ZENTAN BUS" for bus times.

**UP-KANNABE**  
Bus stop "KANNABE KOUGEN YUTUROGI"

**OKU-KANNABE**  
Bus stop "YAMATA"



[Kinosaki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored hot springs dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven public bathhouses, all located within walking distance of each other and the train station. Guests are encouraged to wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and go onsen-hopping.

[Toyooka](#) is a downtown area home to the Oriental White Stork, a bird that was revived from extinction in this very town. The city's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now about 140 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known for the Genbudo Caves.



[Izushi](#) is the resident castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on small plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with fun activities year-round. In the winter, one can go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding. In the warm months, one can go camping, paragliding, fishing, tree climbing, and more. Kannabe is the perfect destination for adventurers.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fisherman town that is a hidden gem among the northern coast of Hyogo Prefecture. The beach has clear, blue waters while the mountains surrounding it offer great hiking opportunities. It is encouraged to stroll through the peaceful town, where one can find small shops and traditional landscapes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature—including a giant field of tulips in the spring and brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall.

