

# Yoshika

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A delightful village in the mountains near Tsuwano, Yoshika offers a variety of beautiful natural spots and hot springs.



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Headwaters Festival 水源祭り [Suigen Matsuri]

This traditional festival, held in a lush green park, formed around a Shinto ritual to pray for rain in years of drought. The highlight is a giant dragon woven from dried rice stalks. It is carried around and then plunged into a pool that is the source of the Takatsu River. Dragon and lion objects are often paraded at festivals around Japan. Receiving a bite from one is thought to be a wish for good health, particularly for children. Don't miss the chance to see this exciting ancient ritual and mingle with local citizens.

🕒 3rd Sunday of June

## Oidani Rice Fields

大井谷の棚田 [Oidani no Tanada]

Located in the westernmost corner of Shimane Prefecture, these terraced rice fields have been cultivated for over 600 years. The lovely stonework of the regularly spaced terracing flows out in front of you while the private residences melt into the landscape creating a breathtaking scene.

### ACCESS to YOSHIKA



Bus

Hiroshima → Muikaichi, Yoshika (1hr 50min)



Car

Tsuwano → Oidani Rice Fields (30min)

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