

Uto Shrine

The legendary birthplace of Aomori City

[Visiting Hours]

Always Open

[Shrine Shop]

9:00AM-5:00PM

Admission

Free



Highlights



“Ryuji”, the God of Sea and Water



Sacred Ritual Performance “Utomai”
(only performed on specific days)



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the one, the only: Aomori City



ACCESS

A 10-minute walk from Shin-Chuo Wharf

The Legend of Uto

Long ago, Aomori City was just a small fishing village called Uto. It was said that the seagulls and puffins who flew in the skies above the village made chirping sounds of “uto” and “yasukata.” Thus, the shrine that was to be constructed in the Yasukata district of the village was given the name Uto Shrine.

Many fishermen would use the lush and verdant pine forest that lied to the right of the foot of Mt. Hakkoda as a landmark to navigate to the village port. Later, the Tsugaru Clan would rename Uto to “Aomori (Green Forest).”



“Nebuta paintings stained glass style: Morning of Uto village”
Viewable at Aomori Prefectural Center for Industry and Tourism, ASPAM 13th Floor

Gallery of Shiko Munakata’s Artwork (Shrine Office)



Woodblock Prints



Painting of an Uto Bird (the Shrine’s Namesake)



Painting of Mother and Child Uto Birds

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Wish Plaque (Ema)



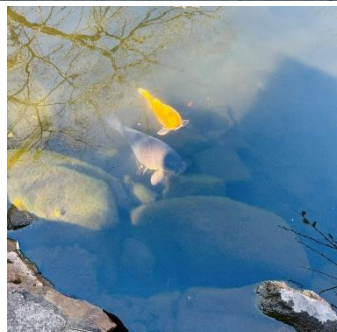
Shrine Stamp Book (Goshuin-cho)



Japanese Good Luck Amulet (Omamori)

Carp Feeding

Feed (100yen per bag) Pay into the box



How to Enjoy Uto Shrine

- Everyone is welcomed to visit Uto Shrine.
- We ask that you please keep the Uto Shrine a clean and quiet place for yourself and other guests to enjoy.
- Please be careful not to enter areas where guests are not permitted.

