

Manhole Art



What do you think this is a picture of? It's a cover of a manhole.

Manhole covers are designed with motifs of famous attractions, foods, and flowers of the town.

Have you ever seen manholes like this? What kinds of manholes can you find in Tokushima?

Naruto City

First, we have a manhole from Naruto City. The famous Onaruto Bridge and whirlpools can be seen on the cover.

This one has been designed with sea bream and Japanese pears which are specialty products of Naruto City.

Kamojima Town, Yoshinogawa City

This is the manhole from Kamojima Town, which is famous for its Chrysanthemum dolls. Kamojima's manhole is designed with Chrysanthemum flowers. Every year in autumn, there is a Chrysanthemum festival and display.

Kawashima Town, Yoshinogawa City

This is a manhole from Kawashima Town, which is also located in Yoshinogawa City. Kawashima Castle, Kawashima's town symbol, is pictured on the manhole.

In addition to Kawashima Castle, this other manhole depicts images of Mt. Kotsu, fishing for sweet fish, and a sensui bridge (a bridge that is submerged during floods).

Minami Town, Kaifu District

Finally, this is the manhole from Minami Town in Kaifu District. This manhole is decorated with sea turtles, which Minami Town is famous for. Every year from May to August, the loggerhead turtles come to lay their eggs on the Ohama Coast in Minami Town.

You can also see many turtles at the Sea Turtle Museum "Caretta".

Did you enjoy looking at Tokushima's manholes? All of them have unique characteristics, making them fun to look at. Do you have these kinds of manholes in your country? When you go for a walk, make sure to take a look at these manholes. You might make a fun discovery.