



One of the big attractions you cannot miss while in Tsukuba, is visiting Lake Kasumigaura when HOBIKIsen or TOWboat is sailing for display in September and October. You can either get onboard after making reservation and buying tickets (contact [in Japanese] Sightseeing division of Kasumigaura city 029-897-1111, on holiday 029-840-9850) or watch this traditional Japanese fishing boat from the shore. <http://www.city.kasumigaura.ibaraki.jp/hobiki/english/index.html>

Place: Kasumigara city, Ayumizaki Park for on the day reservation
 13:00-13:00 in SEPTEMBER
 14:30-15:00 in OCTOBER
 Kasumigaura city, Shidosaki Gyoko Port for boarding

How to get there: drive 354, approx. 1,5km before reaching Kasumigaura Oohashi Bridge there is COCO convenience store, where you need to turn right, keep driving to bifork ↓ crossing-both 118 after Eneos gas station; 118 to the left will take you to the Ayumizaki Park at the lakeshore, 118 to the right seems shorter, but curvy, at the T-junction close to the local museum -Kyodo Shiriyokan you need to make left to reach same lakeshore.

Date: September 5, 12, 19, 26 (SATs)
 October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (SATs) and October 11, 14, 21, 28 (SUNs)

Fee: 2000 yen for adult, 1000 yen children

Photo Contest: Grand Prix 200,000yen (A4 size picture send within October to the ☎ 300-0192 Ibaraki-pref., Kasumigaura-city, Yamatoda 562, HOBIKI Photo Contest)