

The aerial battle of
big kites displayed
with brave shouts
is amazing!



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Big Kite Battle



Big kites flying gracefully high in the sky on both
banks of the Kariyata River.

The moment kites flying from both sides of the
banks become entangled, the battle begins!
The tug of war continues until one of the kite
strings breaks.

Event Period / 1st Saturday-2nd Monday Every June
Venue / Downstream of Nakanoshima Ohashi Bridge in
Mitsuke City Kariyata River riverbed
Access / about 3 min. from Nakanoshima-Mitsuke IC



Mitsuke City Big Kite Inheritance Museum

It presents the history and attractions of the Big
Kite Battle. Visitors can also observe up close the
making of white kite (kite without painting) and
the painting process by kite painters during the
period of kite production. (Mid-March-Late May)
A lot of information to help you enjoy the Kite
Battle like history, trivia about viewing and actual
displays of unique Kite Battle tools * Kyara
(pulley) *

**Let's make your own
original kite in the world!**

Experience kite flying with your
original kite in the lawn area at
Roadside station Patio Niigata.
Fee / 500yen



Tel: 0258-62-1700 1-7-28 Imamachi Mitsuke City
Open 9:00-17:00 Closed Mon.-Fri., 12/29-1/3
Access / about 3-min. by car from Nakanoshima Mitsuke IC

Historic Big Kite Battle that has continued since the Edo period.

It originated more than 360 years ago, when
paper merchants from Shinano visited the
area and flew kites on the bank of the
Kariyata River. Later, during the Tenmei era,
kite-flying was carried out as a measure to
strengthen the embankment for the Kariyata
River renovation project. And it is still carried
on today, becoming an early summer tradition.

Hexagonal Kite with "100 pieces of paper"



It is called "Hyaku mai bari" because it
was once made by pasting 100 sheets
of Mino paper together. It is 4.3m long
and 3.3m wide, about the size of 8
tatami mats. In addition to paintings of
warriors and beautiful women, kites
with various designs and colors are
flown in the sky powerfully.



**Come up close!
Have a wonderful
experience!**

