Nestled in the lush forest of Hakuba Happo-one’s Wadano no Mori, this adorable brick structure with its peaked roof and detached bell tower was built more than 30 years ago. Walk down the little paved path and enjoy picturesque sceneries throughout the seasons, beautiful hydrangeas in the early summer, rustling colorful leaves during autumn, and a white lit-up landscape in the winter. Due to its fairytale setting, the Wadano no Mori Church is a popular wedding location among Japanese and international couples alike—and at certain days of the year, visitors can even enjoy classical concerts amidst this romantic and cozy atmosphere.

Directly next to the bell tower you can find the Tetsuo Kikuchi Alpine Photograph Gallery, which exhibits breathtaking large-scale images of Mt. Shirouma taken by famous mountain photographer Kikuchi Tetsuo. For those who want to stay a little bit longer in this tranquil ambience, sit down in front of the little hut next to the entrance and enjoy a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea.