

In addition to the thirteen public onsen, Nozawa Onsen has an unofficial (since an admission fee applies) “fourteenth” Soto Yu bath house: the Furusato no Yu. Located on the slope up to Ogama, this traditional, wooden building blends in perfectly with the little town’s atmosphere and history. It’s considered to be a *gensen kakenagashi* bath, whose natural hot spring water flows continuously from its original source. Compared to the other Soto Yu, this modern hot spring facility (it was built in 2011) is more spacious, including one outdoor bath and two indoor baths with different temperatures—an *atsuyu* (between 44 and 45 degrees Celsius) and a *nuruyu* (between 42 and 43 degrees Celsius)—for each gender. Basic amenities such as soap, shampoo and shower booths, are available as well.