

**Soto-yu: Yanagi-yu**

Named after the weeping willow tree growing in front of this particular bathhouse (*yanagi* is “willow”), Yanagi-yu is the smallest and deepest of Kinosaki’s seven *onsen*. Since the size of the bathing area is relatively small, the water may feel quite warm at this particular *onsen*, making it ideal on a cool, chilly day. With its Japanese cypress (*hinoki*) interior, it offers a rustic and relaxing environment. Visitors will also find a free foot bath (*ashi-yu*) outside the bathhouse entrance.