

**Soto-yu: Kono-yu**

Said to be the oldest hot spring at Kinosaki Onsen, Kono-yu is located at the edge of town, a quiet retreat somewhat removed from the busier main streets. According to legend, it was discovered when a stork was found healing its wounds in the water. The name “Kono” is short for *konotori*, the oriental white stork. Highlights of this bath include the open-air baths on the men’s side featuring a carefully tended garden, while the women’s side offers relaxing outdoor cabins. There’s no better place to take in the fresh air and savor the natural surroundings of this historic *onsen* town.