

Wetland Boat Tours

The wetlands of Omihachiman include an intricate network of waterways that wind through marshes and reedbeds to link the town with Lake Biwa. A leisurely boat tour is the best way to appreciate this distinctive landscape. While listening to the sound of the wind in the reeds, passengers will spot numerous wild birds including egrets, little grebes, and reed warblers.

Four companies offer wetland boat tours—two using rowboats and two using motorboats. Boats depart at fixed times, and boats may also be chartered with advance notice. The latter option is more economical for groups. For an additional fee, all companies offer the option of an onboard meal: either a bento lunch box or a multicourse sukiyaki menu with Omi beef. Each company has its own boarding point, but all of these are within 15 minutes of Omihachiman Station by bus.