

Mutsumi Bridge

Mutsumi Bridge is located south of Gero Station and spans the Hida River. The name Mutsumi has a literal meaning of “six views” and refers to the famous sights of Gero that were once visible from this vantage point:

- Mt. Kobo
- the evening glow over volcanic Mt. Yugamine, the source of Gero’s hot springs
- the great cedar tree at Moriminashi Hachiman Shrine
- the steam rising from Gero’s outdoor hot spring
- Mt. Nakane, nicknamed the Mt. Fuji of Gero
- the cherry blossoms of Onsenji Temple

The original suspension bridge built in 1923 was replaced by a bowstring truss bridge shortly after Gero Station opened in 1930. The train station and bridge heralded a new chapter in Gero’s history. For several decades, the bridge was the only direct route from the train station to the *onsen* district. A pedestrian walkway was added in 1974. In 2010, the Japan Society of Civil Engineers selected the bridge as an important example of civil engineering heritage, citing its influence on Gero’s modern development.