

ainowa (The Circle of Love)

Shonandaira is a famous dating spot because of its beautiful scenery and night view. One theory even says that love locks originated here. A love lock is a padlock that lovers attach to a bridge, a fence or another public fixture, swearing their eternal love.

The ainowa monument, to which people can attach their love locks was erected in March, 2018. It was designed in a shape of a ring to represent “a circle of people” and “close human ties”.

You can take a picture including the monument, the TV tower, the city view and the beach all in the background using a camera stand. It is a great location to take pictures.

※ A love lock should be heart shaped. Heart shaped locks are available for purchase at the shop, the restaurant and the capsule toy machine. The locks that are not shaped as a heart or are attached to inappropriate areas will be removed in order to keep the beautiful townscape and safety management rules.

Old love locks get removed after a certain period of time. Hiratsuka city will collect and store the removed locks and consider using them in a different way in the future.

City of Hiratsuka