

# LIVING GUIDE MORIOKA

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## Illegally parked bicycles will be removed.

Bicycles are a popular mode of transportation in our daily life. To make the safer and more comfortable living environment, Morioka City is taking preventive measures against the illegal bicycle parking problem. Let's check the prohibited zones for bicycle/engine-equipped bicycle parking.



### ◆◇◆ Where are No-bicycle parking zones? ◇◇◆

Around the vicinities of JR Morioka Station (figure1) - It is illegal to park bicycles (including engine-equipped bicycle) on the streets and sidewalks in these areas for any length of time. If you go against the rule, you get a warning tag and eventually your bicycle is towed away. When you reclaim your removed bicycle, you have to pay a handling fee for it.

< At the No-bicycle parking zone >

- A warning tag is attached to a bicycle and the

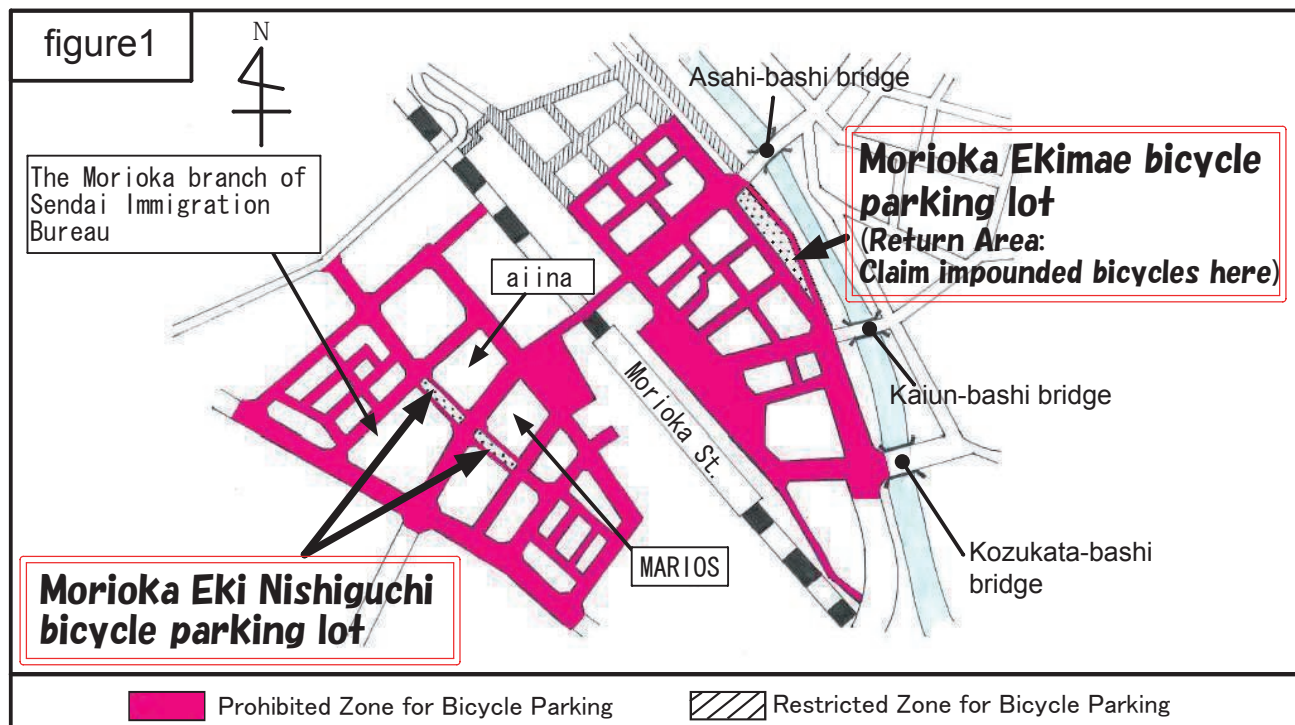
bicycle is towed away.

< At the restricted No-bicycle parking zone>

- A warning tag is attached to a bicycle and if the bicycle has been left unattended there for more than 6 hours, then it will be towed away.

< In areas other than the vicinities of JR Morioka Station >

- A warning tag is attached to a bicycle and if the bicycle has been left unattended there for 14 days and more, then it will be towed away.



## ◆◆◆ After the removal of your bicycle, it will be... ◆◆◆

For 3 months and more from the following day of the removal, the bicycle/engine-equipped bicycle will be stored in a bicycle lot. After that some bicycles might be disposed of and others be sold. If 6 months have passed since the date

of announcement of bicycle removal (usually the removal announcement is made within one week after the tow), Morioka City acquires ownership of the bicycle.

## ◆◆◆ What to do when you reclaim your removed bicycle. ◆◆◆

At the north exit of Morioka Ekimae bicycle parking lot, you can reclaim your removed bicycle. To get it back, you have to pay a handling fee. (Telephone 019-622-0972, Japanese only)

▼ Business hours : every day, from 6:00 through 20:00

(except year-end through New Year holidays)

▼ Handling fee:

Category	Length of stay (in a bike lot)	Fee
Bicycle (for one)	6 days and less (including the tow-away day)	1,500 yen
	7 days and more (including the tow-away day)	2,500 yen
Engine-equipped bicycle (for one)	6 days and less (including the tow-away day)	2,500 yen
	7 days and more (including the tow-away day)	3,500 yen

▼ What to bring:

- a handling fee
- identity document (ex. driver's license, student identification card, etc.)
- things which verify your ownership of the bicycle

(ex. the bicycle key, a copy of theft-prevention registration card, etc.)

NOTE: In case you have received a notice from Morioka City concerning the return of your bicycle, bring the enclosed form for your reclaim and receipt, please.

## Under the same traffic law as automobiles?

The traffic law defines bicycle as a type of vehicle (light vehicle) and requires riders to follow traffic rules. All traffic signs and signals apply to bicycles as well. In Japan vehicles must keep to the left side of the street.

When you ride a bicycle please keep in mind that on the street always run on the left side, on the sidewalk (where permitted) always run slowly on the side that is closer to the street and yield to pedestrians.

If you don't keep the rules, your convenient bicycle turns to a nuisance vehicle for other people. There are various safety rules which should be observed by bicycle riders. Let's learn those rules in our next issue.

