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CHICHIBU and OKU-TAMA

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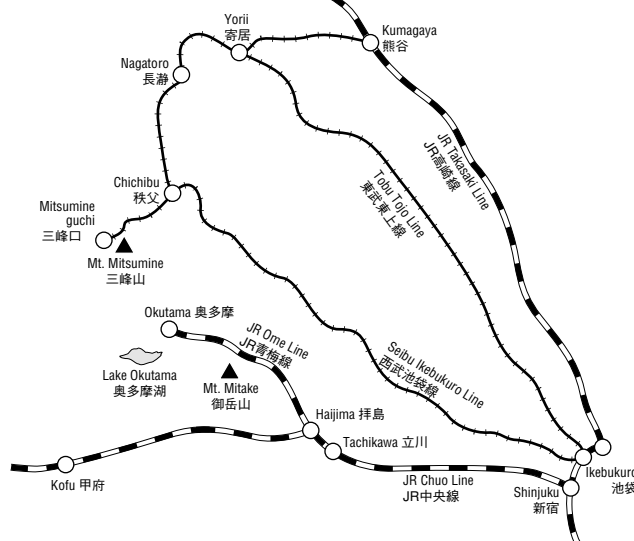
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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

The Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park (秩父多摩甲斐国立公園), located near Tokyo, is an ideal spot for a day's outing and is very popular with residents of the Tokyo area for its beautiful scenery. The national park consisting of the Okutama district, Chichibu district and Kai district stretches over the Kanto Mountains on the borders of the Tokyo Metropolis as well as Saitama, Yamanashi and Nagano Prefectures. Formed by a number of non-volcanic mountains, averaging 1,000 meters in height, and blessed with rivers flowing in between which create lovely gorges, the park is visited all year round by hikers, climbers, anglers and other sports lovers.

Traffic Network



OKUTAMA

Access to the Okutama Area:

From Shinjuku Sta. (新宿) to Tachikawa Sta. (立川) by JR Chuo Line and from Tachikawa Sta. to Okutama Sta. by JR Ome Line. (2 hrs., ¥1,050)

Ome and Vicinity:

Ome Railway Park (青梅鉄道公園): 15 min. on foot from Ome Sta. It was established by the Japanese National Railways (now Japan Railways) on its 90th anniversary in 1962. One can see model locomotives in the Memorial Hall and some of JR's representative steam locomotives now obsolete are on display in the field surrounding the hall. Open: 9:15–17:00 (enter by 16:30) Closed: Mon. (when Mon. falls on a national holiday, it is open and is closed the following day.) and Dec.29-Jan.2 Admission: ¥100.

Yoshino Plum Groves (吉野梅郷): 15 min. from Hinatawada Sta. (日向和田駅). Some 25,000 plum trees bloom during Mar. Omeshi-Umeno-Koen (青梅市梅の公園), Daisho-in Temple (大聖院) and Atago Shrine (愛宕神社) in the vicinity are also worth visiting.

Mt. Mitake and Vicinity:

Mt. Mitake (御岳山): 8-min. bus ride from Mitake Sta. (¥270) to Cable-shita Stop, 6-min. cablecar ride (¥570) 2-min. lift ride (¥100), you can almost reach the top (alt. 930 m). At Fujimine, further uphill from the cablecar terminal, stands an observation platform. On May 8, the shrine festival, Hinode-matsuri, highlighted by parades of portable shrines and samurai warriors in full armor, takes place.

Musashi-mitake Shrine (武蔵御嶽神社): 30 min. on foot from the Mitake-san cablecar terminal. The shrine is said to have been

founded some 2,000 years ago and it prospered especially during the Edo Period under the protection of the Tokugawa Shogunate. The main shrine building was reconstructed in 1878 and its treasure house contains many ancient documents, mirrors, armor and swords of national treasure merit.

Treasure house Admission ¥300. Open: Sat. & Sun. 9:30–16:30.

Gyokudo Art Museum (玉堂美術館): 3 min. from Mitake Sta. The museum, located at the center of the Mitake Gorge, contains the Japanese-style paintings of Gyokudo Kawai (1873–1957), noted master artist. Open: 10:00–17:00 (Mar.–Nov. enter by 16:30). 10:00–16:30 (Dec.–Feb. enter by 16:00). Closed: Mon. (when Mon. falls on a national holiday, it is open and is closed the following day.) & Dec.25-Jan.4 Admission: ¥500.

Okutama and Nippara:

Lake Okutama (奥多摩湖) (Ogochi Dam): 20 min. by bus from Okutama Sta. The lake was formed when the Ogochi Dam was constructed to provide water for Tokyo in 1957. With an ideal course on the northern shore, the lake forms one of the main tourist attractions of the Okutama district. Some 10,000 cherry trees bloom on the northern shore during mid-April.

Nippara Stalactite Cavern (日原鍾乳洞): 35 min. by bus from Okutama Sta. This cavern, the largest of its kind in the Kanto district, is more than 800 m in depth, about 280 m of which is illuminated and can be explored. In the neighborhood of the cavern are many high rocks of fantastic shapes. The fresh verdure and autumnal tints are beautiful. Open: 8:00–17:00 (Apr.–Nov.), 8:30–16:30 (Dec.–Mar.). Admission: ¥600.

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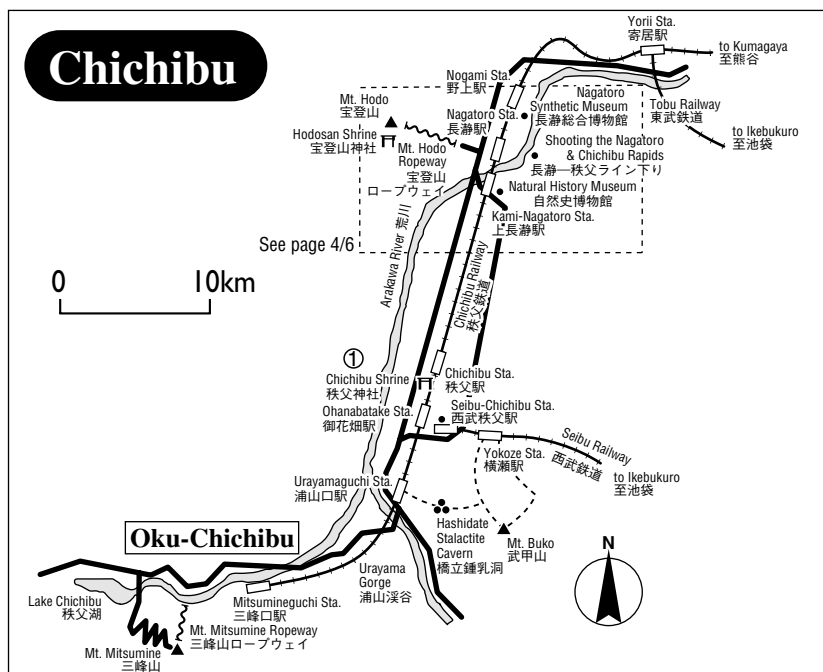
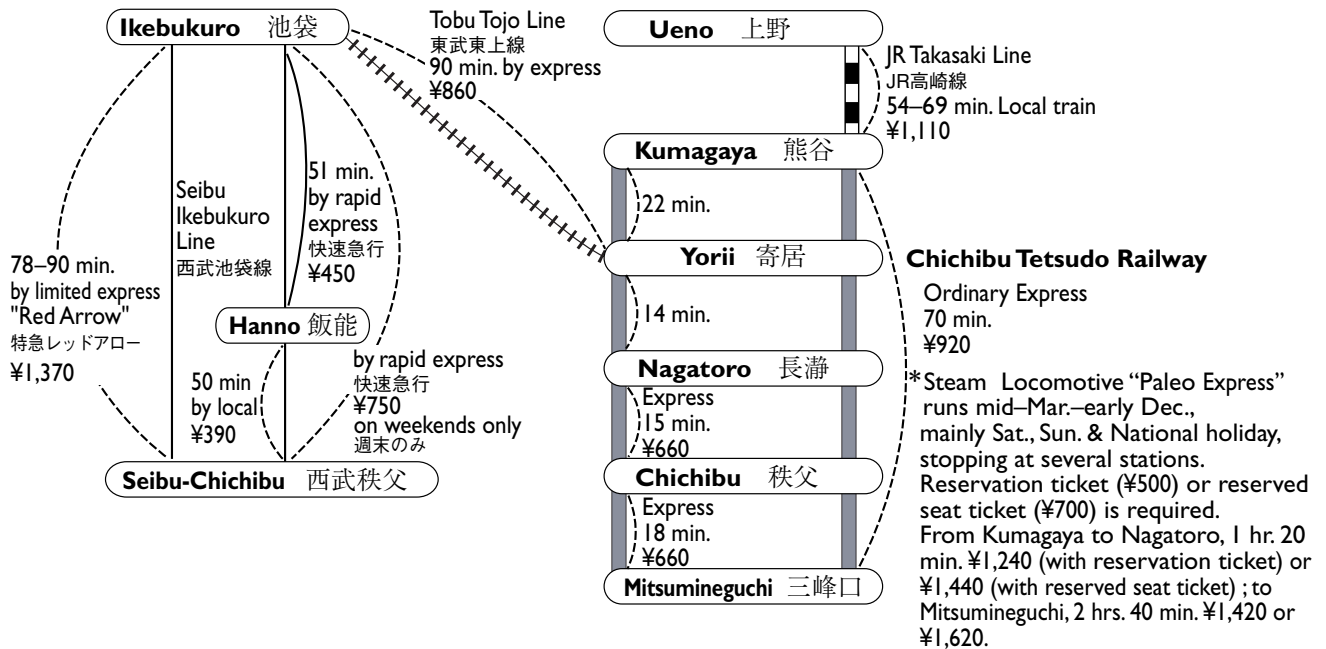
Access to the Chichibu Area:

Chichibu Shrine (秩父神社): 200 m west of Chichibu Sta. It is one of the three noted shrines of Chichibu. The night festival of the shrine annually held on Dec. 3 is known for the large-scale parade of lantern-lit floats. The other two are the **Hodosan Shrine** (宝登山神社) at **Nagatoro** (長瀨) and the **Mitsumine Shrine** (三峯神社): 20 min. by bus from Mitsumineguchi Sta. on the Chichibu Tetsudo Railway, then 8 min. by ropeway. The shrine, founded about 2,000 years ago, served as the headquarters of mountain ascetics belonging to the Tendai sect of Buddhism during the Tokugawa days. Its wide precincts contain halls for the priests and pilgrims. During the season, bunga-

lows, tents and huts are made available for climbers, hikers and campers.

Lake Chichibu (秩父湖): 30 min. by bus from Mitsumineguchi Sta. and 5 min. walk. A large man-made lake, lies at the north-western foot of Mt. Mitsumine. It is spanned by two suspension bridges, offering the visitor a thrilling sight and is encircled by a path for walking.

Access



Nagatoro and Vicinity:

Nagatoro (長瀬): By taking the Chichibu Tetsudo Railway, it is 50 min. from Kumagaya Sta. on the JR Takasaki Line, 20 min. from Yorii Sta. on the Tobu Tojo Line or 20 min. from Chichibu Sta. on the Seibu Chichibu Line. This popular place for picnic is situated on the upper reaches of the Arakawa River. Visitors can enjoy an avenue of cherry trees in the spring, flowering azaleas in early summer and yellow maple leaves in autumn. Nagatoro is particularly noted for a series of fantastic rock formations, including high perpendicular rock walls.

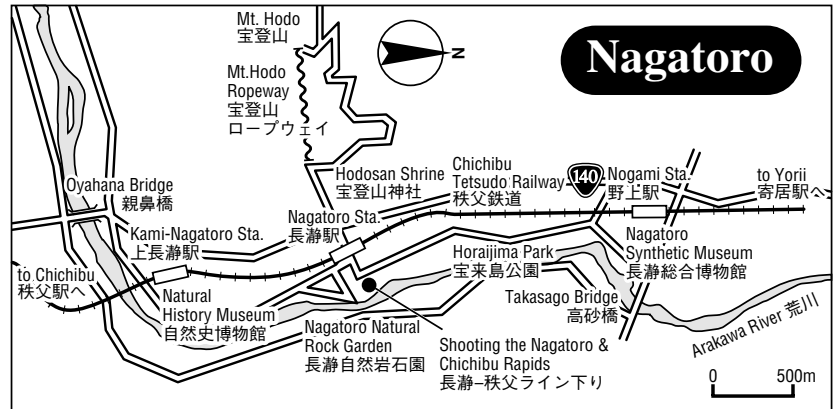
Saitama Museum of Natural History (自然史博物館): 5 min. on foot from Kami-Nagatoro Sta. A large collection of rock, animal and plant specimens peculiar to the region is displayed. Open: 9:00-16:30 (Sep.-Jun. enter by 16:00), 9:00-17:00 (Jul.-Aug. enter by 16:30). Closed: Mon., Dec.29-Jan. 3, late Jan., Admission: ¥200. http://kumagaya.or.jp/~sizensi/index_e.html

Nagatoro Natural Rock Garden (長瀬自然岩石園): 5 min. on foot from Nagatoro Sta. A rock formation near the river presents a unique sight.

Mt. Hodo (宝登山): 15 min. on foot from

Nagatoro Sta. A ropeway (¥420) takes you to the top in 5 min. This popular mountain commands a panoramic view of the surrounding mountains, the Arakawa River and the Nagatoro Gorge. On the summit are an observation platform, a monkey area and a wild deer garden.

Shooting the Nagatoro and Chichibu Rapids (長瀬一秩父ライン下り): The boats for shooting the Arakawa River, operated from mid-Mar. to Nov., start from Oyahana-bashi Bridge, 700 m from Kami-Nagatoro Sta. to Takasago-bashi Bridge. A 60-min. ride (6km) costs ¥3,100. A 30-min. ride (2 courses, 3km each), ¥1,550.

**Accommodations:**

Number ① corresponds to the one of the map on page 3/6.

Name of facilities	Tel.	Room rate (¥)
① Okuchichibu Lake View Hostel (Y)	(0494)55-0056	¥

Remarks: Y = Youth Hostel Rate per person.

¥ 8,000 yen or less

Suggested Sightseeing Route in Oku-Chichibu:

Mitsumine-guchi (三峰口)	15 min. bus (¥300)	Owa Bus Stop (大輪バス停)	15 min. walk	Mt. Mitsumine Ropeway (¥950) (三峰山ロープウェイ)	8 min.	Top of Mt. Mitsumine (三峰山頂)	15 min. walk
Mitsumine Shrine (三峯神社)	1 hr. 30 min. walk	Lake Chichibu (秩父湖)	30 min. bus (¥470)	Mitsumine-guchi (三峰口)			

Oku-Chichibu Ginza Hiking Route:

Hiking from Mt. Mitsumine to Oku-Chichibu (奥秩父) by way of Mt. Kumotori, south of Mt. Mitsumine, is popular among mountaineers. The trail for climbing is easy to follow and is provided with lodges and huts on the way. An overnight stay at any

of the accommodations is advisable. The route, which extends for about 10 km, is unique in that the hiker can enjoy the ever-changing scenes of the surrounding mountains, stretches of primeval forests, fauna and flora of rare species.

Mitsumine Shrine (三峯神社)	40 min. walk	Myohodake-iriguchi (妙穂岳入口)	1 hr. 10 min. walk	Kirimo-ga-mine (霧藻ヶ峰)	1 hr. 45 min. walk	Shiraiwagoya Hut (白岩小屋ハット)		
30 min. walk	Top of Mt. Shiraiwa (白岩山頂)	40 min. walk	Odawa (大ダワ)	30 min. walk	Kumotori Lodge (雲取ロッジ)	30 min. walk	Top of Mt. Kumotori (雲取山頂)	
15 min. walk	Sho Kumotori (小雲取)	20 min. walk	Okutama Lodge (奥多摩ロッジ)	20 min. walk	Nanatsu-Ishiyama (七ツ石山)	40 min. walk	Dodokoro (堂所)	1 hr. 10 min. walk
Kamosawa (鴨沢)	40 min. bus (¥610)	Okutama Sta. (奥多摩駅)	1 hr. 15 min. JR train (¥620)	Tachikawa Sta. (立川駅)				

Nagatoro Hiking Route:

Nagatoro Sta. 15 min. Natural History Museum 5 min. Kami-Nagatoro Sta. 15 min.
 (長瀨駅) (自然史博物館) (上長瀨駅)

Oyahana Bridge 1 hr. Horaijima Park 10 min. Takasago Bridge 10 min.
 (親鼻橋) (宝来島公園) (高砂橋)

Nagatoro Synthetic Museum 20 min. Nagatoro Sta.
 (長瀨総合博物館) (長瀨駅)

Chichibu Pilgrimage (秩父札所34カ所巡り)

The Chichibu 34 Kannon Temples are organized into Japan 100 Kannon Holy Sites. The Saigoku 33 Temples sites are situated in and around Kyoto and Nara. The Bando 33 sites are scattered in the Kanto region. The original pilgrimage course in Chichibu was organized with 33 temples, like Saigoku and Bando, and 500 years ago one temple was added to total 100.

In this pilgrimage tradition, 6 types of Kannon have been wor-

shipped. Sho (the original type), Juichimen (with 11 heads), Senju (with 1000 arms), and Nyoirin (with a magic ball) have been very popular.

The Kannon itself is usually hidden in the inner hall of each temple and is open to the public every 6 years. You cannot understand Japanese culture well enough without knowing about the long tradition of Kannon worship. The whole course is 100 km (63 miles) long. Temples are open 8:00–17:00.

No	Temple's name	Kannon's type	Religious sect	Highlights
1	Shimabuji	Sho	Soto	Grand, beautiful Kannon hall
2	Shinpukuji	Sho	Soto	On the middle way to a mountain
3	Josenji	Sho	Soto	Elaborate dragon sculpture under the roof
4	Kinshoji	Juichimen	Soto	The Virgin Mary-like Mother Kannon and 1300 various stone statues
5	Gokado	Juntei	Rinzai	Large wooden fireworks launchers
6	Bokuunji	Sho	Soto	Fine view of Mt. Buko
7	Hochoji	Juichimen	Soto	Largest Kannon hall and peace pagoda
8	Saizenji	Juichimen	Rinzai	Spectacular 600-year-old maple tree
9	Akechiji	Nyoirin	Rinzai	Newly designed cozy Kannon hall
10	Daijiji	Sho	Soto	Red Binzuru Statue to work out healing wherever you touch
11	Jorakuji	Juichimen	Soto	Kannon to give you health
12	Nosakaji	Sho	Rinzai	Beautiful garden and statues of Hades in the old gate
13	Jigenji	Sho	Soto	Beautiful Kannon hall with elaborate carvings. Rotating sutra shelf
14	Imamiyabo	Sho	Rinzai	Plain old Kannon hall and old zelkova
15	Shorinji	Juichimen	Rinzai	Modern hall covered with white plaster. Tombs of 2 policemen killed in the rebellion
16	Saikoji	Senju	Shingon	88 statues of various Buddhist Daieties. Lucky God in the large barrel hut
17	Jorinji	Juichimen	Soto	Bell with 100 Kannon images in relief
18	Godoji	Sho	Soto	Shop selling various kinds of Buddhist worship tools
19	Ryusekiji	Senju	Soto	Old hall with beautifully shaped roof
20	Iwanouedo	Sho	Rinzai	Well-preserved oldest hall built on large rock
21	Kannonji	Sho	Shingon	Tomb of a local Kabuki star
22	Dojido	Sho	Shingon	The only thatched gate with childlike guardian. The wind and thunder gods
23	Ongakuji	Sho	Rinzai	Excellent bird's eye view of the city. The bell associated with highlight of the Chichibu Rebellion in 1884
24	Hosenji	Sho	Rinzai	Unique Kannon hall combined with the gate behind 216 steep steps
25	Kyushoji	Sho	Soto	Quiet harmony of the hall, the pond and bamboos
26	Enyuji	Sho	Rinzai	Picture of an ancient brave warrior
27	Daienji	Sho	Soto	Newly built beautiful hall and 15 m Kannon statue on the hill above
28	Hashidatedo	Bato	Soto	The only Kannon with a horse head on. Stalactite cave at the foot of a scary high cliff
29	Chosenin	Sho	Soto	Cherry blossoms painted by famous Hokusai. Thick bamboo grove
30	Hounji	Nyoirin	Rinzai	Kannon allegedly carved by an ancient Chinese emperor. Pond with many carp
31	Kannonin	Sho	Soto	Full of holy atmosphere with a cliff and cascade, going up 300 steps
32	Hoshoji	Sho	Soto	Real holy site with big moss-covered rocks and panoramic view from the boat shaped rock
33	Kikusuiji	Sho	Soto	Large picture warning against infanticide
34	Suisenji	Senju	Soto	Cave for rebirth and long life water

Anyone who wants a pilgrimage guide, please call Chichibu Kannon Holy Sites Union (0494-25-1170), or Chichibu Silver Service Center (0494-22-4454).

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9:30–18:00 (Feb.–Jun., Sep.–Nov.)

9:30–17:30 (Dec.–Jan.)

Closed: Mon. (the following day when Mon. falls on national holiday or Nov. 14), year-end & New Year's holiday.

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