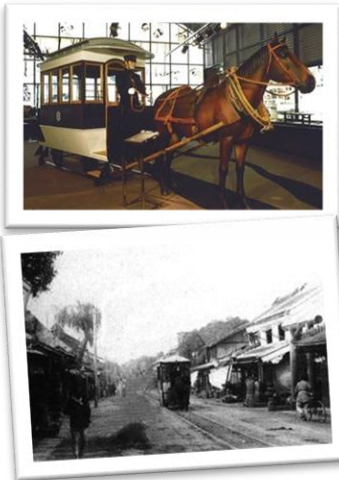


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入間馬車鉄道・中武馬車鉄道

The old IRUMA&CHUBU Horse-drawn Railways



A horse-drawn railway is a railway in which horses pull passenger cars on the tracks.

The IRUMA horse-drawn railway opened between IRUMAGAWA town and HANNO town in May 1901 (Meiji 34) as a tramway.

Stops were located at IRUMAGAWA (SAYAMASHI Station, West exit), SUGAWARA, OSUWASHITA, KAWARAJYUKU, HIROSE, NEGISHI, SASAI, YAGI, NODA, IWASAWA, NAMIYANAGI, MAEDA and HANNO. There was also a SASAI signal station.

Shortly thereafter, the CHUBU horse-drawn railway opened all lines between IRUMAGAWA town and OME town in September 1901 (Meiji 34).

The CHUBU horse-drawn railway borrowed the tracks between SUWASHITA and IRUMAGAWA from the IRUMA horse-drawn railway.

SHIMIZU SOTOKU was a local celebrity who worked hard to manage the IRUMA horse-drawn railway.

After MUSASHINO railway (SEIBU IKEBUKURO LINE) opened in 1915 (Taisho 4), the number of passengers decreased rapidly. Both horse-drawn railways were abolished one after another in 1917 (Taisho 6). (Source: Sayama City history)

◇市民交流センター

CITIZENS INTERACTION center (Civic center)

CITIZENS INTERACTION center is a Sayama city service facility facing the SAYAMASHI station west exit.

There is a souvenir shop and a tearoom on the 1st floor.

We can buy souvenirs in Sayama city and Saitama prefecture at the shop.



☆七夕通り

TANABATA-DORI street



The SAYAMA CITY IRUMAGAWA Star Festival is held here every August.

It is known as one of the KANTO region's three major TANABATA festivals.

We can enjoy fireworks beside the IRUMA river during the festival.

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① 本富士見橋 HONFUJIMI bridge

The IRUMA horse-drawn railway ran on this bridge from the late Meiji to early Taisho periods (around 110 years ago).

In days gone by, it was a wooden bridge.

We can see a beautiful Mt. FUJI over this bridge. It's an amazing view.



② 廣瀬神社 HIROSE-JINJYA shrine



HIROSE-JINJYA shrine was built in the Yamato period (5th century). There is a big Zelkova in the precinct, which is a sacred tree. The tree is 800 years old.

Also, there is a beautiful immortality plum tree, which is 400 years old.

③ 清水宗徳之墓 Tomb of SHIMIZU SOTOKU

SHIMIZU SOTOKU contributed to the management of the IRUMA horse-drawn railways.

He was born in the KAMIHIROSE village (now, part of Sayama City).

There are a few historical heritages cut rails from the horse-drawn railways in front of his grave.



④ 広瀬浅間神社 HIROSE SENGEN-JINJYA shrine



This shrine was founded in 1860 (Man'en 1) to pray for the development of the sericulture industry.

The "HIMATSURI" (fire festival) is held on August 21st every year.

This festival is designed to be an intangible folk cultural property by Sayama city.

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⑤ 明光寺 MYOKO-JI temple



This old SHINGON-SHU (Buddhist sect) temple was founded in 962 (Ouwa 2).

The temple's principal image is the KIZUKURI JIZOBOSATU ZAZO (wooden sitting Jizo Bodhisattva).

There is also the temple's treasure, JIZO JYUO-ZU (Jizo and ten-kings picture).

This location is a Sayama City designated cultural property.

⑥ 笹井ダムと宮地児童公園 SASAI dam and MIYAJI Kids playground



SASAI dam one of the most spectacular views in Sayama city. We can see lots of waterfowls here.

MIYAJI Kids playground is next to SASAI dam. There are also large metasequoia trees.

AKEBONOUZOU (ancient elephant) and metasequoia fossils were discovered here.



⑦ 笹井白髭神社 SASAI SHIRAHIGE-JINJYA shrine

Enshrined here is the deity SARUTAHIKNOIZUME. There are 4 shrines enshrined together.

Parishioners believe God saves all people.

HOUNEN ASHI ODORI (good harvest dance) is to be dedicated every spring and autumn. People put on a mask when dancing.



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⑧ 笹井滝不動尊 SASAI TAKI-FUDOSON shrine



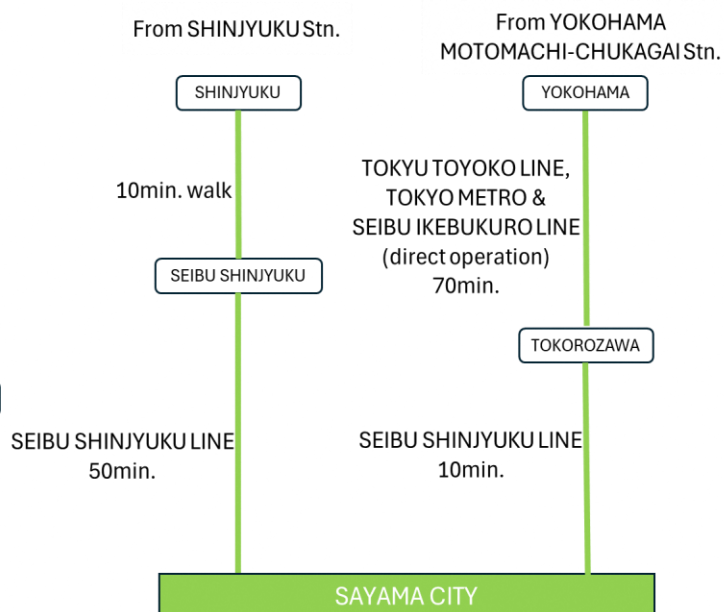
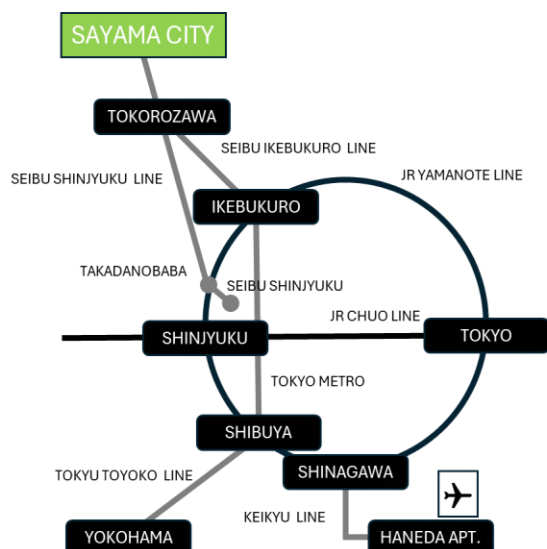
It is said that ENNO OZUNO (Sorcerer of the Asuka period) opened a sacred place here.

We can see a spring coming from the left side terrace of the IRUMA river.

Discover, explore, and enjoy.



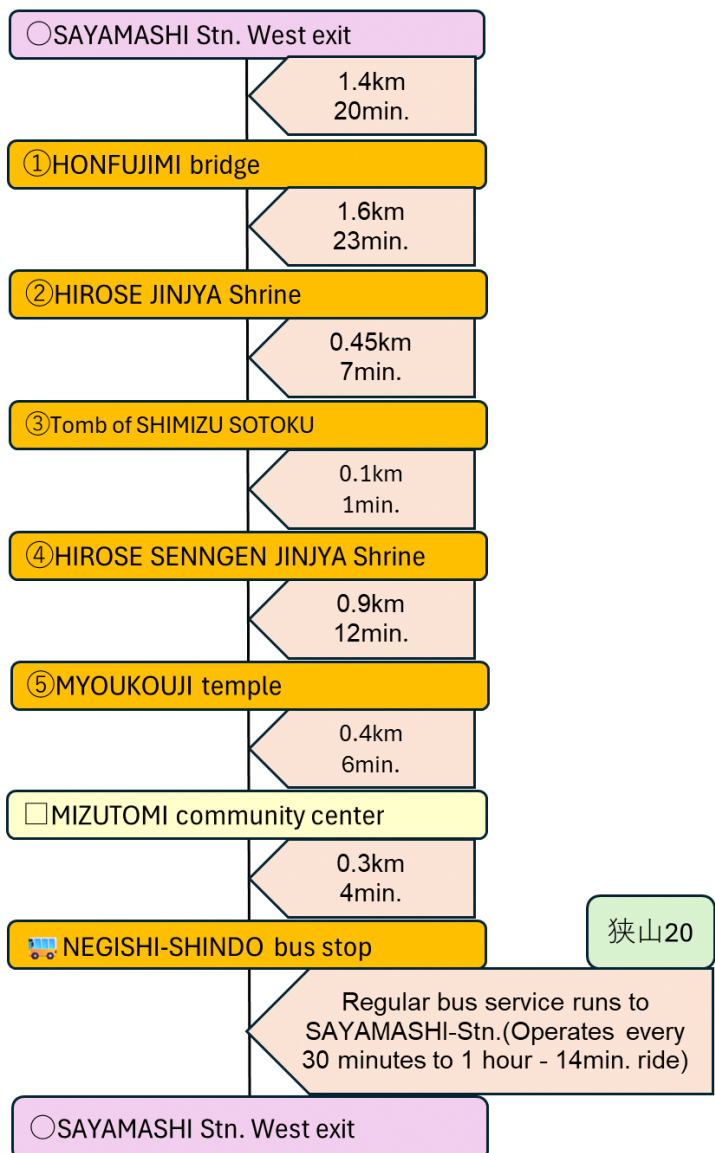
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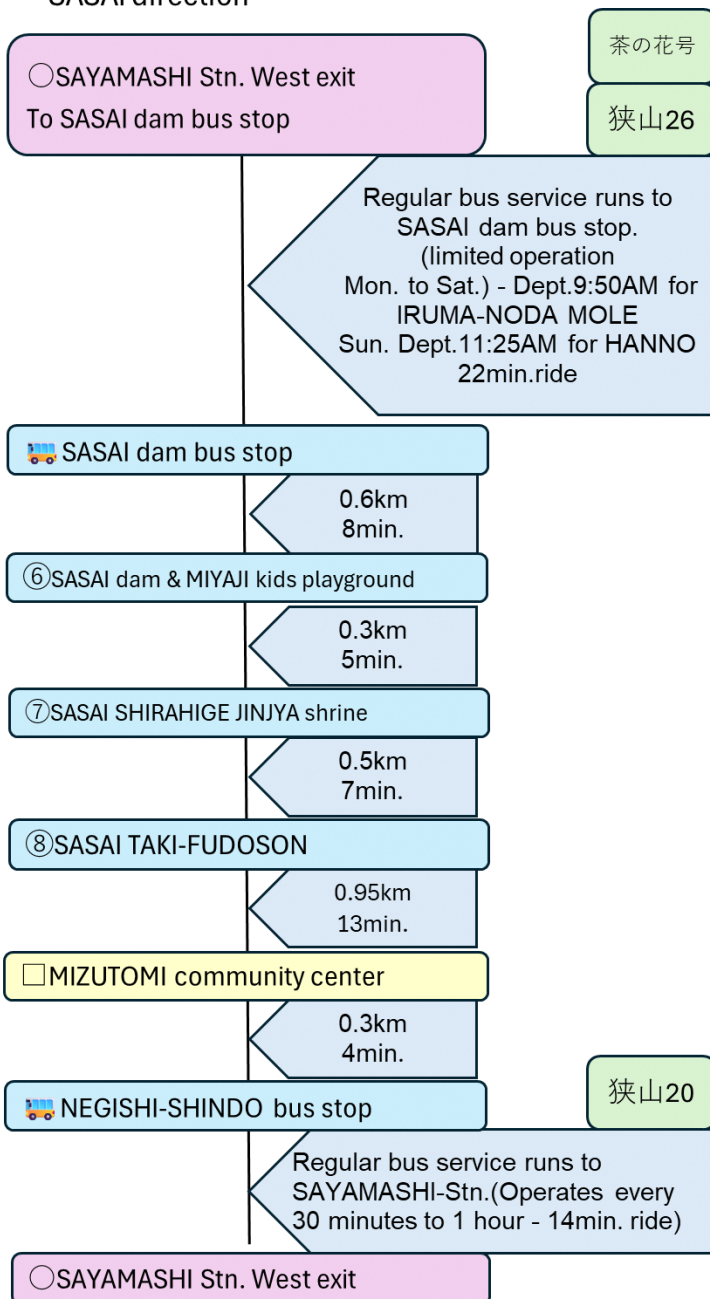
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Recommended plan HIROSE direction



Recommended plan SASAI direction



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