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IRUMAGAWA and IRUMA City Directions

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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 徳林寺 TOKURIN-JI temple

TOKURIN-JI is a temple of the SOTO-SHU (Buddhist sect). The principal image is a statue of SHAKAMUNI-NYORAI. It was handed down by the IRUMAGAWA-GOSYO (Imperial palace) site. It is said that ASHIKAGA MOTOUJI stayed in this temple during the NAMBOKUCHOU period (14th century).



② 八幡神社 HACHIMANN-JINJYA shrine



HACHIMAN-JINJYA shrine is the tutelary god of the IRUMAGAWA village (now one area of Sayama city). HACHIMANN-JINJYA SHISHIMAI (Lion Dance) is dedicated every mid-September. Sayama city specified this, and the main shrine, as cultural assets.

③ 入間川諏訪神社 IRUMAGAWA SUWA-JINJYA shrine

OSUWASAMA NO NASUTOKKE (Shinto ritual) is performed every late August. Eggplants are used as offerings and are blessed during this ritual. Sayama city specified these as intangible cultural assets.



④ 長栄寺 CHOEI-JI temple



CHOEI-JI temple is a SHINGON-SHU CHIZAN-HA (Buddhist sect) founded in 1505, according to historic records. The principal image is a statue of SENJYU KANNON BOSATU ZOU (Bodhisattva statue). There is a DAIJYO MYOUTEN DOKUSYO KUYOUTO (Character tower) in the cemetery.

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⑤ 鵜の木愛宕神社 UNOKI ATAGO-JINJYA shrine

UNOKI ATAGO-JINJYA shrine was previously in the CHOEI-JI temple. During the first Meiji period, the Japanese government ordered the separation of Buddhism and Shintoism, and the shrine was moved to INARIYAMA park.

After that, it was returned to this location once again.



⑥ 県営狭山稲荷山公園 Prefectural SAYAMA INARIYAMA Park



The US military station at Johnson Field was returned to the Japanese government post World War II.

Saitama maintained the officer housing, called HYDE PARK, as a prefectural park.

It is a famous cherry blossoms spot.

⑦ 狭山市立博物館 Sayama City Museum

Sayama City Museum opened in 1991 (Heisei 3) as a commemorative project for 35 years of municipal administration. We can see Sayama's history from the primitive era to present day. It is a permanent installation.

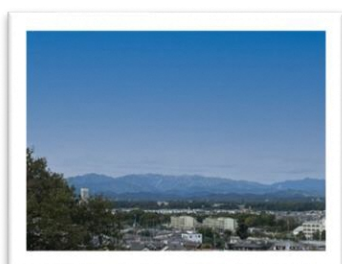
Open: Tue. to Sat. and Sun. 9:00AM to 5:00PM

Closed: Mon. National holidays & New Year's holidays (27 Dec. to 4 Jan.)

Admission fee: adults 150JPY, College and high school students 100JPY, Junior high school students and below free



⑧ 稲荷山公園の見晴台 Observation Deck in INARIYAMA Park



The oldest and best outlook observation deck is in the northeast part of INARIYAMA Park.

We can see lots of beautiful flowers, such as the KATAKURI, Cherry Blossoms, Azalea and Wild Mountain Lily on a deck slope.

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⑨ 旧石川組製糸西洋館 Old ISHIKAWAGUMI SEISHI SEIYOKAN

The old ISHIKAWAGUMI SEISHI SEIYOUKAN was built in 1920 (Taisho 10) as a guest house inviting foreign merchants. This building was designed by MUROOKA SOSHICHI (1885 - 1951), an architect from HORIGANE, Sayama city.

It is not always open, so please conform with the IRUMA Museum.

Open 10:00AM to 4:00PM

Admission fee: adult 200JPY, Group (20 or more visitors):160JPY, Junior high school students and below: free

Handicapped person: free

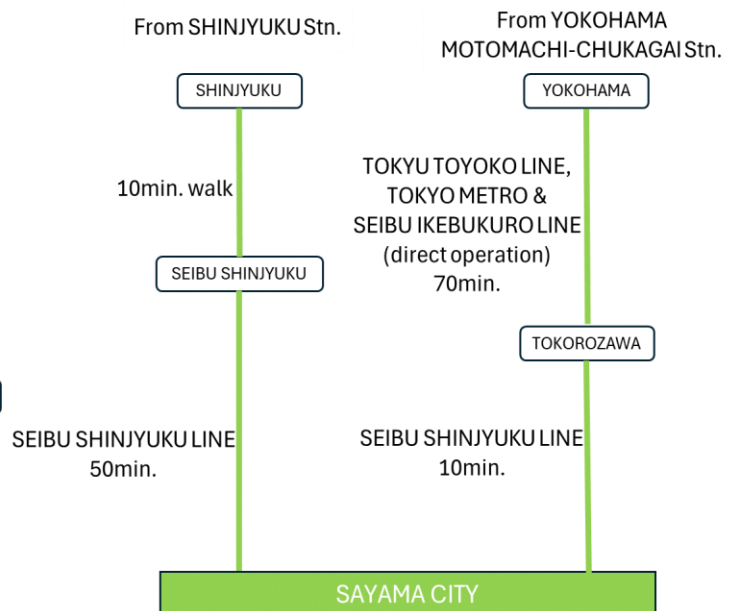
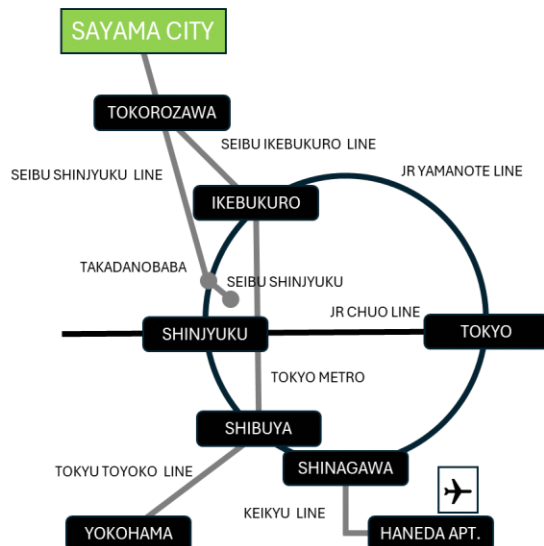


⑩ 武蔵豊岡教会 MUSASHI TOYO-OKA church



MUSASHI TOYO-OKA church is a Protestant church. The building was relocated and turned around due to the widening of National Route 16. A beautiful chapel built in the Taisho period is featured.

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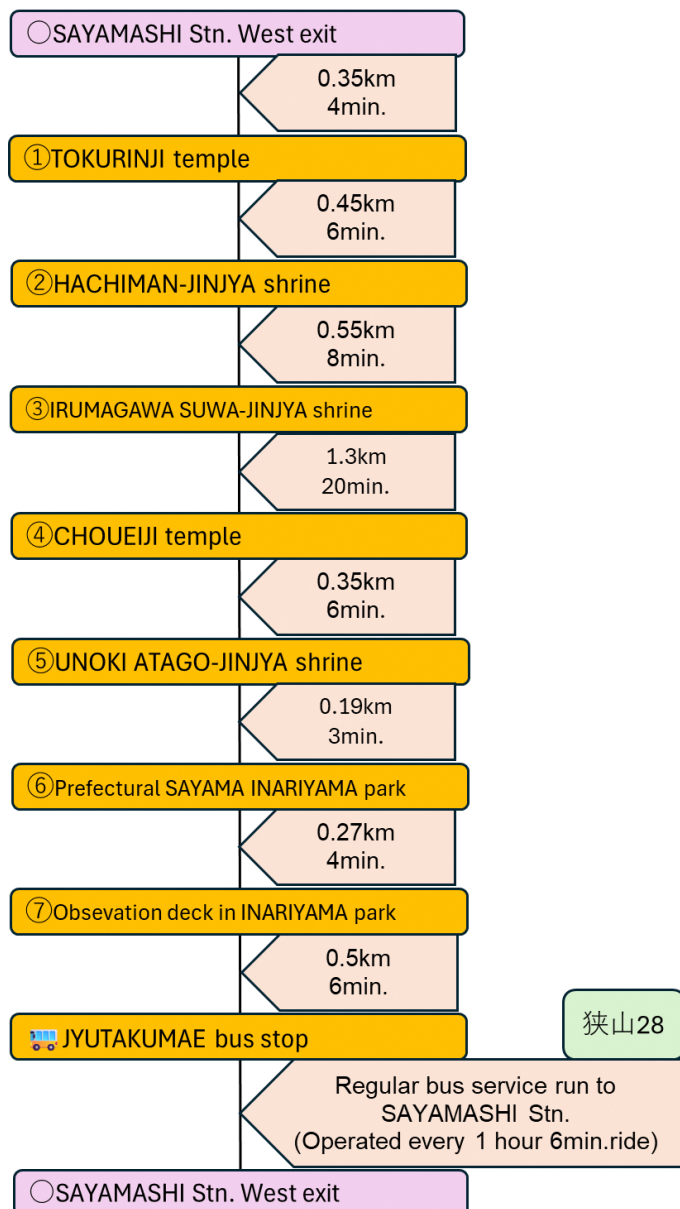


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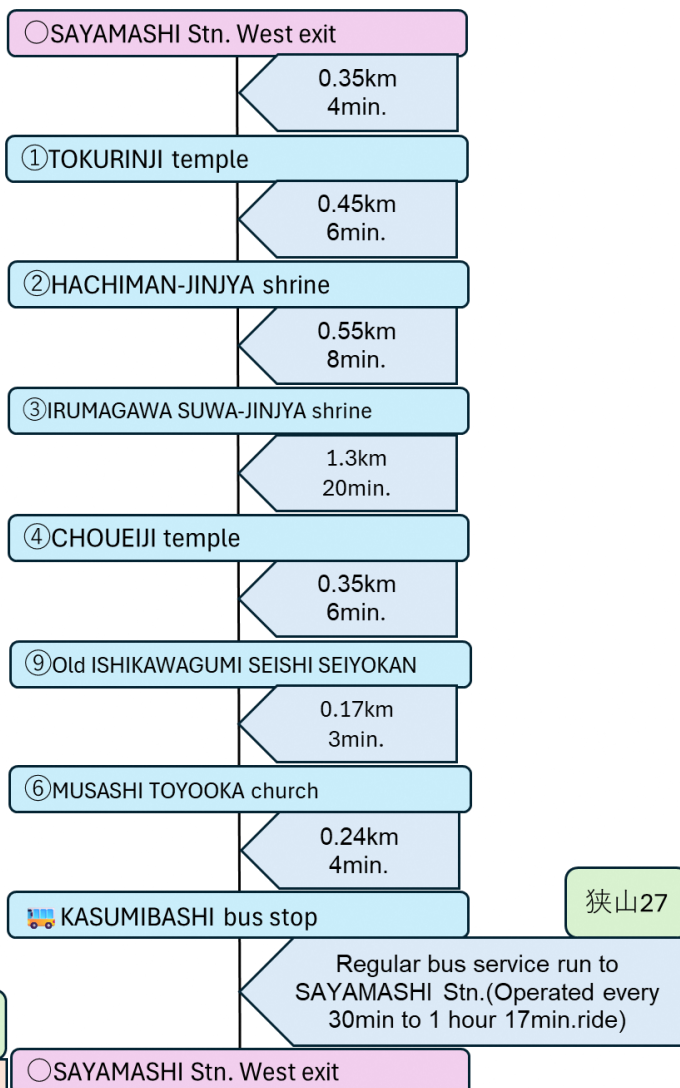
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