

Yudaonsen / Yuda Hot Spring



There are many hot springs in Yamaguchi City, starting with Yudaonsen hot springs, which is for the skin's beauty and told to be found by a white fox.



Yudaonsen Tourist Information Center

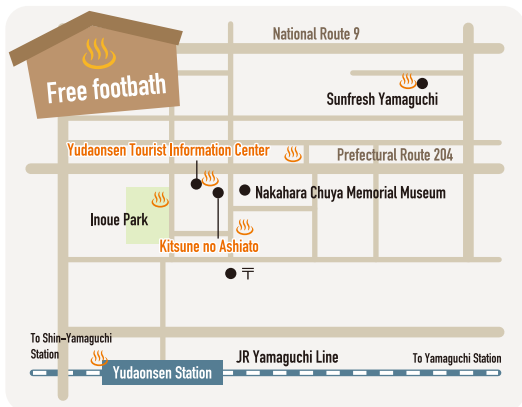


Open	9:00-18:00
TEL	083-901-0150
Address	2-1-23 Yudaonsen, Yamaguchi City
Bussiness Holiday	None

Yudaonsen Welcome Square "Kitsune no Ashiato"



Open	8:00-22:00
TEL	083-921-8818
Address	2-1-3 Yudaonsen, Yamaguchi City
Bussiness Holiday	None



There are many accommodations in Yamaguchi City mainly in the Yudaonsen area. Please stay and make your trip memorable.



More Information about Yudaonsen

Yamaguchi City tourism Information

Website:
https://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/hot_spring/page001.html



Contacts (for inquiries about Hagi Okan)

◆ Yamaguchi Tourism Convention Association

2F JR Yamaguchi Station, 2-1 Sodayu-cho, Yamaguchi, 753-0042
 tel.083-933-0088 fax.083-933-0089 Website: <https://yamaguchi-city.jp/w/en/>



◆ Hagi Tourism Association

3537-3 Tsubaki, Hagi, 758-0061 (right next to Hagi Station)
 tel.0838-25-1750 fax.0838-25-2073 Website: <https://www.hagishi.com/en/>



◆ Hofu Convention and Visitors Bureau

11-19 Matsuzakicho, Hofu, 747-0029
 tel.0835-25-2148 fax.0835-25-4537 Website: <https://visit-hofu.jp/en/>



かえらじと思いさだめし旅なれば、一入ぬるる涙松かな

Certain, as I am. There shall be no return from this journey.
 All the more do my tears wet this teary pine



42 Switchbacks

Historic Road

Hagi Okan Route Map

Hagi-Yamaguchi-Hofu





Rokken-jaya (teahouses) Site

Feel the history. Feel the nature. Let's walk on the Hagi Okan

Designated a National Historic Site (1989)

Selected by the Agency for Cultural Affairs

One of the 100 best historic roads in Japan (1996)

Selected by the Japan Walking Association

One of the 500 most beautiful roads in Japan for walking (2004/Hagi–Yamaguchi)

The Hagi Okan is an old highway of about 53 km (33 miles) connecting the castle town of Hagi (Karahi Notice Board in Hagi City) on the Sea of Japan coast to Mitajiri Port (Mitajiri Ochaya Residence in Hofu City) on the Seto Inland Sea coast.

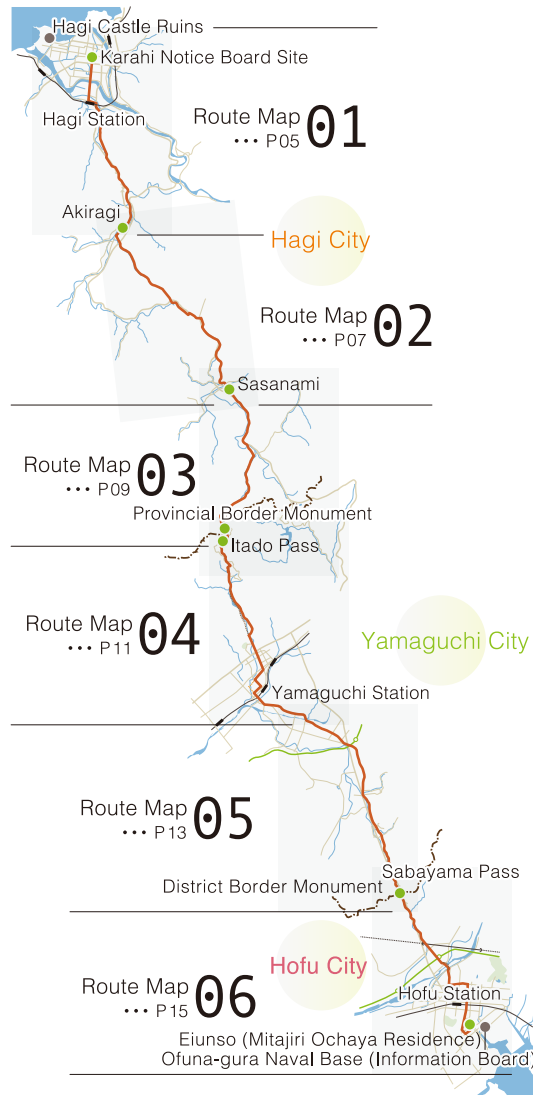
Hagi Okan: An old highway that invites you to new encounters transcending time

The Hagi Okan was developed by the Mori clan after they built Hagi Castle in 1604 as the official road for the lord to travel to and from Edo (Tokyo) to attend the Shogun in Edo every other year according to Shogunate policy.

The road connects Hagi on the Sea of Japan coast to Mitajiri Port on the Seto Inland Sea coast, in an almost straight line, with a total length of about 53 km.

For ordinary people during the Edo period (1603–1867), the Hagi Okan was an important transportation route connecting the San'in region along the Sea of Japan coast with the Sanyo region along the Seto Inland Sea coast. At the end of the Edo period, the Hagi Okan played an essential role in history, with patriotic samurai known as *shishi* (men of high purpose) coming and going along it.

The Hagi Okan preserves *ichiri-zuka* milestones, stone



Entire Route Map of Hagi Okan



Bronze Statues in front of Yoshida Shoin Memorial Hall



pavements, *chaya* teahouse sites, *kago-tateba* (palanquin stand) sites, and *kuchiya* (guard station) sites. These were necessary for the traffic of people and horses.

Most parts of the Hagi Okan road are still used as public roads. But some sections in the mountainous areas with severe ups and downs have become abandoned. The maintenance of these sections has been promoted in recent years to preserve the Hagi Okan for future generations.

The Hagi Okan is a road that the patriotic samurai ran through with the turbulent times at the end of the Edo period.

Walking the Hagi Okan would make you wonder how and with what thoughts ordinary samurai, commoners, and the patriotic samurai who served as a driving force behind the Meiji Restoration walked the same road.

Places of Scenic and Historic Interest

Recalling scenes of the past

The Hagi Okan is a historic road, not just to walk but to feel the breath of history.

Karahi Notice Board Site, in the center of Hagi: The starting point of the Hagi Okan, which connected Hagi, the domain capital, to Mitajiri in Hofu, and also the starting point of *ichiri-zuka* milestones in Suo and Nagato provinces. There also stood notice boards to announce laws and regulations from the Shogunate or the clan authorities to townspeople.

a Karahi Town Notice Board Site

Route Map 01 P06

b Namida Matsu (teary pine) Site/
Yoshida Shoin Poem Monument

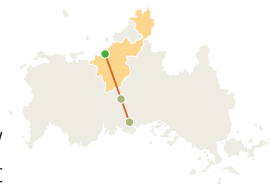
Route Map 01 P06

c Issho-dani Valley

Stone Paving

Route Map 02 P08

Hagi City



Along the Hagi Okan, there were several teahouses for travelers to rest. Among them are Rokken-jaya, or six teahouses, which used to be in the Ichinosaka area, the most difficult part of the Hagi Okan. Initially, they were six farmhouses. As there were no other houses along the way between Sasanami and Yamaguchi, the location was a good resting place for travelers. The name Rokken-jaya came from the fact that the front of the six houses were turned into teahouses to serve travelers.

a Rokken-jaya (teahouses) Site

Route Map 04 P12

b Provincial Border Monument

Route Map 03 P10

c 42 Switchbacks

Route Map 04 P12

d Tenge-sakaguchi

Route Map 04 P12

Yamaguchi City



Ships such as *goza-bune*, which were used by the feudal lords, were moored at the Ofuna-gura Naval Base, around which there were various facilities for building and repairing boats. At the end of the Edo period, Yoshida Shoin, Sakamoto Ryoma, and many other patriotic samurai traveled to and from various places via Mitajiri.

a Ofuna-gura Naval Base

(Information Board)

Route Map 06 P13

b Eiunso
(Mitajiri Ochaya Residence)

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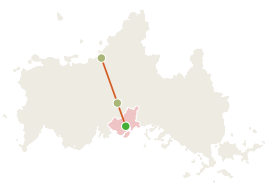
c Site of the house
where Nomura Botoni died

Route Map 06 P13

d Hofu Tenmangu Shrine

Route Map 06 P13

Hofu City

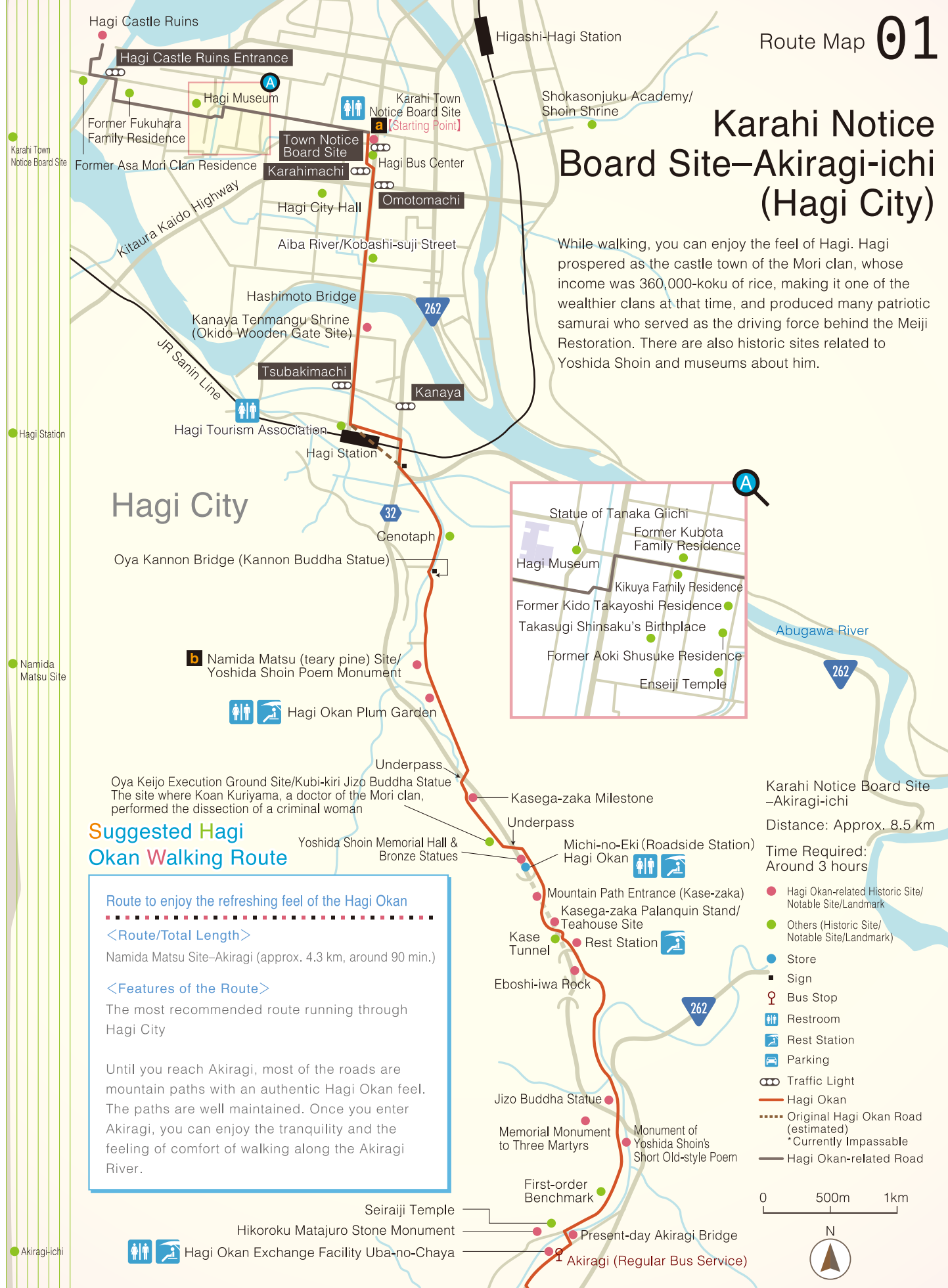


Route Map 01

Karahi Notice Board Site–Akiragi-ichi (Hagi City)

While walking, you can enjoy the feel of Hagi. Hagi prospered as the castle town of the Mori clan, whose income was 360,000-koku of rice, making it one of the wealthier clans at that time, and produced many patriotic samurai who served as the driving force behind the Meiji Restoration. There are also historic sites related to Yoshida Shoin and museums about him.

600m
500m
400m
300m
200m
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Hagi City

Oya Kannon Bridge (Kannon Buddha Statue)

b Namida Matsu (teary pine) Site/
Yoshida Shoin Poem Monument

Hagi Okan Plum Garden

Oya Keijo Execution Ground Site/Kubi-kiri Jizo Buddha Statue
The site where Koan Kuriyama, a doctor of the Mori clan, performed the dissection of a criminal woman

Suggested Hagi Okan Walking Route

Route to enjoy the refreshing feel of the Hagi Okan

<Route/Total Length>

Namida Matsu Site–Akiragi (approx. 4.3 km, around 90 min.)

<Features of the Route>

The most recommended route running through Hagi City

Until you reach Akiragi, most of the roads are mountain paths with an authentic Hagi Okan feel. The paths are well maintained. Once you enter Akiragi, you can enjoy the tranquility and the feeling of comfort of walking along the Akiragi River.

Karahi Notice Board Site–Akiragi-ichi

Distance: Approx. 8.5 km

Time Required:
Around 3 hours

- Hagi Okan-related Historic Site/Notable Site/Landmark
- Others (Historic Site/Notable Site/Landmark)

- Store
- Sign
- ♀ Bus Stop
- ♿ Restroom
- 🚉 Rest Station
- 🚗 Parking
- 🚦 Traffic Light
- Hagi Okan
- ⋯ Original Hagi Okan Road (estimated)
- ⋯ *Currently Impassable
- Hagi Okan-related Road

0 500m 1km



Route Map 02

Akiragi-ichi-Sasanami-ichi (Hagi City)

Akiragi and Sasanami developed as post towns on the Hagi Okan and prospered as "Ichi-no-Machi" (market towns) with rows of stores. Both towns still retain their charming streets, and Sasanami-ichi has gained recognition as a national important traditional building preservation district.

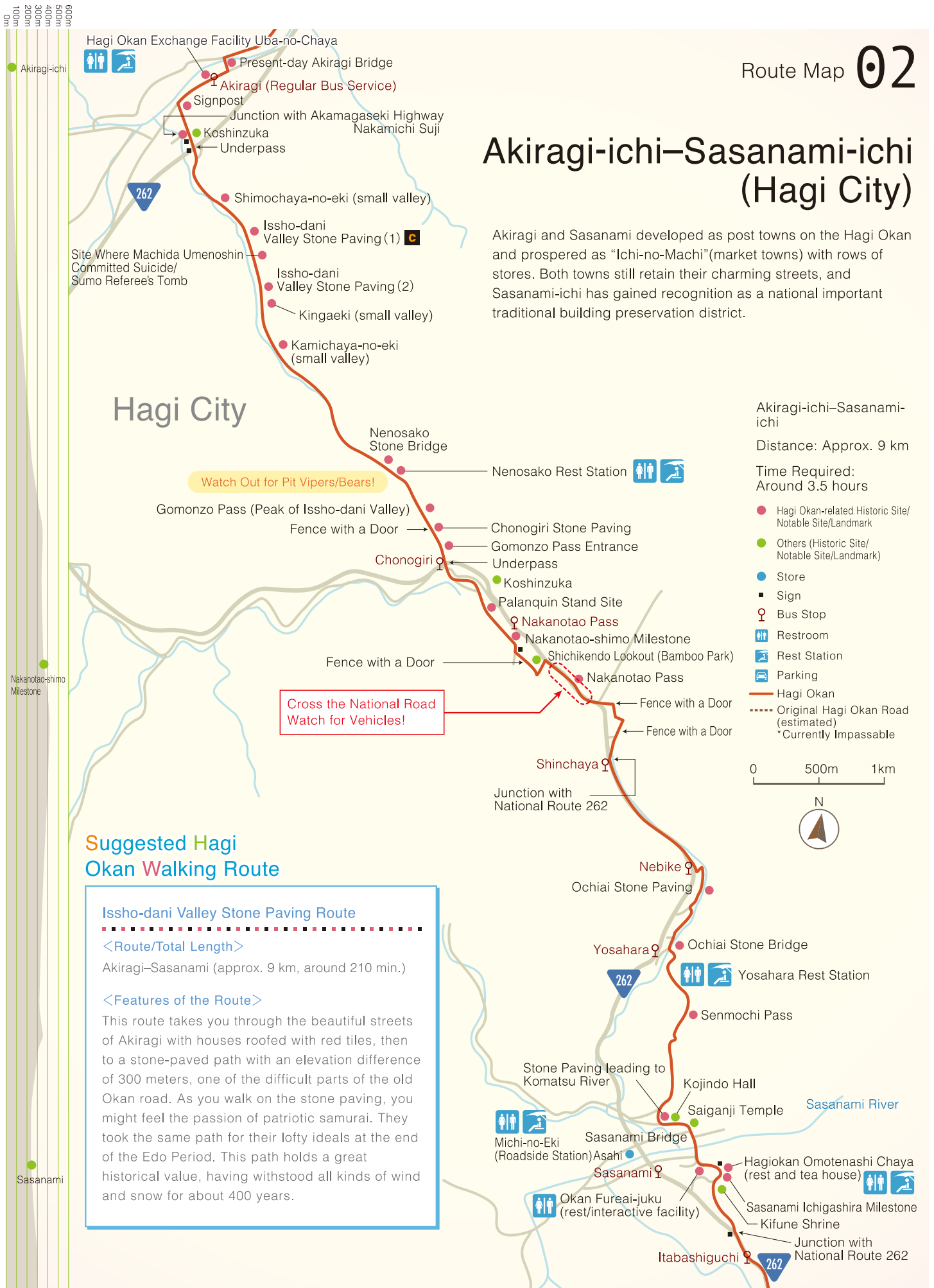
Akiragi-ichi-Sasanami-ichi

Distance: Approx. 9 km

Time Required: Around 3.5 hours

- Hagi Okan-related Historic Site/Notable Site/Landmark
- Others (Historic Site/Notable Site/Landmark)
- Store
- Sign
- ♀ Bus Stop
- Restroom
- Rest Station
- Parking
- Hagi Okan
- - - Original Hagi Okan Road (estimated)
- * Currently Impassable

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Hagi City

Watch Out for Pit Vipers/Bears!

Cross the National Road Watch for Vehicles!

Suggested Hagi Okan Walking Route

Issho-dani Valley Stone Paving Route

<Route/Total Length>

Akiragi-Sasanami (approx. 9 km, around 210 min.)

<Features of the Route>

This route takes you through the beautiful streets of Akiragi with houses roofed with red tiles, then to a stone-paved path with an elevation difference of 300 meters, one of the difficult parts of the old Okan road. As you walk on the stone paving, you might feel the passion of patriotic samurai. They took the same path for their lofty ideals at the end of the Edo Period. This path holds a great historical value, having withstood all kinds of wind and snow for about 400 years.

Route Map 03

Sasanami-ichi-Bocho Provincial Border (Hagi City)

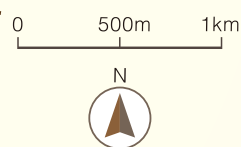
A two-meter-high monument marks the border between Nagato province and Suo province, standing at the Itado Pass, the most difficult part of the Hagi Okan; it was erected in 1808 and inscribed with "South: Yoshiki District, Suo Province" and "North: Abu District, Nagato Province." It has continued to watch over travelers coming and going.

Sasanami-ichi-Provincial Border Monument

Distance: Approx. 7.5 km

Time Required: Around 2 hours

- Hagi Okan-related Historic Site/ Notable Site/Landmark
- Others (Historic Site/ Notable Site/Landmark)
- Store
- Sign
- ♀ Bus Stop
- ♿ Restroom
- 🚶 Rest Station
- 🚗 Parking
- Hagi Okan
- - - Original Hagi Okan Road (estimated)
- * Currently Impassable



Cross the Prefectural Road
Watch for Vehicles!

Watch Out for Bears!

🌲 Forest Bathing

On some sections of the Hagi Okan, you can enjoy the therapeutic benefits of *shinrin-yoku* or forest bathing.

Recent scientific research has proven that forests have a healing effect on human health. There are several mountain path sections on the Hagi Okan, including the Itado Pass. As you walk along, you cannot only enjoy the scents, colors, and views of the forests but also expect the beneficial effects of forest bathing.

🌲 Itado Pass

The 537-meter-high Itado Pass is the most difficult part of the Hagi Okan.

To cross over the Itado Pass from the Yamaguchi side, you will face the steep 42 Switchbacks and the highest point on the Hagi Okan, the Itado Pass. Take it easy and walk according to your physical condition on that day.

Route Map 04

Bocho Provincial Border –Ouchi-mihori (Yamaguchi City)

During the Muromachi period (1336–1573), Yamaguchi was the seat of the Ouchi clan, which was at the height of its prosperity and established its own Ouchi culture in Yamaguchi. During the Edo period (1603–1867), the Mori clan took over and made Hagi the domain capital. Still, there continued a constant traffic flow between Hagi and Yamaguchi via the Hagi Okan. In 1863, the domain capital was relocated to Yamaguchi, which became the strategic base for the Meiji Restoration.

Suggested Hagi Okan Walking Route

Ichino-saka 42 Switchbacks Route

<Route/Total Length>

Provincial Border Monument–Tenge (approx. 3 km, around 90 min.)

<Features of the Route>

On this route, you can experience the difficult 42 Switchbacks of Ichinosaka.

You will pass by the remains of Himuro Icehouse where ice, once precious, was stored, the site of the Rokken-jaya teahouses, which served as a resting place for travelers, and the site of the Kinchijimi spring of cold water. The area around the Tenge district retains old-fashioned scenery with an atmosphere of the past.

Provincial Border Monument–Yamaguchi

Distance: Approx. 9 km

Time Required: Around 3 hours

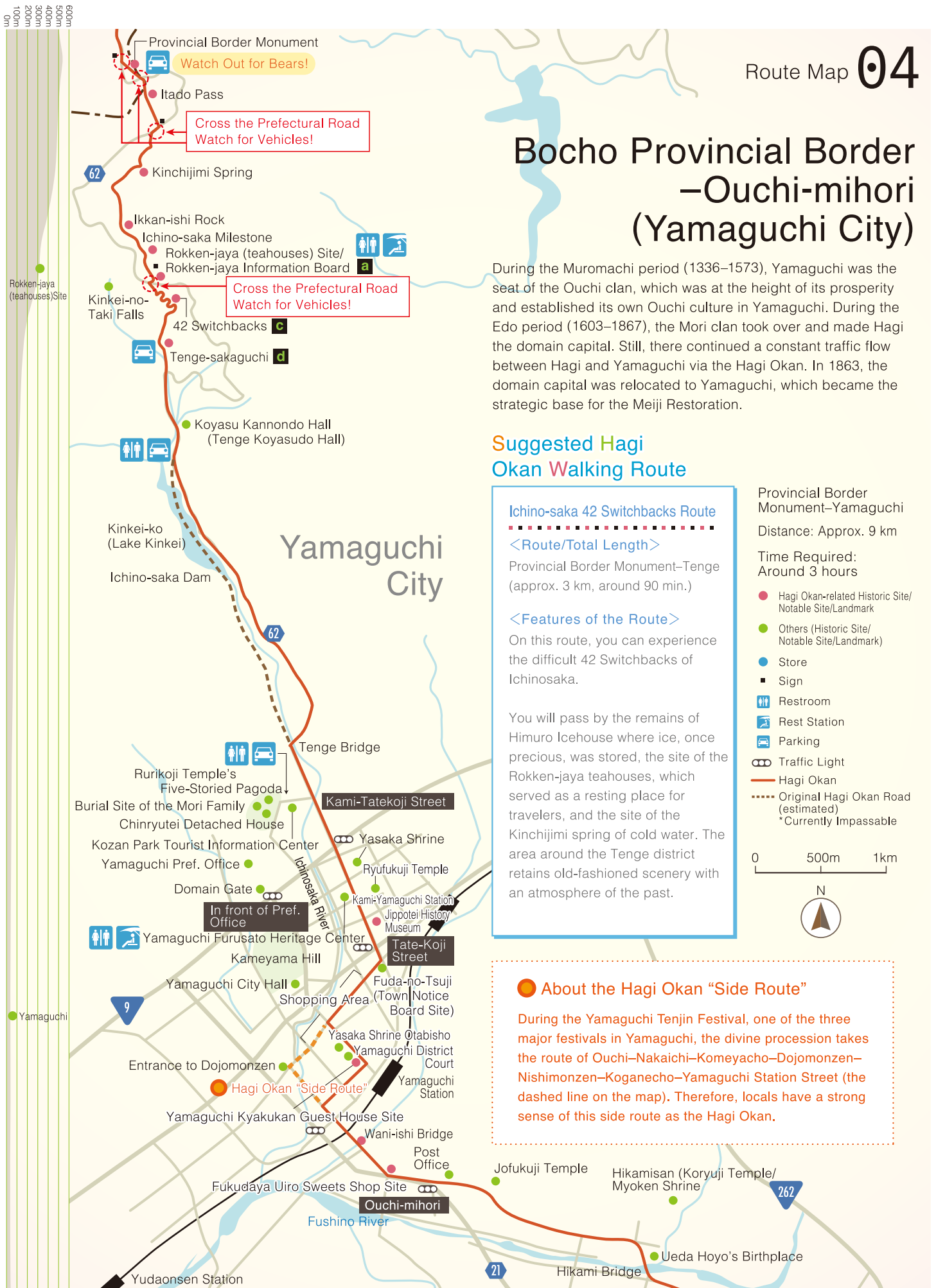
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- Others (Historic Site/Notable Site/Landmark)
- Store
- Sign
- ♿ Restroom
- ♿ Rest Station
- 🚗 Parking
- 🚦 Traffic Light
- Hagi Okan
- ⋯ Original Hagi Okan Road (estimated)
- * Currently Impassable

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About the Hagi Okan "Side Route"

During the Yamaguchi Tenjin Festival, one of the three major festivals in Yamaguchi, the divine procession takes the route of Ouchi–Nakaichi–Komeyacho–Dojomonzen–Nishimonzen–Koganecho–Yamaguchi Station Street (the dashed line on the map). Therefore, locals have a strong sense of this side route as the Hagi Okan.

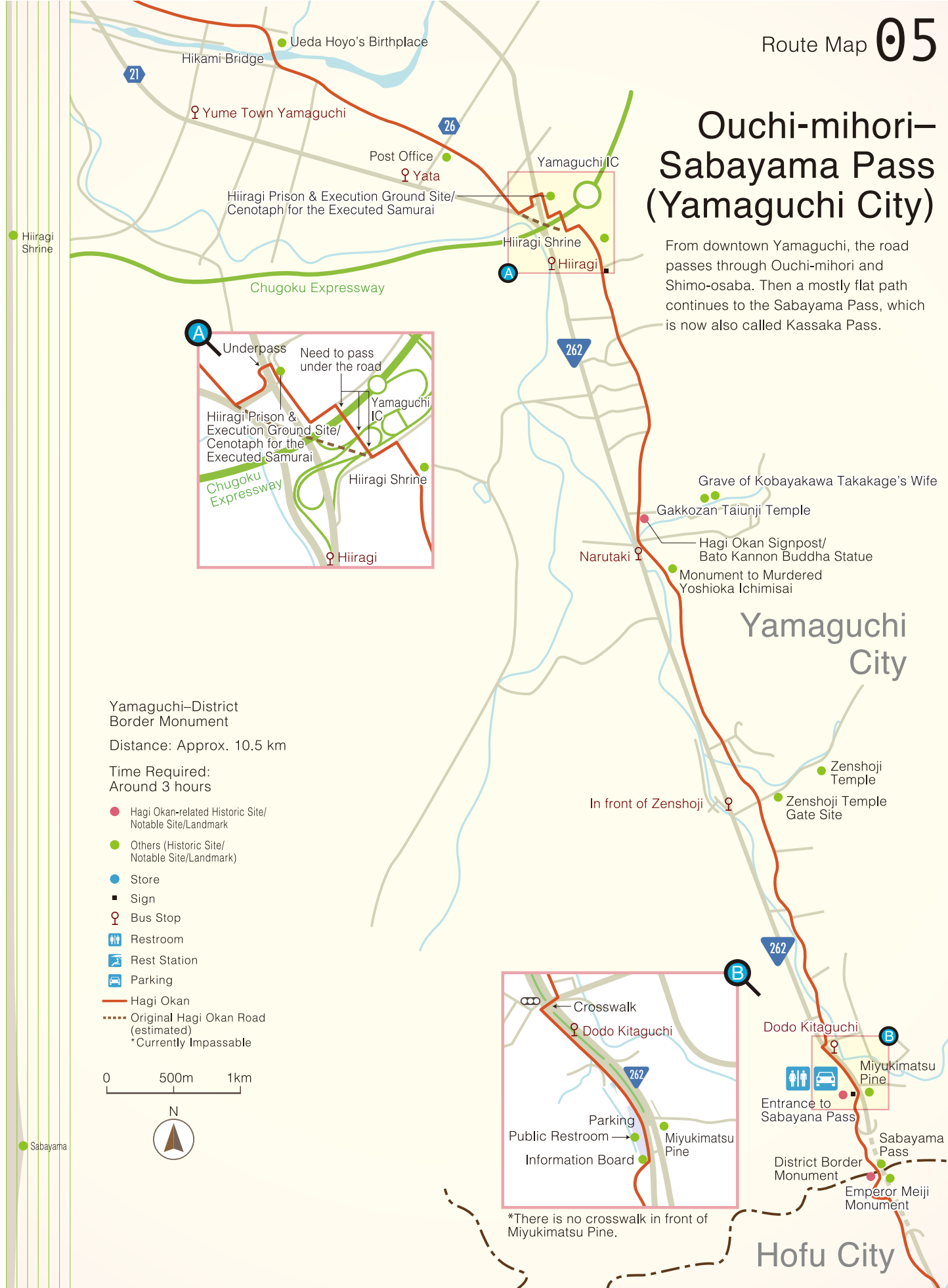


Route Map 05

Ouchi-mihori–Sabayama Pass (Yamaguchi City)

From downtown Yamaguchi, the road passes through Ouchi-mihori and Shimo-osaba. Then a mostly flat path continues to the Sabayama Pass, which is now also called Kassaka Pass.

600m
500m
400m
300m
200m
100m
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Yamaguchi–District Border Monument

Distance: Approx. 10.5 km

Time Required:
Around 3 hours

- Hagi Okan-related Historic Site/ Notable Site/Landmark
- Others (Historic Site/ Notable Site/Landmark)
- Store
- Sign
- ♀ Bus Stop
- ♿ Restroom
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- Hagi Okan
- - - Original Hagi Okan Road (estimated)
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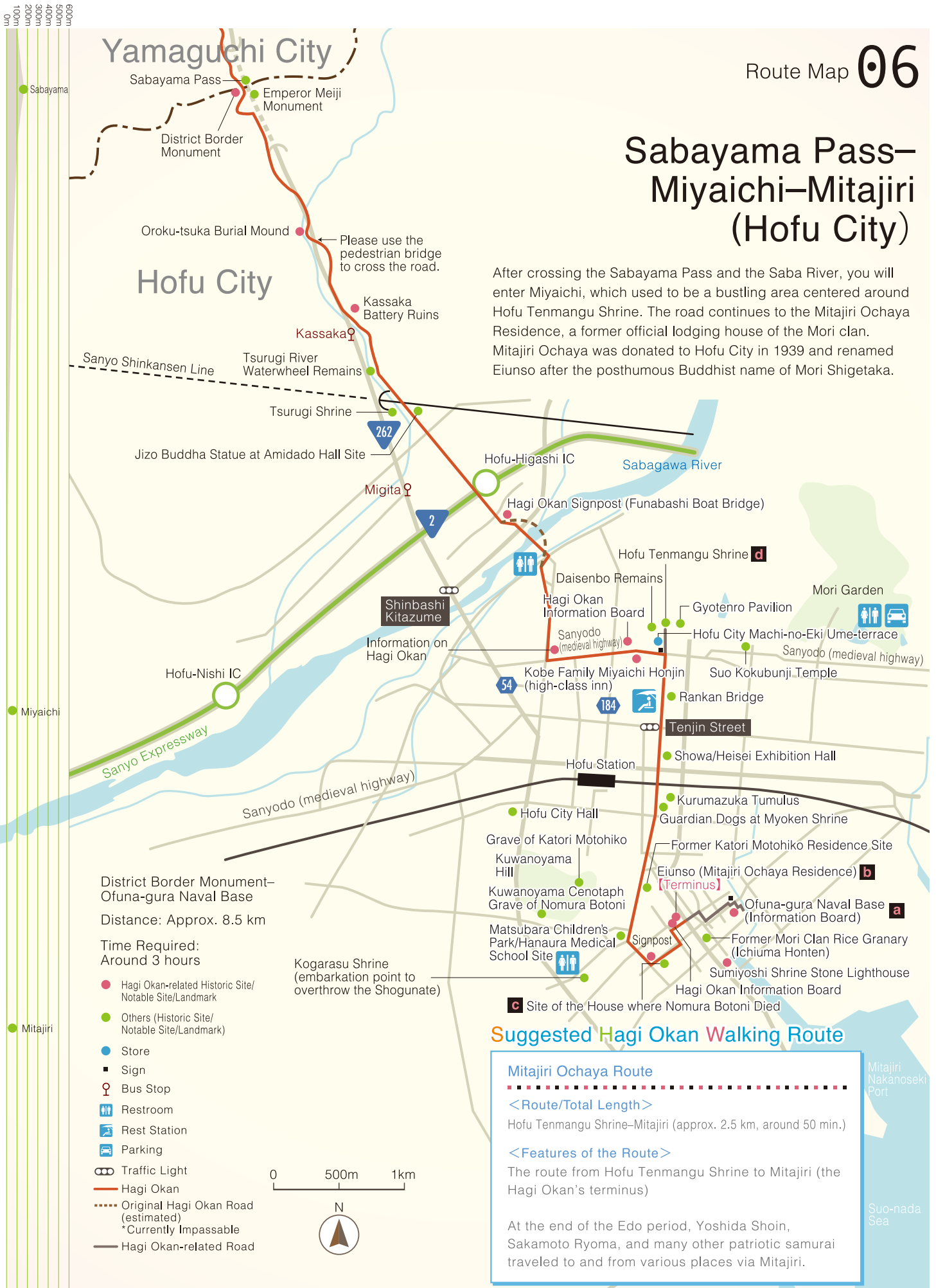


*There is no crosswalk in front of Miyukimatsu Pine.

Route Map 06

Sabayama Pass— Miyaichi—Mitajiri (Hofu City)

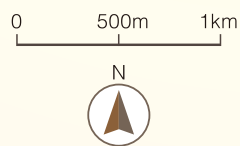
After crossing the Sabayama Pass and the Saba River, you will enter Miyaichi, which used to be a bustling area centered around Hofu Tenmangu Shrine. The road continues to the Mitajiri Ochaya Residence, a former official lodging house of the Mori clan. Mitajiri Ochaya was donated to Hofu City in 1939 and renamed Eiunso after the posthumous Buddhist name of Mori Shigetaka.



District Border Monument—
Ofuna-gura Naval Base
Distance: Approx. 8.5 km

Time Required:
Around 3 hours

- Hagi Okan-related Historic Site/
Notable Site/Landmark
- Others (Historic Site/
Notable Site/Landmark)
- Store
- Sign
- ♀ Bus Stop
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- Hagi Okan-related Road



Suggested Hagi Okan Walking Route

Mitajiri Ochaya Route

<Route/Total Length>
Hofu Tenmangu Shrine—Mitajiri (approx. 2.5 km, around 50 min.)

<Features of the Route>

The route from Hofu Tenmangu Shrine to Mitajiri (the Hagi Okan's terminus)

At the end of the Edo period, Yoshida Shoin, Sakamoto Ryoma, and many other patriotic samurai traveled to and from various places via Mitajiri.

Walking the Hagi Okan from Hagi/Yamaguchi/Hofu

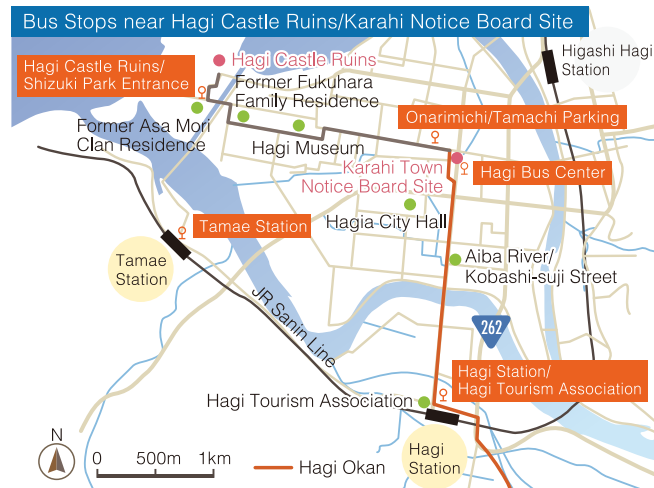
Hagi Access to the Hagi Okan (to Hagi Castle Ruins/Karahi Notice Board Site)

By bus or taxi from Hagi Station or Tamae Station on JR Sanin Line

Bus

Hagi City Circular Hop-on Bus (Western bus route called "Shinsaku-kun"). You can take the bus from Hagi Station/Tamae Station. Hagi Station is on the Hagi Okan road.

- Contact for Inquiries about the Hagi City Circular Hop-on Bus: Bocho Bus (Bocho Travel Company Hagi Office) tel. 0838-22-3811

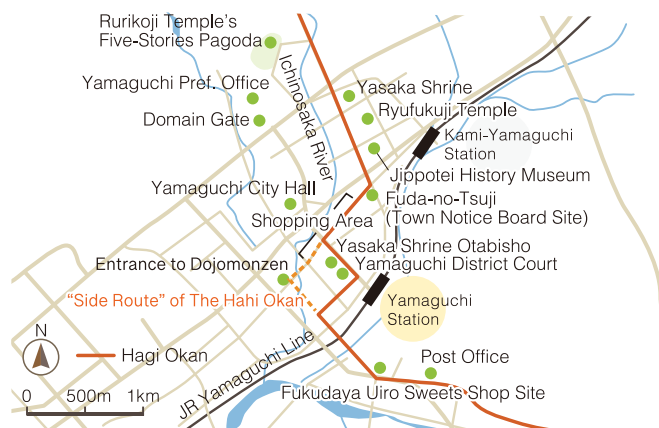


Taxi

Hagi Kintetsu Taxi	tel. 0838-22-0924	11-2 Karahimachi, Hagi
Hagi Daiichi Kotsu	tel. 0838-25-5050	3-19 Karahimachi, Hagi
Hinomaru Matsuno Taxi	tel. 0838-22-0163	17 Imafuruhagimachi, Hagi

Yamaguchi Access to the Hagi Okan

On foot from Yamaguchi Station on the JR Yamaguchi Line (about 2 min.)



Taxi

Osumi Taxi	tel. 083-922-0860	928-1 Asada, Yamaguchi
Isamuya Daiichi Taxi	tel. 083-922-1368	2096-1 Asada, Yamaguchi
Nakatsuka Taxi	tel. 083-922-0812	2-1-23 Yudaonsen, Yamaguchi
Nihon Kotsu Co., Ltd. Yamaguchi	tel. 083-922-1881	1-11-35 Yudaonsen, Yamaguchi
Yuda Miyako Taxi	tel. 083-922-0232	2-16 Kandacho, Yamaguchi
Yamano Taxi/Yamaguchi Kotsu	tel. 083-928-1940	2-3 Asakura, Yamaguchi
Flower Taxi	tel. 083-902-6869	812-2 Kurokawa, Yamaguchi

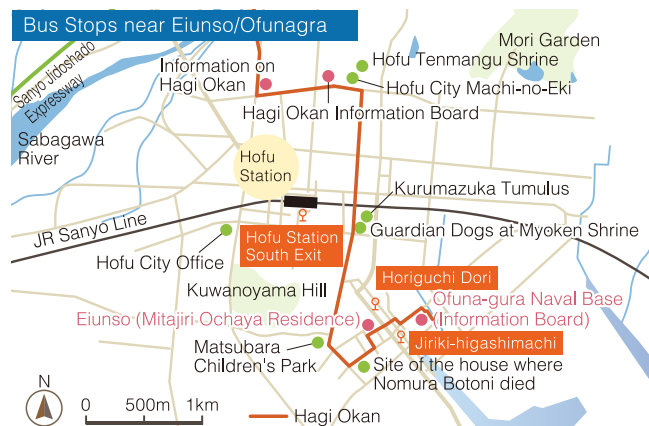
Hofu Access to the Hagi Okan (to Eiuonso/Ofuna-gura)

By bus or taxi from Hofu Station on JR Sanyo Line

Bus

Local bus from the south exit of Hofu Station (Minato Exit)

- Take a bus from Hofu Station South Exit bus stop.
Hofu Station South Exit → Kurumazuka → Higashi Kurumazuka →
Horiguchi Dori → **Jiriki-higashimachi** ••
- Contact: Bocho Bus (Bocho Travel Company Hofu Office) tel. 0835-22-3765



Taxi

Hofu-konai Taxi	tel. 0120-77-6333	14-27 Shinbashicho, Hofu
Hinomaru Taxi	tel. 0120-78-0897	Kohama-55 Hamakata, Hofu
Hinanai Taxi	tel. 0835-22-0471	2-5-2 Hachioji, Hofu
Nihon Kotsu Co., Ltd. Hofu	tel. 0835-22-0988	776-3 Tajima, Hofu
Suo Taxi	tel. 0835-22-2730	1-2-37 Midorimachi, Hofu

A local bus route runs along the Hagi Okan (National Route 262).

Akiragi and Sasanami can be reached by local bus from Hagi/Yamaguchi. For more information, please contact the following:

- Chugoku JR Bus Yamaguchi Branch tel. 083-922-2519
<http://www.chugoku-jrbus.co.jp/>
- Bocho Bus (Bocho Travel Company Hagi Office) tel. 0838-22-3811
<http://www.bochobus.co.jp/>

Access to Yamaguchi Prefecture

