

Totsukawa Onsen Hot Spring Aficionado Paradise

Totsukawa Onsen 十津川温泉 is an isolated hot spring paradise located in the heart of the Kii mountains. It is a small community spread thinly along the riverside squeezed next to the base of steep mountains. The main settlement overlooks a man-made lake formed by a dam downstream.



Kakenagashi

This mountain community is famous for the quality and amount of pure hot spring water which is used without recirculation or *Kakenagashi* かけ流し. Each accommodation features a hot spring bath and enjoying a soak in the soothing mineral waters is a must for any visit.

Hotel Subaru

Hotel Subaru is located along the Kohechi pilgrimage route. It is a large facility with lodging, restaurant, small souvenir shop, day use hot spring baths, and hot spring pool.



Even if you are not staying there it is worth a short rest stop. There is a bus stop in front of the building.

Yaen Bridge

A Yaen "bridge" is a self-propelled cable car. The passenger sits in the cart and pulls along with rope. This is the old fashion way of crossing the steep gorges and rivers in the area. Yaen is written with the characters "野猿", which directly translated means "wild monkey".

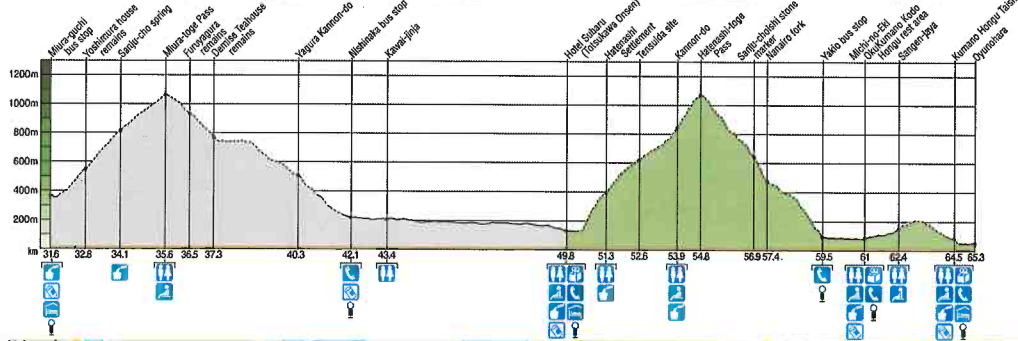


Yaen are now used more for visitors to experience than for actual transportation use. There is a Yaen behind the Hotel Subaru.



Hatenashi-toge Pass (Totsukawa Onsen~Kumano Hongu Taisha)

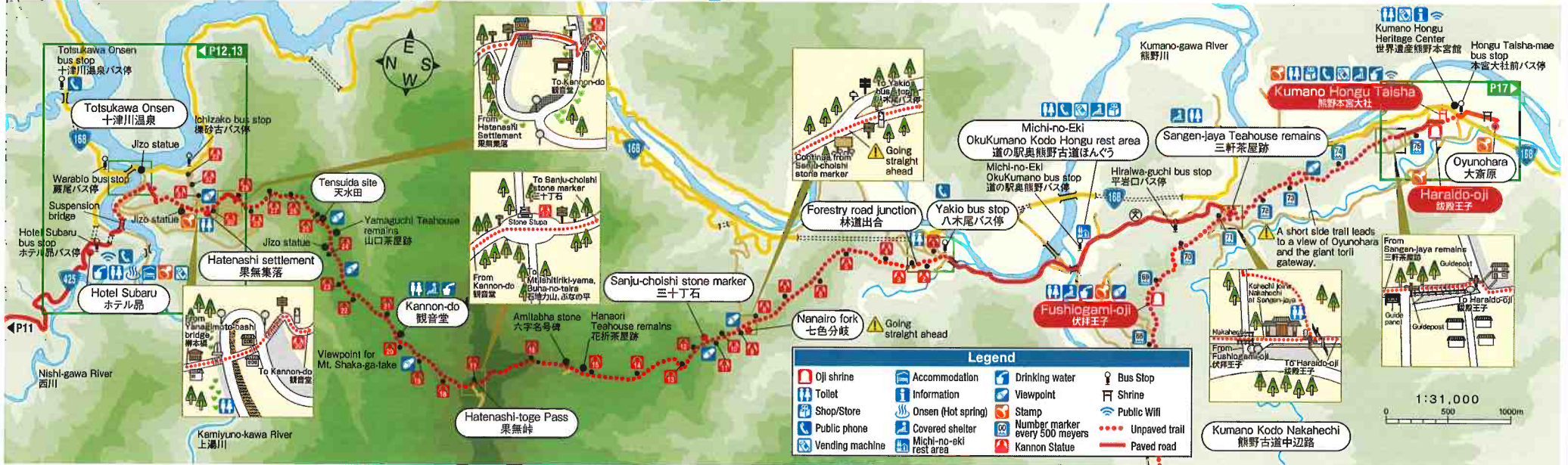
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Hatenashi Trailhead



Yakio Trailhead



Hongu Area



Kumano Hongu Heritage Center

The Kumano Hongu Heritage Center is the focal point for visitor information in Hongu. There are two halls: North and South.

In the South hall is the tourist information center and permanent exhibitions about the World Heritage property "Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range".

The North hall features permanent exhibitions about the Hongu area, a multi-purpose hall and temporary exhibition space. Permanent exhibitions are bilingual Japanese and English.

This center is a must visit for those interested in learning more about the region's unique cultural landscape.

Hours: 9:00~17:00 (Open year-round)

Free Admission



Tsuboyu Bath

Tsuboyu is a historic bath in the creek near the center of Yunomine Onsen.

Capacity: 1~2 people
Time: up to 30 minutes private use
Price: 800 yen, 12 and under 400 yen
Hours: 6:00~21:00

First come, first serve. Buy tickets at the counter near Toko-ji temple.

※ No swimming suits, soap or shampoo allowed.
LINK www.tb-kumano.jp/en/onsen/yunomine/tsuboyu



Japan's Spiritual Hot Spring

Yunomine Onsen is an isolated hot spring tucked into a small valley. It is one of the oldest hot springs in Japan and intimately connected to the Kumano Kodo as pilgrims used the hot mineral waters for purification rites.

