

Hiking from Nikko Station

Stroll amidst the fresh green of the Kanman trail while visiting the World Heritage Shrines and Temple of Nikko

This hiking course takes you on the Kanman path of the area known as a "Ura-Nikko" as you visit the World Heritage Shrines and Temple of Nikko, where you can feel the long history of more than 1,250 years since the founding of Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple.

Participation Method

Ekikara Hiking (Hiking from the Station) events are one-day events starting from stations throughout the eastern Japan area that anyone can participate in easily. They consist of hiking while experiencing the historical buildings and abundant nature of the areas around the stations. Participation is free of charge. On the day of the event, you can participate after signing up at the reception counter at the hiking spot!

Organization of the Event



The Day of the Event
(Reception counter at the hiking spot)
English-speaking staff is available to help you!



Collect your map at the reception counter
English maps are also available.
Wonderful special offers usable on the course!



Setting off on your hike!
Please enjoy the hiking in your own way!

Points to Note:

- You will be walking for about 3 hours so please wear sturdy clothes and shoes, etc. on the hike.
- The event will still take place even if it is raining on the day. In the event of rain please bring your rain gear with you.
- Please take all of your trash home with you. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please be advised that entrance fees are charged for the following facilities:
⇒ "Nikko Botanical Garden", "Nikko Tamozawa Imperial Villa Memorial Park", "Nikko Futarasan Shrine", "Nikko Toshogu Shrine", "Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple" and "Shinkyo Bridge".
- Some facilities are closed on certain days so please check in advance.
- There are some slippery areas close to the river, so please watch your footing.

Recommended Passes and Tickets for Getting to Nikko

JR EAST PASS
(Tohoku area)

JR EAST PASS
(Nagano, Niigata area)

JR TOKYO Wide Pass

JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

Overview of the Hiking

Hiking from Nikko Station is a limited-period hike, available on your preferred day from Saturday, April 20 to Sunday, June 30, 2019. There is no participation fee, and it would make a wonderful memory of your trip to Japan.

Date	Saturday, April 20 to Sunday, June 30, 2019
Application Time	9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Nearest Station	JR Nikko/Tobu Nikko Station
Reception Area	JR Nikko Station Tourist Information Center
Walking Time	Approx. 3 hours
Walking Distance	Approx. 8 km
Tour Fee	Free of charge
Lunch	Please bring your own.
Guide	This is not a guided tour. You are free to view sites of your own choice using the map.

Recommended Trains

From Tokyo Station		Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko No. 125	Tohoku Shinkansen Nasuno No. 253	Tohoku Shinkansen Nasuno No. 255
Tokyo station	dep.	7:32	8:28	9:16
		▼	▼	▼
	arr.	8:21	9:21	10:09
Utsunomiya station		JR Nikko Line		
	dep.	8:40	9:30	10:20
		▼	▼	▼
Nikko station	arr.	9:23	10:14	11:04

[Please note]

- JR Nikko Station is less than a 3-minute walk from Tobu Nikko Station.
- Nikko No. 1 is a through train operated together with TOBU Railway. Please keep in mind that people using a Japan Rail Pass will have to pay a separate fare to ride this train.
(JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass, JR EAST PASS (Tohoku area), JR EAST PASS (Nagano and Niigata area), and JR TOKYO Wide Pass can be used to ride this train.)

Recommended Places

Narabi Jizo



Along your journey, you will encounter a line of jizo statues, which are said to change in number on the outward and homeward legs of the hike – hence, their nickname, "bake-jizo" or "ghost jizo." Set against the splendor of the World Heritage site, you can find another side of Nikko, one with a subtle, delicate beauty.

Nikko Tamozawa Imperial Villa Memorial Park



This was originally constructed as a retirement area for Emperor Taisho (a prince at the time) in 1899, and in 1921 it took its present form. It was used by three successive Emperors and princes, starting with Emperor Taisho, until 1947. After the war it was used as a museum, accommodation, and research facility. In 2000, authorities of Tochigi prefecture spent three years refurbishing and restoring it to its former glory, and it became a memorial park.

Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple (Sanbutsudo Hall)



Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple was founded 1,250 years ago by the Priest Shodo. The temple's main building, the Sanbutsudo Hall, is the largest wooden building in the Nikko shrine and temple environs. It enshrines three Buddhist images corresponding to the three mountains of Nikko: the Thousand Armed Avalokiteshwara (Mt. Nantai), Amitabha (Mt. Nyoho), and Hayagriva (Mt. Taro).

List of places to visit

Narabi Jizo, Kanmangafuchi Abyss, Dainichi Bridge, Nikko Botanical Garden, Nikko Tamozawa Imperial Villa Memorial Park, Nikko Futarasan Shrine, Nikko Toshogu Shrine, Nikkozan Rinnoji Temple (Sanbutsudo Hall), Nikko Futarasan Shrine (Shinkyo Bridge)

All participants will receive gifts!
Original Can Badge & Hiking Map
*The Can Badge may differ from the image shown here.

Special offers for Hiking from Nikko Station participants only

[Special Offer 1]
Smartphone-touch ballpoint pen
*The ballpoint pen may differ from the image shown here.

[Special Offer 2]
Nikko Tamozawa Imperial Villa Memorial Park discount
High school students and adults: 550 yen → 450 yen
Elementary and junior high school students: 270 yen → 220 yen

From Shinjuku Station		Nikko No. 1
Shinjuku station	dep.	7:30
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Tobu Nikko station	arr.	9:28

As of April 2019.