

# Kyoshi-toge Pass from Mt. Kabuto

[Katsuragi Sutra Mound #2 (Former Shinpuku-ji Temple)]

From the second sutra mound to the vistas of Mt. Kabuto  
Hiking the old roads of Kyoshi-toge Pass

First, head from Nishinosho Station to Sainen-ji Temple. It is the temple to which the Juichimen (eleven-faced) Kannon statue of the former Shinpuku-ji Temple was relocated. Head north from the station, turn left at the end of the street, and then turn right after about 250 m. Beyond the stone marker for Sainen-ji Temple, you can see the temple with its distinctive shachihoko and komainu on its gate. From the marker, head straight north. At the end of the road, turn left and follow the road up the hill to Wakayama Kita High School. When you come to the three-way junction, turn right onto the unpaved forest road, going past the charcoal maker's home. After a while, you will come to the site of the second sutra mound, which stands far to your left out of sight.

Continue down the unpaved forest road. After arriving at the paved road, turn right. You will find Jigen-in Temple in the settlement of Sasegawa. The trail eventually turns uphill and passes by a pond before reaching Sarusaka-toge Pass. From here, you will enter the trail via the trailhead next to the prefectural road sign. There is a bench nearby from which to enjoy the southerly view.

After walking along the ridge for a while, you will see the Kinki Nature Trail signpost in front of the MBS radio tower indicating the way to Kyoshi Station, Miwa-jinja Shrine and Mt. Kabuto. Take a left and head to Mt. Kabuto to enjoy the view. To reach Miwa-jinja Shrine, return to the paved road and continue on without returning to the signpost. Once you reach the NHK broadcast tower, descend the trail that starts from there. Once you arrive at Miwa-jinja Shrine, go out onto the road and turn right at the intersection just north of there. Immediately turn right following the signpost for Kyoshi Station and continue along the Kinki Nature Trail. Following the signposts, cross Hachioji-toge Pass and Fujiwara-toge Pass. The trail briefly joins a public road, then turns back into a mountain trail. Eventually, you will find a signpost for Kyoshi Station on the nature trail that directs you right, taking you down and off the ridge. Descend along the river and through the village to arrive at Kyoshi Station.

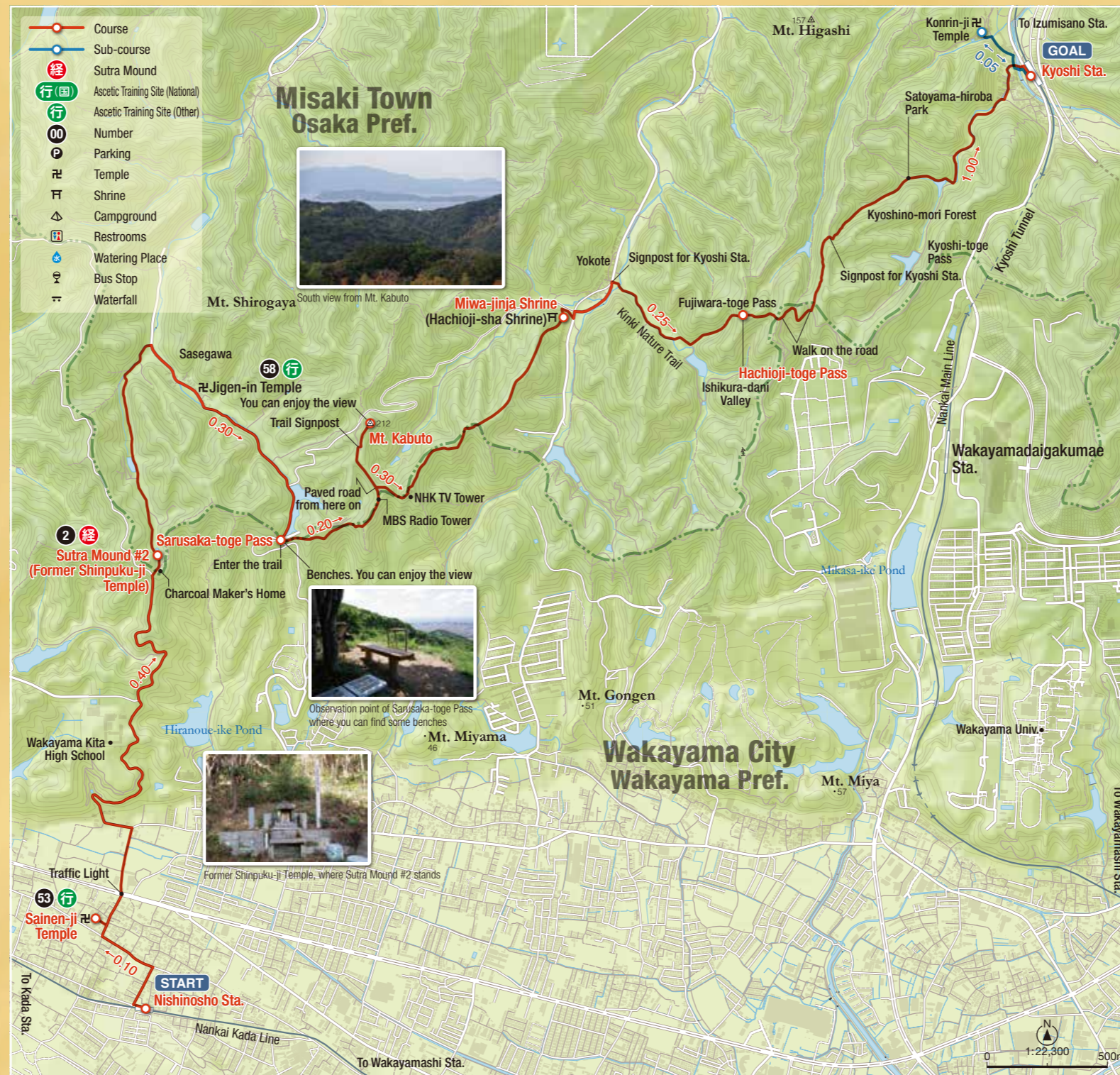
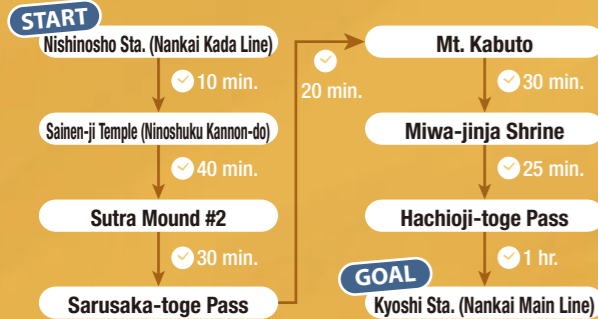
Walking Distance ◆ Approx. 11 km

Fitness Level ★★☆☆

Walking Time ◆ 3 hours 35 minutes

Skill Level ★★☆☆

Course Times



## Course Information



Sainen-ji Temple, where the Kannon-do of Shinpuku-ji Temple was relocated



The peak of Mt. Kabuto, popular with hikers for its great views



Jigen-in Temple, a destination for many ascetic practitioners



Miwa-jinja Shrine and its three stone mini shrines

## Access



## Advice

Most of the course is on the Kinki Nature Trail, which is well-maintained and has benches along the way. To reach Mt. Kabuto, go down a little from the signpost at the MBS radio tower and follow the paved road. You will find a trail on your right. A short walk from Kyoshi Station is Konrin-ji Temple, which is associated with En no Gyoja.

\*Walking distance is the horizontal distance. Course times are reference times for walking at a typical pace, not including rests.

\*This course does not exactly follow the training paths used by mountain ascetics.