Bunkyo Community Bus
B-GURU Map
Mejirodai–Kohinata Route

~ Start out from Edogawabashi, Bunkyo City ~

Mejirodai - Sekiguchi Walking Guide

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03-5928-1122
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I wonder whether I'm really in central Tokyo?

What a fabulous place!

Kanda-dori Ave.
Shinobazu-dori Ave.

Access from major stations

Train
Shinjuku 9 min
JR Shinjuku 7 min
Metro Hanzomon 7 min

Toei Bus
West Exit of Shinjuku Sta.
Shiro 1 (for Nara-shakou) → Edogawabashi
Approx. 30 min.

West Exit of Shinjuku Sta.
Edogawabashi
Approx. 10 min.

Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
7:30–18:15

Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
6:30–18:15

Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
7:30–18:15

Kodansha Mae
17
7:47–20:37

Gokokuji Temple
14
7:35–20:30

Mejirodai 2 Chome
16
7:45–20:30

Mejirodai 1 Chome
11
7:35–20:30

Higo-Hosokawa Garden
Mejiroda Park

Toei Bus connection

Gokokuji Sta.
(Yurakucho Line)
Shinobazu-dori Ave.

Mejirodai Undo Koen (Mejirodai Sports Park)
First Last
7:45–20:30

Nihon Joshi-dai Mae
(Japan Women’s Univ.)
First Last
7:45–20:30

Kodansha Mae
7:47–20:37

Some facilities offer discounts for 1-day ticket holders!

Price: single ¥100
(1-day ticket ¥300)
Service interval: 20 minutes intervals (all year round)

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Walk and Discover
A brochure of history and culinary delights
Photo taken at
Shoseikaku (Community Hall in Higo-Hosokawa Garden)

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* Information is current as of December 2015. Please confirm opening hours and prices with individual facilities or stores when visiting places mentioned in this guide.
The Wonders of Mejirodai & Sekiguchi

Unique sights for every season
Cherry trees lining the Kanda river, bioluminescent fireflies at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo, red and yellowish autumnal leaves, rare, photogenic yuki-suri (bamboo poles for preserving trees and shrubs from heavy snow) landscapes, and much much more!

Captivating topography
To the delight of topography fans, the area is blessed with unique topographical characteristics, and some of the hills such as Munatsuki-zaka Hill (meaning heart-breaking hill) even retain their Edo name.

A treasure trove of modern architecture
From the Eisei Bunko Museum to Hatoyama Hall and St. Mary’s Cathedral... These are just some examples of the modern architecture on display in Mejirodai and Sekiguchi. Why not search for more during your walk?

And of course, good food!
The area is literally teeming with stylish cafes and restaurants that have continued to win the hearts of local customers. There’s nothing like eating around when you’re enjoying a walk. Why not grab a snack from the shopping street.

Walking Tips
The starting point, Edogawabashi Sta. on the Yurakucho Line is easy to get to. Take the train from Ikebukuro for 7 minutes or the Toei Bus from Shinjuku Station or Mejiro Station without the need to change.

What a spectacular building!

Cherry blossoms in Edogawa Park
Fireflies at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
Munatsuki-zaka Hill (the “heart-breaking” hill)
Yuki-suri in Higo-Hosokawa Garden
Eisei Bunko Museum
St. Mary’s Cathedral

* Photo taken at Shoseikaku(Community Hall)

▲ Autumnal leaves at the Kodansha Noma Memorial Museum

▲ Group photo of all third year students in Professor Ishiwata’s Seminar Class at Atomi University

We went out on a walk!
REOPENED in 2016

**Higo-Hosokawa Garden**

Formerly the second home of Hosokawa, the head of the Kumamoto domain in the late Edo Period, this premises later became the family’s main residence in 1882. This park has a hill-and-pond garden. The views from the paths around the central pond offer a brilliant taste of the beauty of Japanese gardens. Following ongoing renovation work, the park will be transformed anew into a local retreat and tourist spot.

*The renovation work is due to be completed by March 2017 (except some areas).*

**Shoseikaku (Community Hall)**

The building near the park entrance was constructed in the Taisho Period and functioned as a study for the Hosokawa Family. Shoseikaku (Community Hall) reopened in January 2016 after being restored to its former glory. Visitors can enter the first floor Café Lounge Tsubaki and second floor observation gallery free of charge, which we recommend for walkers who wish to take a rest en-route. The facility also provides assembly rooms (Japanese and Western style; for a fee, reservation required).

You can enjoy green tea and kaiseki (traditional sweets of Hosokawa family).

The Western style room on the first floor can be used as a meeting room.

**Information**

- **Meijodai 1-1**
- **03-3941-2010**
- **Higo-Hosokawa Garden:** February–October, 9:00–17:00 (last admission at 16:30) November–January, 9:00–16:30 (last admission at 16:00)
- **Shoseikaku:** 9:00–21:00 (admission to Café Lounge Tsubaki and the observation gallery 9:00–17:00)
- **Free of charge (There is a charge for using the assembly rooms. Please contact the park office for more information)**
- **December 28–January 4**

**Highlights of Higo-Hosokawa Garden**

- **Kaleidoscope** (six flowers of Higo)
- ▪ Camellia
- ▪ Peony
- ▪ Iris
- ▪ Morning glory
- ▪ Chrysanthemum
- ▪ Sasanqua

- ▪ Four varieties of the closely guarded Higo rokka (camellia, peony, iris, and sasanqua), are under special cultivation in the garden.
- ▪ The flowerbeds surrounding the pond will be reconstructed based on the garden’s historical image.
- ▪ The garden is due to cater for a wider range of visitors as it becomes barrier free.
A Relaxing Walk of discovery!

Allow us to introduce the best spots we found! Please discover your own favorites.

The Kanda River is awash with greenery and in spring the cherry trees that line the streets come out to welcome visitors. You’ll be surprised that such scenery exists in the heart of the city!

In Mejiroda and Sokiguchi, there are many historical architectures and art galleries. Another great feature is many steep hills.
Nature and History in Mejirodai & Sekiguchi

Edogawabashi Sta.

Start

Edogawa Park
The park has a lot of shady arbors and rest spots. In Spring, the cherry blossoms along the river are a splendid sight.

Sekiguchi 2-1
03-6803-1252 (Bunkyo City Greenery and Park Division)

Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo
The forestlike garden at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo is an urban oasis, complete with the sound of waterfalls and birds chirping. The natural scenery of the Hotel Chinzanso is breathtaking all year round. In early summer, you can see fireflies.

Sekiguchi 2-10-8
03-3943-1111
None

Sekiguchi Basho-an
Haiku master Matsuo Basho is said to have resided here for three years from 1677. The premises is dotted with traditional gardens, offering a picture of the past.

Sekiguchi 2-11-3
03-3941-1145
10:00-16:30
Free
Monday, Tuesday, New Year’s holiday

Sui-jinja Shrine
Sui-jinja Shrine is an auspicious shrine housing the guardian deity of Kanda Waterworks, who appeared in a dream to the high priest of Hachimangu Shrine.

Mejirodai 1-1-9

Eisei Bunko Museum
Eisei Bunko Museum houses a collection of cultural properties passed down in the Hosokawa family. In the Museum, over 700 years of Hosokawa tradition quietly lives on.

Mejirodai 1-1-1
03-3941-0850
10:00-16:30 (last admission at 16:00)
General ¥900 (does not include special exhibitions)
Monday or Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday, maintenance periods, New Year’s holiday

Higo-Hosokawa Garden

Key
Address
Tel
Opening hours
Fees
Closed

Kodansha Noma Memorial Museum
The Kodansha Noma Memorial Museum exhibits cultural treasures, including the Noma Japanese Art Collection, art objects collected by Seiji Noma, the founder of Kodansha Publishing Company.

Sekiguchi 2-11-3
03-3943-0947
10:00-17:00 (last admission at 16:30)
General ¥500
Monday and Tuesday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday), New Year’s holiday, summer vacation, maintenance periods

St. Mary’s Cathedral
St. Mary’s Cathedral was designed by Kenzo Tange and completed in 1964. The building takes the form of a cross when viewed from above and is characterized by its unique, dynamic construction and stainless steel exterior cladding.

Sekiguchi 3-16-15
03-3941-3029
9:00-17:00
Free
None

Mejirodai Sports Park
The play equipment and fountain pond make the Park a great place to take your kids.

Mejirodai 1-19-20
03-3941-6153
May–August 7:30–16:30, September–April 7:30–17:00
Free (sports facilities provided for a fee, reservation required)
December 23–January 3

Hatoyama Hall
Hatoyama Hall is a Western-style residence commissioned in 1924 by politician Ichiro Hatoyama. The dome-molded stained glass and beautiful garden roses are a must-see.

Otcawa 1-7-1
03-5976-2800
10:00–16:00 (last admission at 15:30)
General: ¥600
Monday or Tuesday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)
* The Hall is closed throughout January, February, and August.

Japan Woman’s University Naruse Memorial Hall
Housed in a red-brick Romanesque building, the memorial hall features a permanent exhibition introducing the life of Jinzo Naruse, the founder of the University.

Mejirodai 2-4-1
03-5981-3376
10:00–16:30 (until 12:00 on Saturday)
Free
Sunday, Monday, national holidays

Gokokuji Temple
Gokokuji Temple is a Shingon Buddhist temple established in 1681. Its Main Hall and Gekkoden Hall have been designated as important cultural properties.

Ottsuka 5-40-1
03-3941-0764

Gokokuji Sta.

Finish

If you’re lucky, you can hear the pipe organ?

Take a leisurely break on the lawn.

And if you venture a little further...
Map of Mejirondai & Sekiguchi

There's also lots to see and do in the other parts of Bunkyo City!

Walking Tips:
- The area is easily reached from Edogawabashi Sta. and Gokokuji Sta. on the Tokyo Metro Yurakucho Line.
- Mejirondai-Sekiguchi is a peaceful, tranquil area, so please keep the noise level down during your walk!
- Please take your own garbage back.

Key:
- # Restaurant
- ✅ Restroom
- 🗺 Station

* Please also refer to the restaurant introductions on the following pages.
Take a Breather with Some Superb Gourmet Delights!

Tired of walking? Take a well-deserved break at one of the many unique cafés and restaurants.

Edogawabashi Area
Right in front of the Metro station, Edogawabashi is the perfect place for a fortifying pre-walk meal.

1. **Sushi Yanagi**
   Visitors can enjoy fresh sushi Tokyo style at a reasonable price!
   - Sekiguchi 1-48-12
   - 03-3260-1365
   - Weekdays 11:00–14:00, 17:00–22:00
   - Sunday and national holidays 11:00–21:00
   - Wednesday (open on national holidays)

2. **yurucafe**
   A hidden café with a relaxing atmosphere, the Yuru Curry from the original specialty menu is a must-try!
   - Floor 3, Mitani Bldg., Otowa 1-28-4
   - 03-6902-1490
   - 11:30–16:00, 16:00–22:00
   - (except Wednesday and Friday)
   - 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, Sunday, national holidays

3. **Totosk Kitchen**
   Totosk Kitchen offers delicious lunch sets and pancakes, and the shaved ice tastes great in summer!
   - Floor 1, Suido 2-8-3
   - 03-5981-9292
   - Wednesday–Friday 9:30–17:00
   - Saturday 12:00–18:00
   - Monday, Tuesday, Sunday, irregular holidays

4. **Suido Cafe**
   Set in a traditional Japanese house, visitors can enjoy lunch sets made from specialty ingredients from all over Japan.
   - Suido 2-6-6
   - 03-3943-9004
   - 11:30–13:30, 13:30–17:00
   - Open daily

5. **Mejiro-dori Area**
The Mejiro-dori area is home to many of the splendid attractions introduced in the Walking Guide.

6. **Vegetables Club oto no ha Café**
   Boasts a popular lineup of dishes made from organic vegetables freshly plucked from its own veg garden! Treat yourself in this warm-wood retreat!
   - Sekiguchi 2-11-31
   - 03-3942-1077
   - 9:30–17:00

7. **Taverna I**
   Exquisite Italian using seasonal ingredients. The location close to museums makes it the perfect place for a mid-walk rest.
   - Sekiguchi 3-18-4
   - 03-6912-0780
   - Weekdays 11:30–14:00 (last orders), 17:30–21:30 (last orders) Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays 12:00–21:30 (last orders)
   - Tuesday (or Wednesday if Tuesday is a national holiday)

8. **Le Pain Français Sekiguchi**
   Japan’s first classic French bread was made right here! This boulangerie has continued to win the hearts of customers for over 120 years.
   - Sekiguchi 2-3-3
   - 03-3943-1665
   - Weekdays and Saturdays 8:00–18:00
   - Sunday and national holidays 8:00–17:00
   - December 31–January 4

9. **Shinkaya**
   Loved among the locals, this soba noodle shop also offers a great range of set menus.
   - Mejirodai 3-15-2
   - 03-3941-2866
   - 11:00–20:30 (last orders)

10. **Mucha-an**
    Mucha-an is renowned for its delicious soba noodles, which visitors can enjoy while looking out on the seasonally diverse gardens of the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo.
    - Sekiguchi 2-10-8
    - 03-3943-5489
    - Weekdays 11:30–15:00 (last orders), 17:00–20:00 (last orders)
    - Saturday and Sunday 11:30–15:30 (last orders), 17:00–20:00 (last orders)
    - None

11. **I2**
    Recommended menu is tempura rice bowl or seafood rice bowl made from fresh ingredients.
    - Mejirodai 3-16-4
    - 03-3947-1136
    - 11:30–15:00, 18:00–2:00 next day
Otowa and Gokokuji Temple Area

Otowa-dori Ave., which runs in a straight line from Edogawabashi to Gokokuji Temple, was the road upon which the shogun used to travel with his retainers. Nowadays, the road is home to a number of fashionable eateries.

1. **Bistro VENCE 06140**
Casually savor genuine Provencal Cuisine from the south of France to your heart’s content.
- Floor 1, Rabaraku, Mejirodai 2-15-3
- 03-3945-3699
- 11:30–14:00 (last orders), 18:00–21:30 (last orders)
- Monday (or Wednesday if Monday is a national holiday)

2. **BRASSERIE MACHON**
Brasserie Machon offers classic French cuisine at an affordable price. A hidden gem with a great atmosphere!
- Floor 1, Iwasaki Bldg., Mejirodai 3-25-12
- 03-3944-2027
- 11:45–13:30 (last orders, lunch Thursdays only), 18:00–21:30 (last orders)
- Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday)

3. **Sushi Hamanaka**
A sushi restaurant using carefully selected fresh fish. And you can enjoy selected sake!
- Otowa 2-1-21
- 03-3947-4854
- 11:30–14:00, 17:00–23:00
- Saturday, Sunday, and national holidays

4. **Speranza**
Stone baked in a wood-fired kiln, the pizza is simply the best! Diners can also enjoy the pretty latte art.
- 105 Noble Otowa, Otowa 2-4-2
- 03-3981-9938
- 11:30–15:00, 17:30–23:30
- Sunday and national holidays

5. **Don Cicco**
This Italian boasts hugely popular stone-baked pizza only available in the evening!
- Floor 1, TID Bldg., 1-9-3 Otowa
- 03-3942-0230
- 11:30–13:30 (last orders), 18:00–22:00 (last orders)
- Wednesday

6. **Yahagi Meats**
For eats on the move, nothing beats Karaage (deep-fried chicken) and minced meat cutlets fresh out the fryer! You can take out bento, too.
- Otowa 1-21-8
- 03-3941-7873
- Weekdays 11:00–13:00, 16:00–18:30
- Saturday 11:00–13:00

7. **Taka-chan Ramen**
The double soup, which balances a seafood flavor with full-bodied tonkotsu, is easy to eat with a delightful aftertaste.
- Otowa 1-5-8
- 03-6304-1918
- 11:30–15:00, 17:00–21:00
- Sunday

8. **MANPUKU CAFE GOHAN CHACHA Mejirozaika shita**
Eat your heart out in this cute restaurant renowned for its colorful, generously portioned set meals.
- Otowa 1-25-12
- 03-6902-1171
- Tuesday–Friday 11:30–20:30
- Saturday, Sunday, Monday, and national holidays 11:30–17:00
- Irregular

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Jizo-dori Area

The Jizo-dori is home to an invariably lively shopping street! A wide variety of restaurants and shops line the streets.

Edogawabashi-dori Ave.

- **Asadaya Sweets**
  - Japanese confectionery
- **Kisaku**
  - Rice crackers
- **Minanoya**
  - Yakitori (grilled chicken)
- **Set meals/izakaya**
- **SHINTO**
  - Udon noodles
- **OKKO**
  - Western café
- **Cafe Beans**
  - Japanese café
- **GYOKUROEN Tea Room**
- **Ichirizuka**
  - Pork cutlet/ Japanese-style izakaya
- **Rakuzen**
  - Ramen noodles
- **Minanoya**
  - Ramen
- **Sushi Futaba**
- **Bandiera**
  - Italian cuisine
- **Naniwaya**
  - Italian cuisine
- **Pesce Uno fresco**
  - Fresh fish
- **Bread**
  - **arteria-bakery**
- **Buongustaio**
  - Italian groceries
- **Western café JIZO CAFE**
- **Fish sets/izakaya Uotani**
- **Creative cuisine Bonin Island Chef**
- **Japanese café**

Jizo-dori Shopping Street website → jizoudouri.dip.jp