

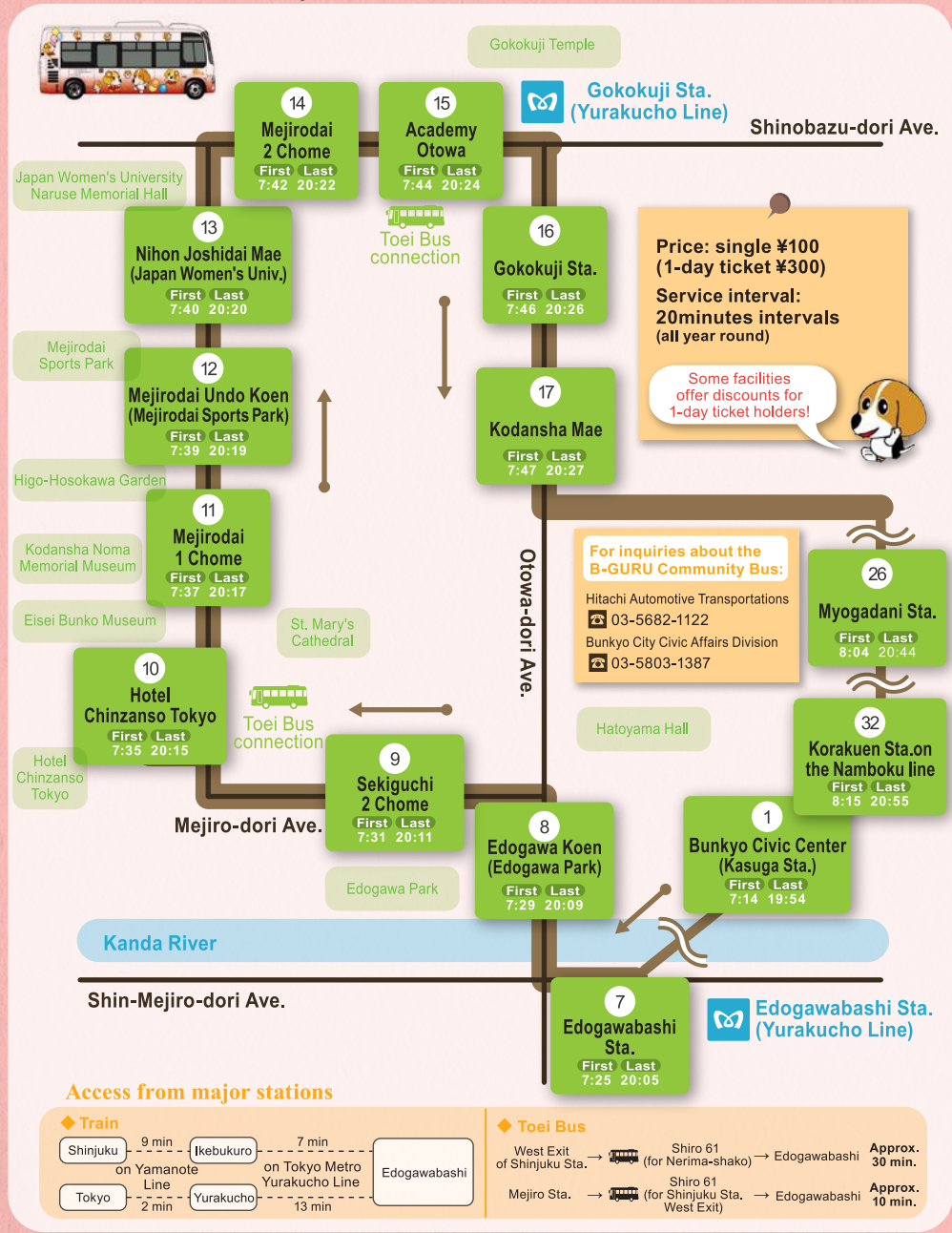


Bunkyo Community Bus B-GURU Map

Mejirodai-Kohinata Route



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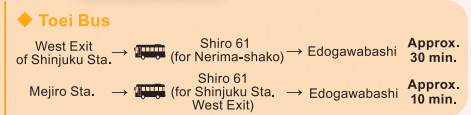
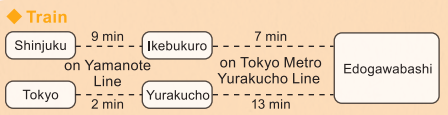


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Service interval: 20minutes intervals (all year round)

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Access from major stations



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 HP <http://www.b-kanko.jp/> ☎ 03(3811)3321 🕒 9:30-18:00
 Closed Days when the Bunkyo Civic Center is closed, New Year's holidays

* 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.

~ Start out from Edogawabashi, Bunkyo City ~

Mejirodai Sekiguchi Walking Guide



Walk and Discover
 A brochure of history and culinary delights

Photo taken at Shoseikaku (Community Hall in Higo-Hosokawa Garden)

Mejirodai & Sekiguchi

Walking Guide

The areas of Mejirodai and Sekiguchi are an urban oasis brimming with rich greenery and water features.

Allow us to introduce magical places just waiting to be explored on your walk through Mejirodai and Sekiguchi.

What a spectacular building!

We went out on a walk!



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

* Photo taken at Shoseikaku(Community Hall)

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 yukitsuri (bamboo poles for preserving trees and shrubs from heavy snow) landscapes, and much much more!

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?

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.

And of course, good food!

The area is literally teeming with stylish cafés 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.



Cherry blossoms in Edogawa Park



Fireflies at the Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo



St. Mary's Cathedral



Munatsuki-zaka Hill (the "heart-breaking" hill)



Yukitsuri in Higo-Hosokawa Garden



Eisei Bunko Museum

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.



▲ Autumnal leaves at the Kodansha Noma Memorial Museum

Higo-Hosokawa Garden & Shoseikaku

Japanese Garden of Former Hosokawa Family



REOPENED in 2016

Visitors can enjoy a superb view from the second floor observation gallery.

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).



Information

- 〒 Mejirodai 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)
- 🚪 Closed December 28–January 4

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 kaseita (traditional sweets of Hosokawa family).



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

Highlights of Higo-Hosokawa Garden

Higo Rokka (six flowers of Higo)



- ☑ 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♪



Spring cherry blossoms bloom along the Kanda River (→ p.7)



Relaxing teatime at GYOKUROEN Tea Room (→ p.14)



Slides in Edogawa Park (→ p.7)



"Kisaku" senbei (rice crackers) with plenty of varieties (→ p.14)



Golden baguettes at Le Pain Français Sekiguchi (→ p.12)



Crispy taiyaki (fish-shaped pancake filled with bean paste) at "Naniwaya" (→ p.14)



Benkeibashi, at Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo (→ p.7)



The spectacular three-storied pagoda at Hotel Chinzanso Tokyo is a must-see! (→ p.7)



Peonies(Higo Rokka) bloom at Higo-Hosokawa Garden (→ p.4)



Furomon Gate at Gokokuji Temple (→ p.8)



Encountering the history of the Hosokawa family at Eisei Bunko Museum (→ p.7)



Soba noodles with a garden view at "Mucha-an" (→ p.12)



Pizza baked in a real wood-fired kiln at "SPERANZA" (→ p.13)



Appreciate modern Japanese art at the Kodansha Noma Memorial Museum (→ p.8)

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!



Varied tit at Higo-Hosokawa Garden

In Mejirodai and Sekiguchi, there are many historical architectures and art galleries. Another great feature is many steep hills.



Teppo-zaka Hill

Nature and History in Mejirodai&Sekiguchi

 Edogawabashi Sta.



Start



A promenade along the Kanda River

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
 03-5803-1252(Bunkyo City Greenery and Park Division)

30min from the start



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
 Closed: 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


 Closed: Monday, Tuesday, New Year's holiday



Large ginkgo trees await!

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 Hachiman 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: ¥800 (does not include special exhibitions)
 Closed: Monday (or Tuesday if Monday is a national holiday), maintenance periods, New Year's holiday



40min from the start





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 2-11-30  03-3945-0947
 10:00-17:00 (last admission at 16:30)
 General: ¥500






 Closed: Monday and Tuesday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday), New Year's holiday, summer vacation, maintenance periods

70min from the start



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  Closed: None






If you're lucky, you can hear the pipe organ!?





Take a leisurely break on the lawn!

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 7:30-18:30, September-April 7:30-17:00






 Free (sports facilities provided for a fee, reservation required)

 Closed: December 29-January 3

120min from the start

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 2-8-1  03-5981-3376
 10:00-16:30 (until 12:00 on Saturday)
 Free
 Closed: Sunday, Monday, national holidays

A great little-known spot with cats!








And if you venture a little further...

A retro Taisho period western-style hall!

Hatoyama Hall

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

 Otowa 1-7-1  03-5976-2800
 10:00-16:00 (last admission at 15:30)
 General: ¥600

 Closed: Monday (or the following day if Monday is a national holiday)

* The Hall is closed throughout January, February, and August.



Gokokuji Sta. 

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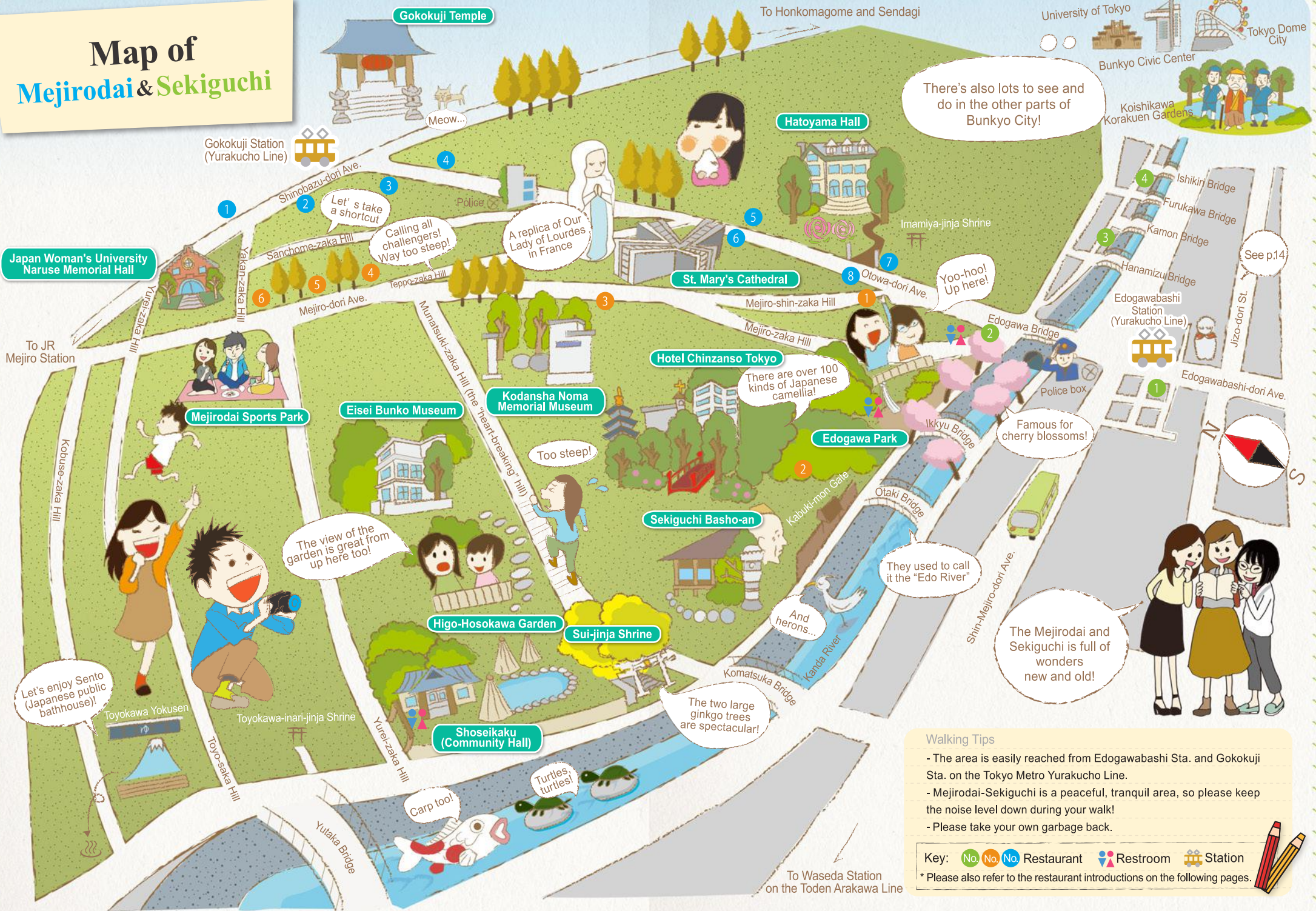
Gokokuji Temple

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

 Otsuka 5-40-1  03-3941-0764

* All timings are for guidance purposes only. We encourage you to take your time and admire the scenery en-route.

Map of Mejirodai & Sekiguchi



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

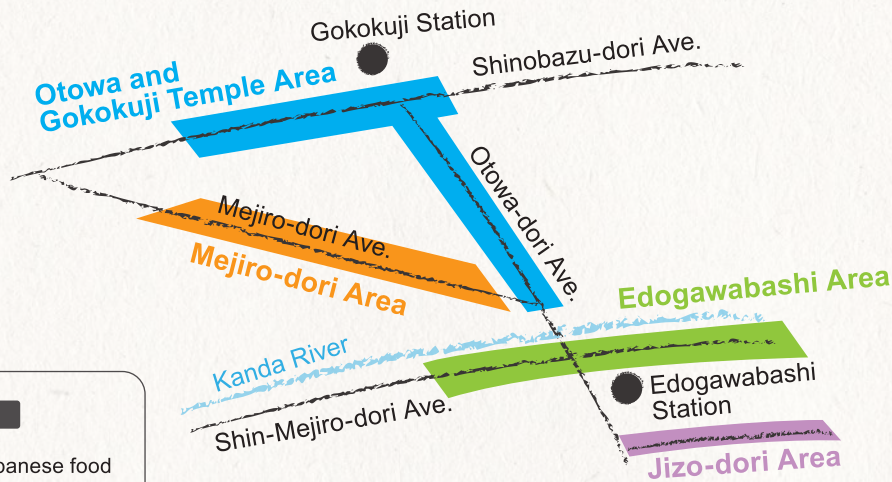
The Mejirodai and Sekiguchi is full of wonders new and old!

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

Key: No. No. No. 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.



Key

- Japanese food
- Western food
- Chinese food
- Café & bakery
- Others

Address Tel

Opening hours Closed

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 speciality 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

Mejiro-dori Area

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



1 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

2 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

4 Suido Cafe

Set in a traditional Japanese house, visitors can enjoy lunch sets made from speciality ingredients from all over Japan.

Suido 2-6-6 03-3943-9004
 11:30–13:30, 13:30–17:00
 Open daily

3 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 Monday

4 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)

5 Shinkaiya

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) Friday

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Recommended menu is tempura ricebowl or seafood ricebowl made from fresh ingredients.

Mejirodai 3-16-4 03-3947-1136
 11:30–15:00, 18:00–2:00 next day
 Monday

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 Provençal Cuisine from the south of France to your heart's content.

- 📍 Floor 1, Rabaraku, Mejirodai2-13-3
- ☎ 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 2-11-21 ☎ 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
- ☎ 03-5981-9083 🕒 11:30–15:00, 17:30–23:30
- 🚫 Sunday and national holidays



5 Don Ciccio

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 Etc.

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 🚫 Sunday

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 Mejirozaka 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

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.

Kosodate Jizo-son (Mejiro-dori Ave.)

Asadaya Sweets Japanese confectionery

Kisaku Rice crackers

Kushikatsu dengana Deep-fried skewers

Naniwaya Taiyaki (fish-shaped pancake filled with bean paste)

Rakuzen Set meals/izakaya

Minanoya Yakitori (grilled chicken)

Yoshinoya Ramen noodles

arteria-bakery Bread

Omiya Meats Meat, side dishes, bento

Buongustaio Italian groceries

SAINT ETOILE Bread

Nakanoya Bread

JIZO CAFE Western café

Uotani Fish sets/izakaya

SHINTO Udon noodles

OKKO Set meals

Cafe Beans Western café

Bonin Island Chef Creative cuisine

GYOKUROEN Tea Room Japanese café

Sushi Futaba Sushi

Bandiera Italian cuisine

Pesce Uno fresco Italian cuisine

Edogawabashi St. Stop on the B-GURU CommunityBus.

Edogawabashi Sta. (Yurakucho Line) Exit 2

Edogawabashi Sta. (Yurakucho Line) Exit 3

Kanda River

Waseda ←

→ Kasuga

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