

1 Crossing the Most Difficult Hakone Pass

Hakone Barrier, Kanagawa Prefecture – Shinmachi Bridge, Mishima City

Introduction

Hakone Pass is located at 846 meters above sea level, the slope until Nishikida Ichirizuka vicinity is called Nishizaka, a downward slope stretching until Mishima. Although crossing with the National Route many times, atmosphere of the old road is well preserved with stone pavements and rows of trees.



Hakone Barrier 1 箱根関所

The barrier and the shukuba (post station) of Hakone were established in 1619. Located at the highest place (725 meters) among the entire shukuba in the Old Tokaido, the Hakone barrier was called the "mountain barrier". It was abolished in 1869, but rebuilt in 1995.



Hakone Stone Pavement 2 箱根石畳

The Old Tokaido (Hakone) was the most difficult part with steep slippery slopes. People covered the road with bamboo for ease of walking, but due to high maintenance fee, it has been changed into a stone pavement in 1680. Every slope has a name.



Yamanaka Fort Ruins (Designated as historic site of Japan) 3 山中城跡 国指定史跡

Hojo Ujiyasu was a samurai of the Warring States Period, ruled central and western Kanagawa Prefecture. Yamanaka Castle was built by him in the 16th century and fell by Toyotomi Hideyoshi (a samurai came to power in 1590) in 1589.



Nishikida Ichirizuka (Designated as historic site of Japan) 4 錦田一里塚 国指定史跡

Nishikida Ichirizuka is a pair of ichirizuka at the 28th ri (1 ri is about 4 kilometers) from Nihonbashi in Tokyo. Ichirizuka kept on both sides of the road is very rare.



Attention

Walk along the sidewalk.

For your safety, cross the crosswalk at the Road Station.

No crosswalk. Be careful when crossing!

Original Old Tokaido Road. Impassable at present!

Explanation Board of Okarekizaka Slope 大枯木坂の説明板

Information Board 案内板

Leads to Hakone 箱根

案内板 Information Board

農場前バス停 Nojormae Bus Stop

案内板 Information Board

至三島 To Mishima

Abundant in rare plants. Treasure house of nature. Take your time and enjoy!

Pictures and sketches of noted places, special products and attractions of each season are hanging from the eaves of temples and houses in Saka area. Enjoy them while taking a rest!

石畳の歩き方 Be careful!

The stone pavement is slippery and some of the parts are collapsed. Better to wear comfortable shoes.

Old Tokaido Road Walking Route

- Sidewalk
- Sidewalk narrower than 70 cm
- Stone pavement

Legend

- Parking lot
- Picturing point
- Toilet
- Accessible toilet
- Convenience store
- Recommended route
- Row of pine trees
- AED Automated external defibrillator, AED
- Explanatory board
- View point of Mt. Fuji
- Bench
- "Michi-no-Eki" (Road station)
- Bus stop
- Cherry tree