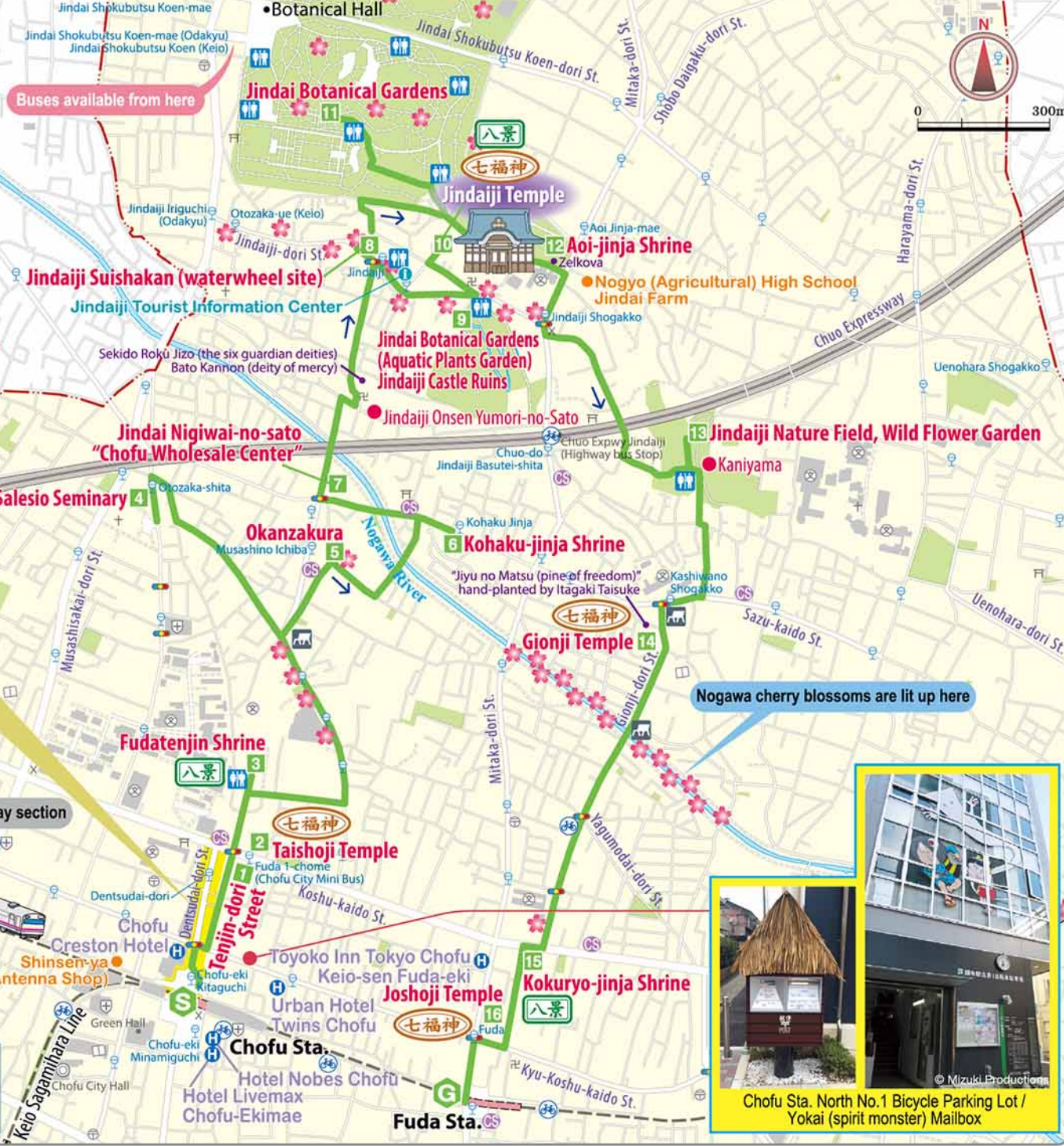
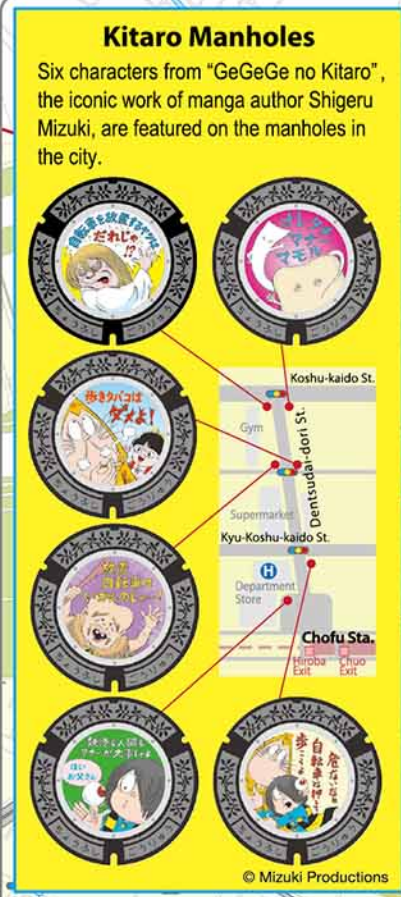


GeGeGe no Kitaro & Jindaiji Course

A course to experience GeGeGe no Kitaro, Jindaiji, nature and history

The course is surrounded by the now-scarce nature of Musashino. In the area in front of Jindaiji temple, enjoy "Jindaiji soba (buckwheat noodle)" a local specialty, and look for souvenirs.

- Chofu Sta. 2 Walking time (min.)
- 1 Tenjin-dori Street 1
 - 2 Taishoji Temple 0.5
 - 3 Fudatenjin Shrine 13
 - 4 Salesio Seminary 16
 - 5 Okanzakura 6
 - 6 Kohaku-jinja Shrine 4
 - 7 Jindai Nigiwai-no-sato "Chofu Wholesale Center" 3
 - 8 Chojin Temple 6
 - 9 Jindai Suishakan (waterwheel site) 5
 - 10 Jindaiji Temple 2
 - 11 Jindai Botanical Gardens 5
 - 12 Aoi-jinja Shrine 13
 - 13 Jindaiji Nature Field, Wild Flower Garden 8
 - 14 Gionji Temple 12
 - 15 Kokuryo-jinja Shrine 4
 - 16 Joshoji Temple 2
- Walking distance: approx. 7.6 km
- By bus "E (Oka) 21" route
- Chofu Sta. 20 Walking distance: approx. 4.8 km
- Tsutsujigaoka Sta. 20



Jindaiji Onsen Yumori-no-Sato

The first hot spring in the city. Soak yourself in blackish hot water for a warm and silky smooth skin.

2-12-2 Jindaiji-Motomachi 10:00-22:00

Open 7 days a week

11-day ticket Adults: ¥1,000 (¥1,100 for Sun./holidays) Elementary schoolers and younger: ¥600 (¥650 for Sun./holidays)

Kaniyama

A camping site lies on top of the mountain. Those who live, work, or go to schools in the city can use the place for free (limited to one group a day).

2-18 Jindaiji-Minamimachi

1 Tenjin-dori Street

A shopping street north of Chofu station, leading to the approach to Fudatenjin Shrine, where you can meet the monuments of "Kitaro" and his fellow Yokai (spirit monster).

1-chome, Fuda

2 Taishoji Temple

"Taishoji" was established in 1915 by the merger of three temples. It features an old tree, a religious monument, stone statue of a guardian deity, and the "three temples" monument.

1-22-1 Chofugaoka

3 Fudatenjin Shrine

One of the most historical shrines in Tama region, established about 1,940 years ago. The main shrine, the notice board by Taliko (regent) Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and the guardian dogs are the designated cultural properties of the city. In the manga, "GeGeGe no Kitaro" is said to live in the wooded area at the back of the shrine.

1-8-1 Chofugaoka

4 Salesio Seminary

The spiritual moment that tells the strange life story of Father Chiara, who is widely known in the history of Christianity in Japan, is the designated cultural property of the city.

3-21-12 Fujimi-cho 9:00-17:00

5 Okanzakura

This is the designated preserved tree of the city planted in 1962.

3-chome, Chofugaoka

6 Kohaku-jinja Shrine

The oldest building in the city. The main shrine was built in the early Edo period. You can see the stately monument inscribed the origin.

1-14-3 Sasumachi

7 Jindai Nigiwai-no-sato "Chofu Wholesale Center"

The center has various shops of fresh fish, meat, seafood, foodstuffs that are not available at supermarkets, confectionery and groceries. Enjoy the atmosphere of the lively market from early in the morning.

1-11-1 Jindaiji-Motomachi

* "Chofu Yasaitake" is open 7 days a week (open until 18:00)

* Hours and holidays depend on each shop.

8 Jindaiji Suishakan (waterwheel site)

Thanks to the lobbying effort of the local people, the waterwheel mill was restored and the exhibition Galleria was built.

5-10-6 Jindaiji-Motomachi (Apr.-Oct.) 9:30-17:00 (Nov.-Mar.) 9:30-16:00 Mon., Dec. 29-31

10 Jindaiji Temple

Jindaiji Temple is one of the most historical temples in the Kanto region blessed with greenery and spring water. It is said that it was established in the Nara period by Manku Shinon. Precious treasures, such as the national treasure Hakuho Buddha, and the Bonsho (bell tower), a national important cultural property, are enshrined here. In the area in front of the Jindaiji temple, there are tea houses and restaurants that offer local specialty "Jindaiji soba (buckwheat noodle)". At "Kitaro-chaya", specializing in Kitaro goods, you can enjoy the menu associated with Yokai (spirit monster).

Hakuho Buddha 6-6-1 Fuda 9:00-16:00 (reservation required) Sat/Sun, holidays, year-end/New Year

Manku Shinon 5-15-1 Jindaiji-Motomachi

11 Jindai Botanical Gardens

Approx. 48 square meters and is one of the largest of its kind in Tokyo, the botanical garden allows you to enjoy 100,000 plants that ranges in approx. 4,800 species all year round.

5-31-10 Jindaiji-Motomachi 9:30-17:00 (admission until 16:00) Mon., Tue. If Mon. is a holiday, year-end/New Year

General: ¥500 Ages 65 and above: ¥250 Junior high school students: ¥200 (free admission for junior high school students living or attending schools in Tokyo) Elementary school students and younger: Free

12 Aoi-jinja Shrine

The deity of the Jindaiji area. The old zelkova tree is approx. 34 m tall and is the designated natural treasure of the city.

5-17-10 Jindaiji-Motomachi

9 Jindai Botanical Gardens (Aquatic Plants Garden) Jindaiji Castle Ruins

The aquatic plant garden offers observations of various plants that grow by the water. The Jindaiji castle ruins consists of three walls standing side by side, and there is still remains of empty moats, earthenworks, and the tower.

2-chome, Jindaiji-Motomachi 9:30-16:30 Mon., Tue. (Tue. if Mon. is a holiday), year-end/New Year

13 Jindaiji Nature Field, Wild Flower Garden

A nature site with rich greenery. Features a camping area, resting area, and a creek where fireflies live.

1-25 Jindaiji-Minamimachi

Wild Flower Garden (Mar.-Oct.) 10:00-16:00 (Mar.-May) Mon., holidays (Jun.-Oct) Mon., holidays, 1st/3rd/5th Sat./Sun. of the month

14 Gionji Temple

The temple is said to have been founded around 729-749 A.D. Features a "Jiyu no Matsu (pine of freedom)" planted by Itagaki Taisuke.

2-18-1 Sasumachi

15 Kokuryo-jinja Shrine

The big wisteria tree inside the temple grounds is 400-500 years old. The shrine is graced with light-purple flowers from mid-April to early May, which provide a spectacular view and are called "Sennen no Fuji (wisteria of 1,000 years)".

1-7-1 Kokuryo-cho

16 Joshoji Temple

This is the temple said to be built in the Kamakura era. It is also known as "Chofu Fudosen", attracting popularity by local people.

1-2-8 Kokuryo-cho

Other Recommended Spots

1 Kami-Ishiwara: The Birthplace of Kondo Isami

Chofu is known as the birthplace of Kondo Isami, the commander of Shinsengumi, and is dotted with places related to him. In 2019, a signboard was installed in front of Nishi-Chofu Station to widely promote his birthplace and to pass it on to future generations.

1-25 Kami-Ishiwara

2 Remains of Kondo Isami's Birthplace

Today, only a well that was used for Isami's first bath remains. It was designated the historical property of the city.

1-6-8 Nomizu

3 Ryugenji Temple, Grave of Kondo Isami

The temple is said to have been founded in 1644. Kondo Isami's grave is in the graveyard at the back of the main hall, and his bust stands at the front gate.

6-3-11 Osawa, Mitaka City

Kondo Isami of the Shinsengumi

Kondo Isami, the commander of Shinsengumi applied for the member of Roshigumi, a group of protectors of the Shogunate representatives in Kyoto, and acted as a member of the Mibu Roshigumi. His hardworking paid off and his squad was given the name Shinsengumi. As a commander, he played an important role in the security effort in Kyoto. In 1864, Shinsengumi avenged the masterless samurais who had been suspected to have tried to burn down the Imperial Palace. They were awarded a prize from the shogunate and the Imperial court.

4 Chofu Airport

The runway is 800 m long and 30 m wide. It is a hub airport of routes connecting Honshu and Izu islands. In times of disaster, it also serves as the hub of emergency relief activities.

290-3 Nishimachi

5 Kakushoji Temple

A temple where manga artist Shigeru Mizuki rests in peace. Mizuki was impressed by the reliefs of Kitaro, Nezumiotoko and other Yokai (spirit monster).

1-35-5 Fujimi-cho

12 Remains of Shimofuda, Local History Museum Branch

The museum branch exhibits remains unearthed in the city. Stroll the Shimofuda Remains, which has a history of approx. 2,600 years.

6-6-1 Fuda 9:00-16:00 (reservation required) Sat/Sun, holidays, year-end/New Year

13 Nikkatsu Chofu Studio (not open to public)

A film-shooting studio complex owned by Nikkatsu, a production company that has created movies for more than a century, and produced superstars such as Yujiro Ishihara. Currently there are 5 studios, generating new works day after day.

2-8-12 Somechi

14 Walkway with a Sculpture

A walkway with 9 sculptures and 1 monument.

2-chome, Somechi

15 Somechi Walkway with Murmuring Water

The walkway runs between the thicket and the roadside trees, and is a relaxing place for the locals.

7-13 Kokuryo-cho

16 Entertainment Art Paperback PAL

Exhibits the props actually used in movies, theaters and TV. Special exhibitions are held as well.

#B1 Prestige II, 1-30-3 Kokuryo-cho 10:00-17:00 (admission until 16:30) Sat/Sun, holidays, year-end/New Year (some other temporary closings may happen as well)

General: ¥500, high school students and younger: ¥300 Group of 20 persons or more: ¥400 per person Group of 20 or more elementary/junior high students: ¥200 per person

17 Myoshoin Temple, Kasumine-jinja Shrine

Myoshoin temple is one of the seven lucky gods as the beauty goddess. Kasumine-jinja Shrine worships the god of agriculture.

Myoshoin Temple 2-19-12 Irima-cho

Kasumine-jinja Shrine 2-19-13 Irima-cho

18 Temple Town

There are six temples near Jindai High School, all of which relocated after being affected by the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1923.

1-chome, Wakaba-cho

6 Shimo-Ishiwara Hachiman-jinja Shrine

A local guardian deity since the Edo period. The Lion Heads are the city's tangible cultural properties. In "Ge Ge Ge no Kitaro", the Neko-Musume is said to live under the eaves of the main shrine.

2-1-11 Fujimi-cho

7 Kami-Ishiwara Wakamiya Hachiman-jinja Shrine

The main shrine, entirely made of zelkova wood, is highly creative and elegant. The grove of the village shrine, surrounded by the so-called "cliff greenery", has been the localites' pride over centuries.

3-5-1 Shimo-Ishiwara

9 Keio Floral Garden Ange

A European-style natural garden that shows various colors seasonally. You can enjoy events and concerts as well as barbecuing (reservation required).

4-38 Tamagawa (Mar.-Sep.) 10:00-17:30 (Oct.-Feb.) 10:00-16:30 Wed. (open when Wed. is a national holiday), year-end/New Year * Open 7 days a week in Apr./May/Oct. General: ¥500 Elementary & junior high students: ¥100 Group of 15 or more adults: ¥400 Group of 15 or more children: ¥80 * Closing May 31, 2021 (BQO-VILLAGE closing October 31, 2021)

10 Tokyo Oval Keiokaku (Keiokaku Velodrome)

A racing track of "keirin", a sport originating in Japan that has been officially included in the Olympic games since Sydney 2000. A kid's playground is also available.

4-31-1 Tamagawa

11 Kadokawa Daiei Studio (not open to public)

The studio generated a number of classic movies. Huge statues of Daimajin and Bujin gods greet the visitors at the entrance. Various memorabilia are available for purchase at the antenna shop.

6-1-1 Tamagawa

18 Mushakoji Saneatsu Memorial Hall, Saneatsu Park

Mushakoji Saneatsu made achievements in a wide range of fields such as literature, art, philosophy, and theaters. The residence he lived for 20 years has now become a park where you can enjoy seasonal nature.

1-8-30 Wakaba-cho 9:00-17:00 (library: 10:00-16:00) Mon., Tue. If Mon. is a holiday, year-end/New Year * There may be other irregular closings. * The exhibition room and the library have closing days. * The park is impassable when the park is closed. General: ¥200 Elementary & junior high students: ¥100 (Free entry for Saneatsu Park)

20 Sengawa Theater, Tokyo Art Museum

A series of buildings designed by world-renowned architect Tadao Ando.

Sengawa Theater 1-21-5 Sengawa-cho 1:21-5 Sengawa-cho 9:00-22:00 (last admission: 19:00) Mon., Tue., Wed., year-end/New Year General: ¥500 High school & college students: ¥400 Elementary & junior high students: ¥300

Tokyo Art Museum 1-21-5 Sengawa-cho 11:00-18:30 (last admission: 18:00) Mon., Tue., Wed., year-end/New Year General: ¥500 High school & college students: ¥400 Elementary & junior high students: ¥300

21 Shoujoji Temple

One of the seven lucky gods of Chofu, Jurojin, the god of happiness, longevity and harmonious family, is enshrined in this temple.

3-7-1 Sengawa-cho

22 Mayoterrace

In 1925, Kewpie became the first company in Japan to manufacture and sell mayonnaise. Mayoterrace offers hands-on experiences on the history of mayonnaise and the secrets of good taste.

Sengawa Kewport, 2-5-7 Sengawa-cho 9:30-17:00 Sat/Sun, holidays * Occasional closings / temporary openings (on Sat)

Free Advance reservation only (reservation made through Internet or by phone)

23 JAXA Chofu Aerospace Center

An aerospace research and development institution. Features a "small supersonic experimental plane" which was actually used in flight experiments, and a "space mission simulator" that allows the visitors to experience the mock-trying of a plane.

7-44-1 Jindaiji-Higashimachi 10:00-17:00 (exhibition room) Sat/Sun, holidays, year-end/New Year Free

City of Cinema Chofu

Chofu has followed the path of the times hand in hand with the movie industry. In the late 1960s, the city had three movie studios, where a string of masterpiece and stars were born. Today the city is still home to many movie and visual-related businesses, including two movie studios. Taking advantage of this local characteristic, a variety of events and projects are being held under the concept of "Create, Enjoy, and Learn".

A collection of handprint monuments unique to "City of Cinema Chofu", contributed by 64 movie persons - 30 actors, 30 actresses and 4 directors who have flourished and made a number of achievements at the Nikkatsu movie production studio in Chofu.

Gachora: "City of Cinema Chofu" cheering character

Mizuki Manga's Birthplace Chofu

Manga author Shigeru Mizuki lived in Chofu for more than 50 years and is the honorary citizen. He put out many works of popular manga, and depicted a singular world and the Yokai (spirit monster) with his distinctive sensitivity. He ended his life in 2015; he may now be enjoying himself with the Yokai (spirit monster) in the afterworld. You can meet the characters of his representative work "Ge Ge Ge no Kitaro" all over Chofu.

An event is held every year on Nov. 30 (GeGeGe anniversary), the day Shigeru Mizuki passed away, to remember the late manga artist.

水木マンガの生誕地 町お祭り ゲゲゲの鬼太郎

Event Information

Chofu Seven Lucky Gods Tour

A New Year walking pilgrimage of 7 temples in the city that worship the Seven Lucky Gods, to pray for good luck of the year.

Jan. 1-7

Jindaiji Temple: Traditional Events of the Seasons

Traditional events are held every season such as the "Daruma Fair" in spring, "Evening Breeze Festival" in summer, and "Soba (buckwheat noodle) Festival" in autumn to name a few.

Occasional

City of Cinema Chofu - Fireworks

One of the largest fireworks event of the region with a history of more than 30 years. Spectacular fireworks paint the summer sky above the majestic nature view of the Tama River. People's eyes are glued to the special program, a collaboration of fireworks and music.

Occasional

City of Cinema Chofu: Chofu Cinema Festival

A movie festival that sheds spotlight on the technical experts who support Japanese movies. "Screening of related movies, as well as movie/video-related talk shows, exhibitions, lectures and workshops also take place.

Feb.

Oh!! Kara Challenge

An event to take on a challenge to eat extra spicy food. You will get gifts according to the number of menu you try.

Occasional

Mega-Binge Walk Rally

A walk-rally event to go around tourist spots while binging on mega-size menus (3.5-person servings or more) provided by restaurants in the city. Prizes are given in accordance with the number of menus you conquer.

Occasional

Sightseeing Volunteer Guides

Guided tours are available free of charge around the Jindaiji area.

10:00-15:00 Mon., Tue. If Mon. is a holiday, year-end/New Year https://sa.gr.jp/contents/2145