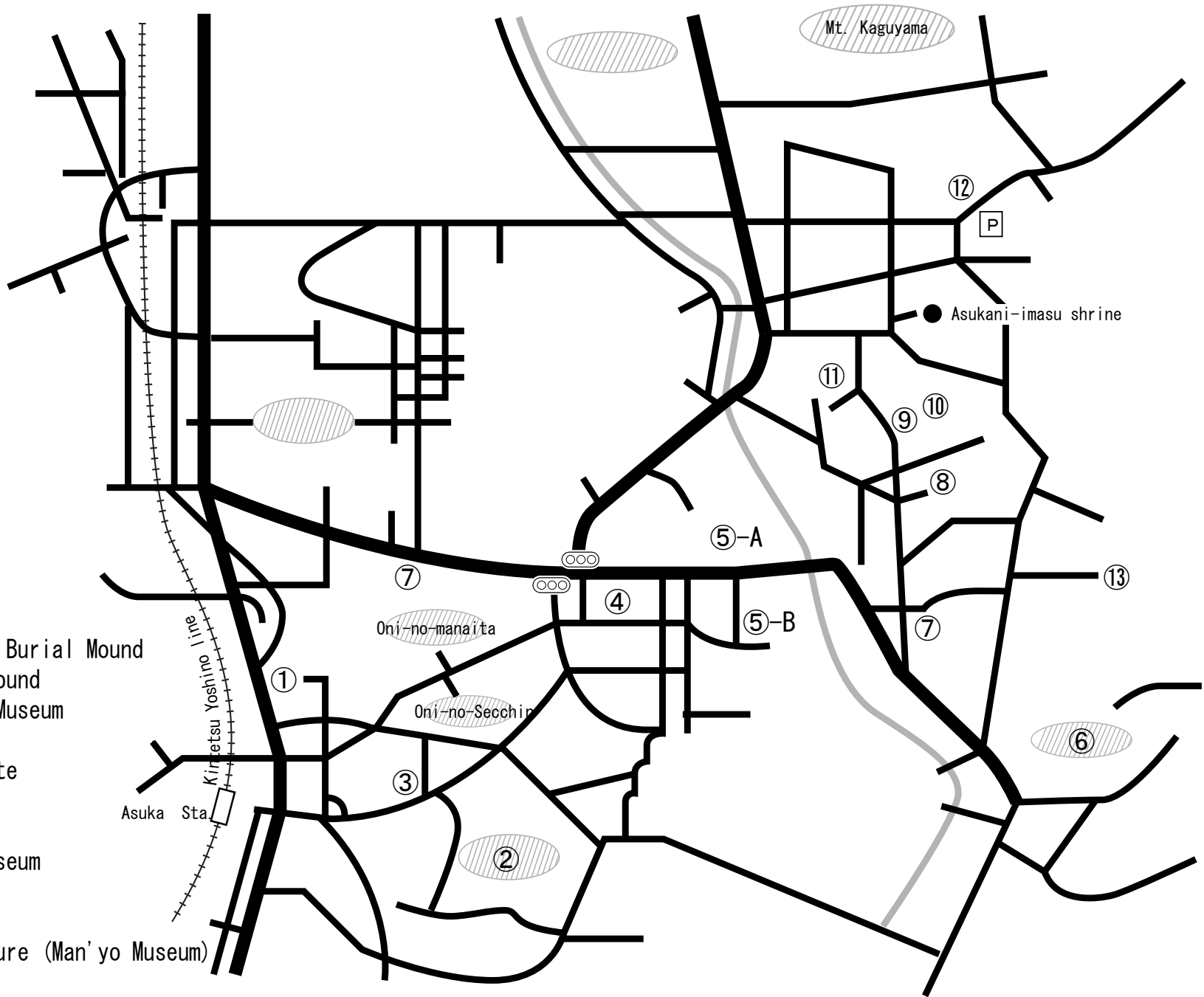


Asuka Historical National Government Park



- ① Kibitsu-hime-ookimihaka Burial Mound
- ② Takamatsuzuka Burial Mound
- ③ Asuka Historical Park Museum
- ④ Kame-ishi
- ⑤-A Kawaradera Temple Site
- ⑤-B Tachibanadera Temple
- ⑥ Ishibutai Burial Mound
- ⑦ Asuka Indigo Dyeing Museum
- ⑧ Sakafune-ishi (Stone)
- ⑨ Asuka Folk Museum
- ⑩ Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum)
- ⑪ Asukadera Temple
- ⑫ Asuka Historical Museum
- ⑬ Okadera Temple

Asuka Historical National Government Park – Sightseeing Taxi Course

Enjoy the natural environment and beautiful scenery of Asuka. Take a sightseeing taxi from either Kintetsu Kashihara Jingu-mae Station or Asuka Station. (Approximately 5 hours)

② Takamatsuzuka Burial Mound and Wall Painting Museum [250 yen] (10 minutes walk from the parking lot to the mound) Since its excavation in 1972, this 7th century tomb has become famous for its beautiful wall paintings. Currently it is only possible to view the outside of the mound as the internal environment is strictly controlled by state of the art technology. However, in 1977 a Wall Painting Museum was constructed that displays faithful replicas of the originals. ⇒ ③ Asuka Historical Park Museum [No Charge] (10 minutes walk from ②) The topographical map of Asuka on display is informative and useful for visitors to get their bearings. Vending machines for drinks and restrooms are also available. ⇒ ⑤ Kawaharadera Temple Site (⑤-A) and Tachibanadera Temple (⑤-B) [300 yen] (5 minutes taxi ride from ③) Tachibanadera Temple contains the Nimenseki Stone – carved with two human faces expressing good and evil. One of the enigmatic stones unearthed around Asuka. Nearby is Kawaradera Temple. ⇒ ⑥ Ishibutai Burial Mound [250 yen] (3 minutes taxi ride from ⑤) This burial mound has the largest side-entrance-style stone chamber in Japan. Who was laid in this chamber remains unknown. Don't miss the reproduction stone coffin nearby. Several Japanese-style restaurants are located nearby. ⇒ ⑬ Okadera Temple [300 yen] (5 minutes taxi ride from ⑥) This temple's main statue of warship is the 4.8-meter Nyoirin-kannon (Buddhist God of Mercy), the tallest sedentary Buddhist statue in Japan. The elevation of this temple lends it some fine views of Asuka. ⇒ ⑩ Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum) [600 yen] (5 minutes taxi ride from ⑬) There are so many exhibits in this museum (including historical artifacts, reproductions of people's live in history and Japanese-style paintings based on the themes of the Man'yo-shu, an anthology of poetry edited in the 8th century) that you could spend a good half-day here. It's certainly a good place when it rains! ⇒ ⑪ Asukadera Temple [300 yen] (3 minutes taxi ride from ⑩) This temple was constructed as the first full-fledged Buddhist Temple in Japan in the 6th century. Its sedentary statue of Buddha, called Asuka Daibutsu, dates back to the 7th century.

[Helpful Information]

<Wheelchair accessible facilities >

(1) Takamatsuzuka Wall Painting Museum – Get off a car at the parking lot and nearby is the barrier-free Asuka Historical Park Hall. The slope continues to the Wall Painting Museum. The interior of the museum is also barrier-free.

(2) Complex of Man'yo Culture (Man'yo Museum) – Barrier-free.

* Try a Kaki (persimmon) cake at Cafe in Complex of Man'yo Culture. (600 yen)

* All numbers above correspond with those on the map.

* 1 km (about 0.6 mile) = Approximately 15 minutes on foot.

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