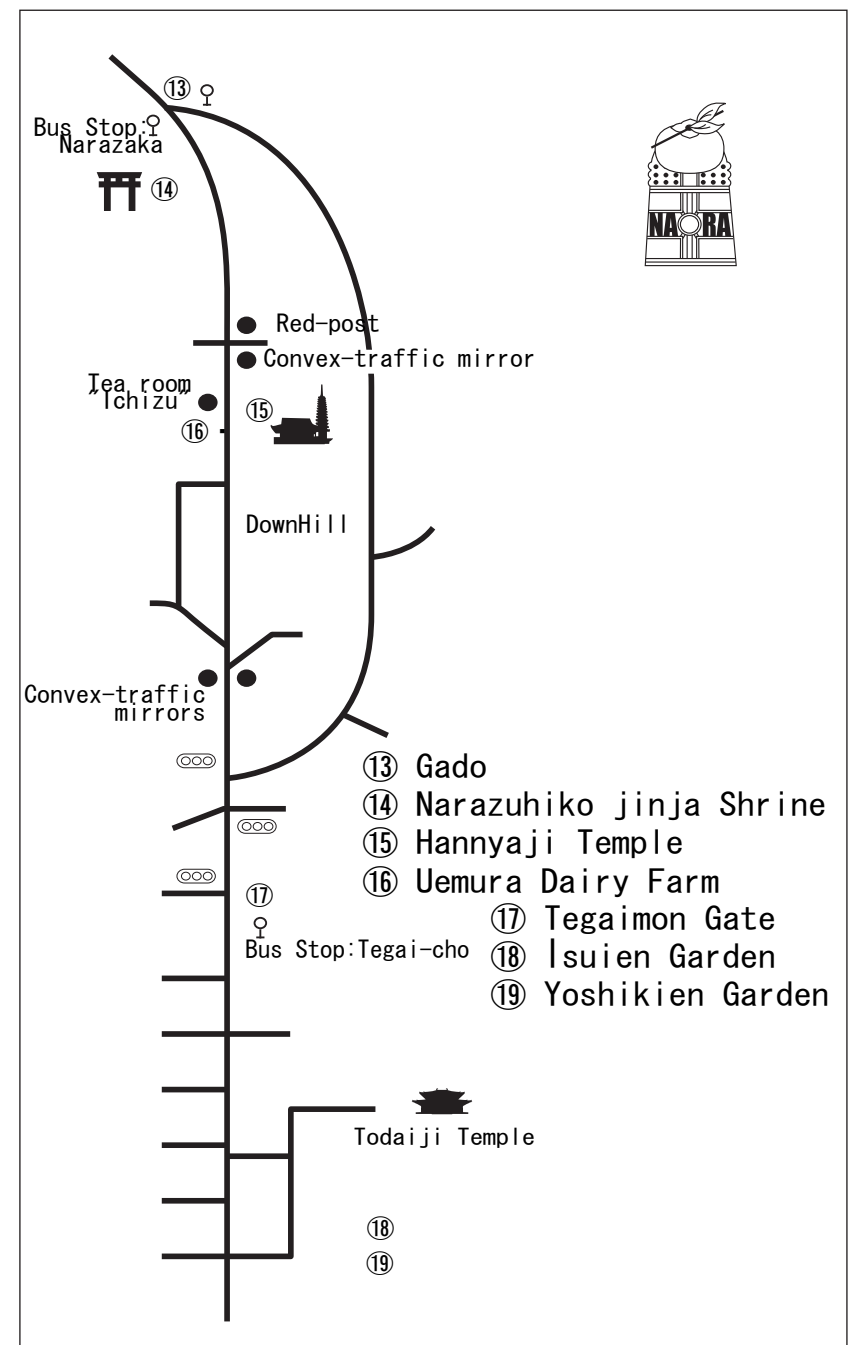
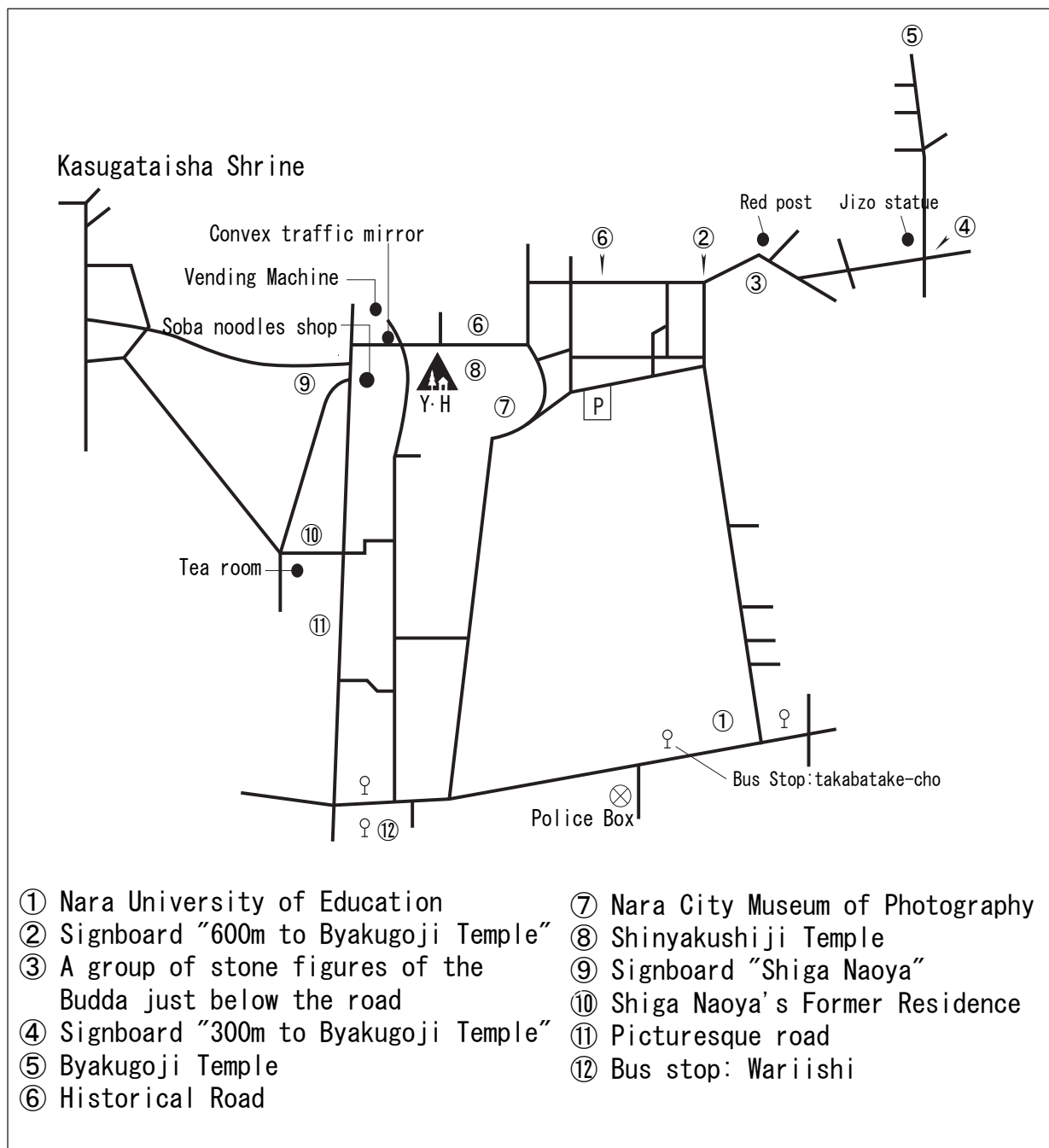


Hiking Course



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1) To Byakugoji Temple, ShinYakushiji Temple from Takabatake (About 3 hours)

[Access] Take any bus from bus stop No.1 at Kintetsu Nara Station. (Buses are also available from JR Nara Station). Get off at Takabatake-cho bus stop. Walk past Nara University of Education① and turn left. ⇒ ②Turn right, a sign saying “600m to Byakugoji(白毫寺)” ⇒ ③Come across some stone images of Buddha about three or four meters down from the right side of the road. ⇒ ④A further sign stating “300m to Byakugoji(白毫寺)” ⇒

⑤Byakugoji Temple [400 yen] is known as the “Temple of flowers”. From the entrance you can enjoy a fine view of the city. ⇒ Return to ② ⇒ ⑥Following the “Historical Road” which continues 27km in Nara City, you can see several cultural assets in the 8th century along the way. ⇒ ⑦Nara City Museum of Photography [500 yen] Exhibits photographs relating to Nara, especially masterpieces of the Late Taikichi Irie, a famous local photographer. ⇒ Go back to ⑥ and then continue along the path to ⑧Shin Yakushiji Temple [500 yen] In the Main Hall which was built in the 8th century, a 190cm high statue of Yakushi Nyorai, is surrounded by twelve guardians called juni Shinsho. ⇒ ⑨When you arrive at the broad road, enter an alley to the west alongside the sign for “Naoya Shiga’s Former Residence” across the road from a soba noodle restaurant. ⇒ ⑩Naoya Shiga(1883-1971)’s Former Residence [350 yen] He was a famous Japanese writer. His house acted as a literary salon for many great artists. ⇒ ⑪Walk along this picturesque road and on to Wariishi bus stop. ⇒ ⑫Take a bus for Kintetsu or JR Nara Stations.

2) To Yoshikien or Isuien Garden passing Narazuhiko Shrine, Hannyaji Temple, Uemura Dairy Farm and Tegaimon Gate of Todaiji Temple from Narazaka (About 3 hours)

[Access] Take any of the following buses from Kintetsu Nara Station: numbers 27, 81, 117, 118, 150,152, (Buses are also available from JR Nara Station). Get off at Narazaka bus stop.

⑬ “Gado” (a Japanese roof tile factory) ⇒ ⑭Narazuhiko Shrine [No charge] (2 minutes from ⑬) This is the birthplace of Sarugaku, (the original Noh drama). Around the back is a huge camphor tree, a natural treasure. ⇒ ⑮Hannyaji Temple [400 yen] (10 minutes from ⑭) was founded in the 7th century by a Korean priest. It has many national treasures and cultural assets, including a thirteen-storied stone pagoda, and the Romon-Tower Gate. The cosmos flowers here are famous. ⇒ ⑯ “Uemura Dairy Farm” [No charge] This is the only surviving pasture in Nara City. Ice cream and other dairy products are sold here. A bottle of milk costs 120 yen and an ice cream goes for 150 yen. ⇒ ⑰Tegaimon Gate of Todaiji Temple (National treasure) [No charge] (20 minutes from ⑯) It is a gable-style gate with traditional Japanese roof tiles and was built in the 8th century. For those already tired out by all these excursions, Tegai-cho bus stop for Kintetsu or JR Nara Stations is nearby the gate. ⇒ ⑱Isuien Garden [600 yen] (15 minutes from ⑰) or ⑲Yoshikien Garden [250 yen] . Why not take a well-earned rest in the serenity of a traditional-style Japanese garden?