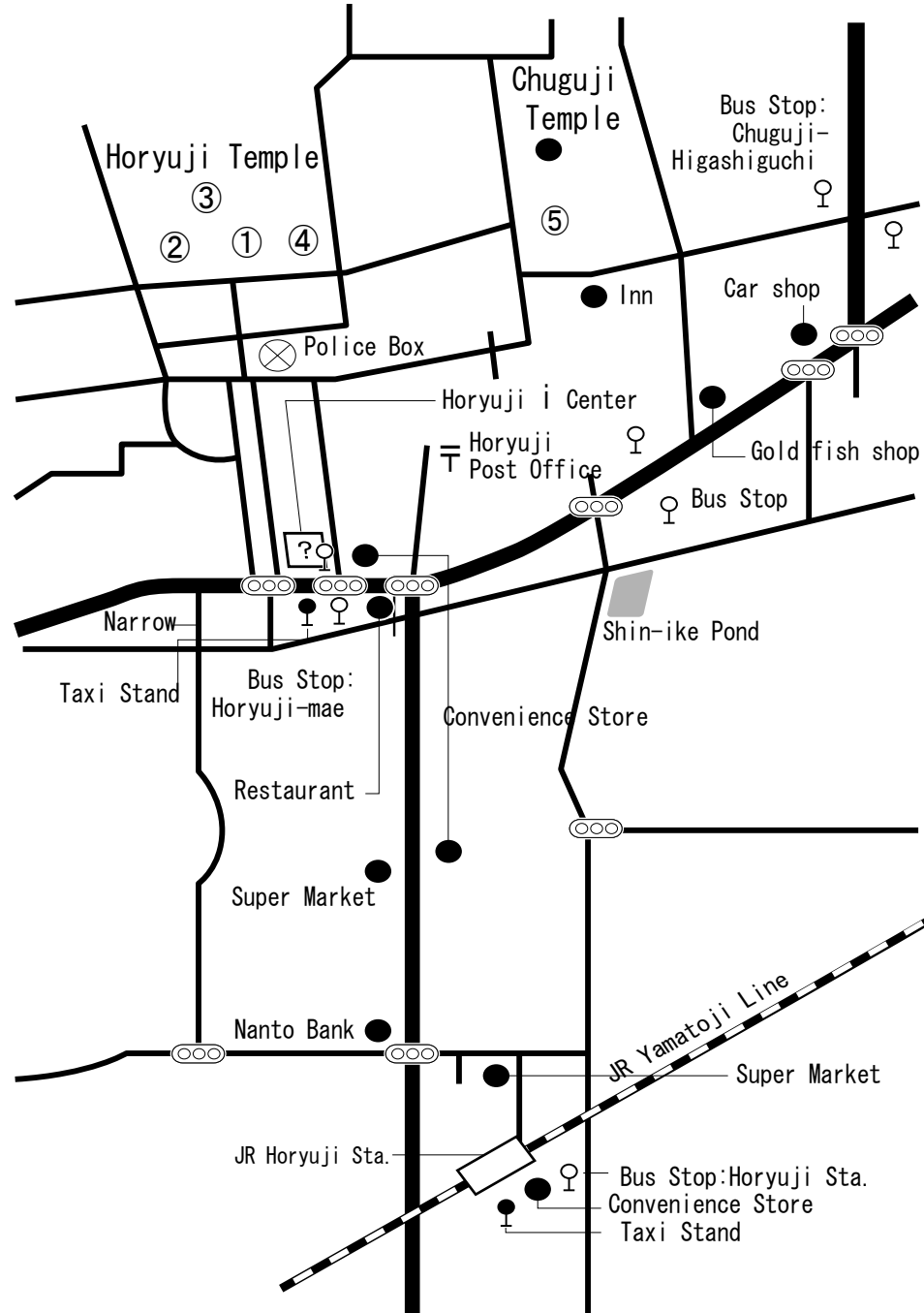


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[Access] There are two possible ways to get to Horyuji Temple. One way is to take the JR Yamatoji Line from JR Nara Station for the 12-minute journey to JR Horyuji Station. The journey costs 210 yen. Trains leave JR Nara Station about every 10 minutes. Upon arriving at JR Horyuji Station, you can either walk (25 minutes) or take a bus from outside the station. The bus fare is 170 yen. Alternatively, you can take a bus directly from Kintetsu Nara Station to Horyuji Temple but the journey time depends on the traffic situation. The bus fare is 760 yen.

1) Horyuji Temple [1000 yen] The oldest wooden structure in the world. The present structure was completed in the early 8th century, and has been spared the fires of war to convey its original appearance to the present day. The inner area is divided into the West precinct and the East precinct. ① Kondo Hall The canopy divides the Hall into three sections. From the right are enshrined the bronze, seated Yakushi Nyorai, the bronze Shaka Trinity and the bronze, seated Amida Nyorai. The walls were decorated with murals but unfortunately they were destroyed by fire in 1949. The present murals are replicas. The interior is dark so you will need a flashlight. ② Five-storied Pagoda On the north, east, south and west corners of the first story of the pagoda are enshrined clay statues that date to the 8th century and bear influences from China and India. ③ Great Lecture Hall The present structure was rebuilt in the 10th century. The main object of worship is the seated Yakushi Nyorai. ④ Daihozoin Treasure House Various national treasures representing Japanese Buddhist art are displayed, such as Kumen Kannon Bodhisattva, Yumehigai Kannon Bodhisattva, Tamamushi-no-Zushi, Kudara Kannon Bodhisattva and so on. ⑤ Yumedono Hall (Dream Hall) This is the main structure in the East Precinct. The main object of worship is the Kuse Kannon Bodhisattva (dating from the 7th century) and open to the public twice a year, in spring and autumn.

2) Chuguji Temple [500 yen] This is close by the East Precinct of Horyuji Temple. This temple was established as a nunnery in answer to monastery of Horyuji Temple. It became a special temple for the Imperial Family and many daughters of Emperors became priestesses here. The main object of worship is the seated Miroku Bodhisattva, influenced from Korea. It is made of Japanese camphor wood and dates from the 7th century.

* All numbers above correspond with those on the map.

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