

Welcome to Totoro's Forest.

Right, it's time to take a deep breath.



Totoro's Forest

The Sayama Hills are said to have been one of the settings for the movie "My Neighbor Totoro", directed by Hayao Miyazaki. Totoro's Forest, located on these hills, is land acquired with donations collected from citizens and businesses by the "The Totoro Foundation", established in order to conserve natural and cultural heritage. It is held in trust, and operated and maintained by volunteers. There are currently 56 plots of land. (As of January Reiwa 4/ 2022).

◆ Plot No. 1, Totoro's Forest/ 351 Kami-yamaguchi, Tokorozawa City **GO** 7 minutes on foot from stop 21, "Horiguchi" of Tokoro Bus' "Yamaguchi Circular Course" **MAP** B-3

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Sayama Hills

A range of hills straddling the boundary between Saitama Prefecture and Tokyo Metropolis, measuring 11 kilometers from east to west and 4 kilometers from north to south at the broadest points. It is a precious natural location where valuable species of animals and plants remain, and has been designated as the Saitama Prefectural Sayama Nature Park. **MAP** ABC-3



Hira no Oka (Hill)

A hill 155 meters high, located on the western side of Sayama Hills. From the top, you have a superb view over the city. You can spend a relaxing time here as you enjoy the scenery. ◆ 452 Horinouchi, Tokorozawa City **GO** 20 minutes on foot from stop 27, "JA Mikajima Shiten-kita" of Tokoro Bus' "Shin-tokorozawa/ Mikajima Course" **MAP** A-2

Lake Sayama

An artificial lake which serves as a reservoir for Tokyo. A mixed forest grows on its shores, and you can enjoy the beautiful scenery of each season. On a fine day, you can sometimes see Mount Fuji on the other side of the lake. The cherry blossom in spring is one of the sights not to be missed, as is the fall foliage. The various changing faces of Lake Sayama, from season to season and hour to hour, are what gives the lake its charm. **GO** 10 minutes on foot from stop 21, "Horiguchi" of Tokoro Bus' "Yamaguchi Circular Course" **MAP** AB-3



photo:Sato Shuhei

Sayama Hill Flora and Fauna Interaction Center

The central facility, which serves as the hub for various walks. You can learn about and gain a deeper understanding of the nature of the Sayama Hills. Inside the center are various facilities including a special exhibition room, observation balcony, and lecture hall, and nature observation sessions are held periodically. Free walking maps are distributed, so be sure to visit here to obtain information on Totoro's Forest and other locations. ◆ 782 Arahata, Tokorozawa City ☎ 04-2939-9412 9:00 - 17:00 Closed Mondays (except where Monday is a national holiday or holiday in lieu of this, when the Center is open), the day after national holidays (except where this falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or national holiday, when the Center is open), and the New Year's holiday period **GO** 15 minutes on foot from stop 18, "Shimo-yamaguchi Eki Iriguchi" of Tokoro Bus' "Agatsuma Circular Course", or stop 17, "Shimo-yamaguchi Eki Iriguchi" of Tokoro Bus' "Yamaguchi Circular Course", departing from Shimo-yamaguchi Station on the Seibu Sayama Line **MAP** C-3



Arahatafuji

One of the largest artificial recreations of Mount Fuji in the country, built by hand over a period of 15 years and completed in Meiji 32 (1899). It is very close to the Flora and Fauna Interaction Center. ◆ 748 Arahata, Tokorozawa City **MAP** C-3

Corot Rental Farm and Japanese Guest House

A rental farm with a traditional farm house built over 100 years ago. You can enjoy life in the style of the good old days with the hearth, kitchen range, and wood-fired bath. You can also use the accommodation facilities. ◆ 2040 Yamaguchi, Tokorozawa City ☎ 04-2930-4202 **GO** 15 minutes on foot from Shimo-yamaguchi Station or Seibu Kyujo-mae Station on the Seibu Sayama Line. **MAP** B-3



Kurosuke's House

"Kurosuke's House" is a traditional farmhouse built over 100 years ago. The Totoro Foundation manages it as the base for activities to conserve the nature of the Sayama Hills. The main house, warehouse, and tea factory are nationally registered tangible cultural properties. It is open to the public on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, and you can experience the feel of an old farmhouse. Visitors are requested to understand the purpose of the Foundation's activities, and to make a donation to the "The Totoro Foundation" for the repair and upkeep of the house. ◆ 3-1169-1 Mikajima, Tokorozawa City ☎ 04-2947-6047 Opening hours: 10:00 - 15:00 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays (closed on national holidays and during the Obon and New Year's holiday periods) *The house may be temporarily closed from time to time. Please check the website before visiting. **GO** 5 minutes on foot from "Dainichido" bus stop of Seibu Bus for "Miyadera-nishi" or "Waseda Daigaku" departing from the South Exit of Kotesashi Station on the Seibu Ikebukuro line. **MAP** B-2

