

Welcome to Tokorozawa, a city full of things to see!

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TOKOROZAWA TRAVEL GUIDE

英語版



Find out all the things you can do, buy, and eat in Tokorozawa!

I wanted to explore somewhere new in Japan, somewhere not even my friends had visited. That's why I came to Tokorozawa!

It's a beautiful place with scenes straight out of a Ghibli movie.

There's so much history and tradition to discover!

I would recommend Tokorozawa in a heartbeat.

And now... a little introduction!



Hello, I'm Nicole from the United States!

I'll be your guide in Tokorozawa. I decided to visit the city for the first time because of my interest in Japanese culture. It's a lovely place to walk around, because there's so much nature everywhere you go. There are also a lot of historical buildings and great Japanese food, and you get to learn a lot about Japanese culture. Tokyo and Kyoto are great, but you should give Tokorozawa a try, too!



Nicole



COOL JAPAN FOREST

COOL JAPAN FOREST is a jointly run project led by the city of Tokorozawa and the Kadokawa Corporation. The project's aim is to boost local industry and raise the city's profile, using an arrangement in which the city government uses private construction projects as an impetus to make wide-ranging improvements in surrounding areas.



TOKOROZAWA



KADOKAWA

Tokorozawa Sakura Town

A center for cutting-edge industry and culture

Opening 2020



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3-31-3 Higashi-Tokorozawa-wada, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0023

By train: 10 min. walk from Higashi-Tokorozawa Station on the JR Musashino Line

By car: 8 min. drive from the Tokorozawa Interchange on the Kan-Etsu Expressway

What will Tokorozawa Sakura Town offer?



Tokorozawa Sakura Town will play a central role in the COOL JAPAN FOREST project by offering a creative space for cutting-edge industries and cultural works to be developed before being introduced to the world. A central facility that fuses library, art gallery, and science museum will serve as a showcase for the best of Japanese pop culture.

※The name "Tokorozawa Sakura Town" is tentative.



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Horinouchi, Tokorozawa



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Tokorozawa Tourism Map



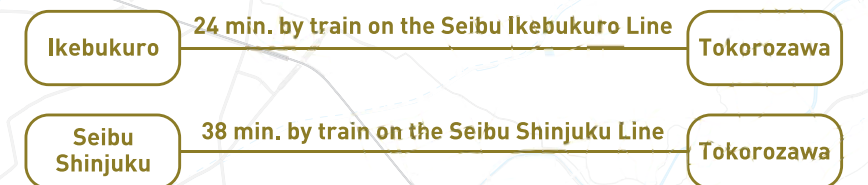
Use this handy map to see all the places Nicole visited! Each route is designed to help you see as much of the city as possible in one go, so use it to plan your trips to Tokorozawa!

Rules for Totoro's Forest

- Do not capture animals or pick flora.
- Do not leave garbage behind.
- Do not leave the walking trails.



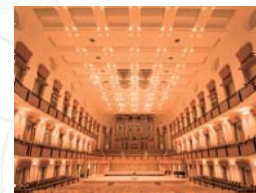
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2942 Yamaguchi, Tokorozawa
Phone: 04-2925-7111



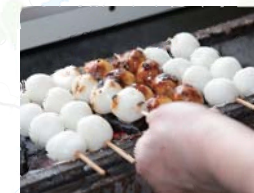
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Phone: 04-2998-4388



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Phone: 04-2935-3000



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Phone: 04-2926-5882



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583-1 Shimotomi, Tokorozawa
Phone: 04-2941-5192

DAY 1

This course will take you through scenes straight out of "My Neighbor Totoro!"



- Ride the 09, 09-1, 06, or 07 Seibu Bus from Kotesashi Station for 12 min.
- Get off at Horinouchi Bus Stop. Walk 15 min.

Map 1 Hira Hill



Hira Hill
Horinouchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1165

Aromatic fields of tea leaves and great views of the city

With its expansive views of Lake Sayama, this quiet, relaxing hill is the perfect spot for a picnic.

- Walk 15 min. to Horiuchi Bus Stop. Ride the 09, 09-1, 06, or 07 Seibu Bus for 2 min.
- Get off at Dainichido Bus Stop. Walk 5 min.

Map 2 Kurosuke's House



Kurosuke's House (Open 10:00 - 15:00 on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday. Closed on national holidays and during the New Year's holidays. May be closed without warning.)
3-1169-1 Mikajima, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 369-1164 Phone: 04-2947-604
Wada-en : 3-1157-3 Mikajima, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1164

A traditional farmhouse that serves as a base for environmental activities

This 100-year-old building houses the Totoro no Furusato Foundation, which works to preserve the Sayama Hills.

- Walk 20 min.

Map 3 Marui (Sayama-ko Store)



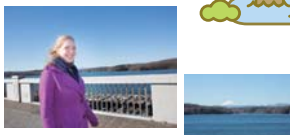
Marui (Sayama-ko Store) (Open 11:00 - 21:00. Closed on Thursday.)
1-88-3 Mikajima, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1164 Phone: 04-2938-7171

This udon noodle shop is the perfect place for a hearty lunch!

This is the spot to go for thick flour noodles called udon. Get the shrimptempura—it's a whopping 20 cm long!

- Walk 20 min.

Map 4 Lake Sayama



Lake Sayama
Shorakuji, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0001

This giant reservoir offers stunning views - even of Mt. Fuji on clear days!

Locals and tourists alike flock to this beautiful location in search of peace and quiet—and fantastic views.

- Walk 25 min.

Map 5 Totoro's Forest, Site No.1



Totoro's Forest, Site No.1
351 Kamiyamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1153
Totoro's Forest is preserved through donations collected by a national trust, Totoro no Furusato Foundation, dedicated to protecting the Sayama Hills. The trust welcomes donations from anyone.

Explore the forests said to have inspired "My Neighbor Totoro!"

You won't find many pastoral scenes like these in Japan anymore. Take your time, and explore at your leisure.

- Walk 25 min.

Map 6 corot (Lodging available)



corot
2040 Yamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1145 Phone: 04-2930-4202 (9:00 - 18:00)

Experience what life was like in rural Japan!

This classic farmhouse offers farming activities and a chance to cook with traditional Japanese utensils.

- Walk 20 min. to Seibukyujo-mae Station

DAY 2

This course will take you through the city's amusement parks and other landmarks!



- Start at Seibukyujo-mae Station.

Map 7 MetLife Dome



MetLife Dome
2136 Kamiyamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1163 Phone: 0570-01-1950

Home ground of the Saitama Seibu Lions baseball team

Live music concerts and events are also regularly held at this famous baseball stadium.

- Walk 5 min.

Map 8 Motor Park Tokorozawa



Motor Park Tokorozawa (Open 10:00 - 19:00. Closed on Thursday.)
1380-3 Kamiyamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1153 Phone: 04-2921-2227

Go-karting fun for all ages!

You don't need a license to ride around in the go-karts at this amusement park.

- Walk 5 min.

Map 9 Yamaguchi Kannon (Konjo-in)



Yamaguchi Kannon (Open 9:00 - 17:00 daily)
2203 Kamiyamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1153 Phone: 04-2922-4258

A temple with two many-armed bodhisattva statues

This temple houses two statues of bodhisattvas, one of which is displayed only every 33 years.

- Walk 5 min.

Map 10 Saburoku Bekkan Chiku-tei



Saburoku Bekkan Chiku-tei (Open 11:00 - 14:30 / 17:00 - 21:00. Closed on Wednesday.)
2206 Kamikawaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1153 Phone: 04-2929-3260

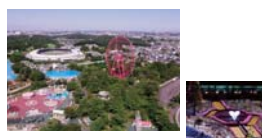
Kaiseki banquet dining for a special occasion

This famous restaurant offers classic Japanese fine dining in a beautiful natural setting.

- Walk 10 min. to Seibukyujo-mae Station. Ride the Seibu Yamaguchi Line for 5 min.

- Get off at Yuenchi-nishi Station.

Map 11 Seibuen Amusement Park



Seibuen Amusement Park (Days and hours of operation vary by season.)
2964 Yamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1145 Phone: 04-2922-1371

Rides, attractions, and plenty of nature!

Come for the rollercoasters and other thrilling rides; stay for the beautiful seasonal scenery.

- Walk 5 min.

Map 12 Kikusui-tei (Lodging available)



Kikusui-tei
2942 Yamaguchi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1145 Phone: 04-2925-7111

Relax in tea-scented waters at the Sayama-no-yu baths

You don't need to be a guest of the inn to enjoy a dip in its scenic hot spring bath.

- Walk 3 min.

- Walk to Yuenchi-nishi Station.

DAY 3

This course is all about food! We'll also stop by parks and shops along the way.



- Start at Koku-koen Station.

Map 13 Tokorozawa Aviation Memorial Park



Tokorozawa Aviation Memorial Park
1-13 Namiki, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0042 Phone: 04-2998-4388
Saisho-tei (Teahouse): Open 10:00 - 16:00 daily. Phone: 04-2991-4310
Tokorozawa Aviation Museum: Open 9:30 - 17:00. (Entry denied after 16:30. Closed on Monday.)

A park dedicated to aviation memorabilia and Japanese tea culture

This park, the largest in Saitama, features both an aviation museum and a traditional teahouse.

- Walk 5 min.

Map 14 Tokorozawa Civic Cultural Center Muse



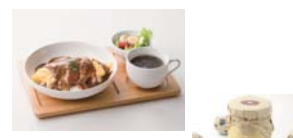
Tokorozawa Civic Cultural Center Muse
1-9-1 Namiki, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0042 Phone: 04-2998-6500

An arts center located in a park

One of Japan's largest pipe organs can be found in the symphony hall of this multi-purpose cultural center.

- Walk 15 min.

Map 15 Uzura-ya



Uzura-ya (Open 11:00 - 18:00 from Tuesday to Saturday and 11:00 - 16:00 on Monday. Closed on Sunday.)
2-5-8 Miyamotocho, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1143 Phone: 04-2935-3000

Omelets and custard puddings, all made from quail eggs!

This restaurant serves only items made from quail eggs or meat. You can even buy souvenirs!

- Walk to Tokoro-so Iriguchi Bus Stop. Ride the Tokoro Bus for 9 min.

- Get off at Dairokuten Bus Stop. Walk 5 min.

Map 16 Yamaguchi-ya Dango-ten



Yamaguchi-ya Dango-ten (Open 10:00 - 15:30. Closed on Monday and Tuesday.)
3-22-30 Kamiarai, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1142 Phone: 04-2926-5882

Grilled rice cake balls on a wooden skewer, a local delicacy!

This shop has been in business for over 100 years! The staff grill the skewers over charcoal as soon as you order.

- Walk 10 min. to Kotesashi Station. Ride the train on the Seibu Ikebukuro Line for 5 min.

- Get off at Tokorozawa Station.

Map 17 Tokorozawa Station (Seibu Department Store)



Tokorozawa Station (Seibu Department Store)
12-1 Hiyoshi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-1196 Phone: 04-2927-0111

A great area to purchase souvenirs

Seibu Department Store and other well-known shops are located here, next to the station.

- Walk to Tokorozawa Station.

DAY 4

Historic buildings, beautiful views, and delicious strawberries!



- From Higashi-Tokorozawa Station, ride the 52 or 52-1 Seibu Bus for 3 min.

- Get off at Shiro Bus Stop. Walk 3 min.

Map 18 Happy Strawberry Farm



Happy Strawberry Farm (Open 10:00 - 16:00. Closed on Monday.) In season: Early December to Late May.
515 Shiro, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0013 Phone: 04-2944-3315

Delicious strawberries, just waiting to be picked

Strawberries just taste better when you pick them yourself! The strawberries at this farm are very sweet and juicy.

- Walk 3 min. to Shiro Bus Stop. Ride the 52 or 52-1 Seibu Bus for 5 min.

Map 19 Yanase-so (Orin-kaku)



Yanase-so (Orin-kaku) (Open on Thursday. Hours are 10:00 - 16:00 from April to September, and 10:00-15:00 from October to March. Closed Dec. 23 - Jan. 15.)
437 Sakanoshta, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture Phone: 04-2944-2009 or 03-5777-8600 (Toll Free)

A historical building, once owned by a famous tea master

This traditional Japanese home will transport you back in time to 19th-century Japan.

- Walk 3 min. to Nishigawa Bus Stop. Ride the 52 or 52-1 Seibu Bus for 6 min.

- Get off at Higashitokorozawa Bus Stop. Walk 5 min.

Map 20 Higashitokorozawa Park, Higashi River & Tokorozawa Sakura Town



Higashitokorozawa Park & Higashi River
3-9 Higashitokorozawa-wada, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0023

Come in late March, when cherry blossoms bloom all along the river!

The park offers a nice place to relax after a walk along the river. Tokorozawa Sakura Town will open in 2020—so make plans now!

- Walk 2 min. to Wada Bus Stop. Ride the Tokoro Bus for 39 min.

- Get off at Nakatomi Bus Stop. Walk 5 min.

Map 21 Santome-shinden



Santome-shinden
Nakatomi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0002
Shimotomi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0001

Colorful farm fields, unchanged since the 19th century

The vibrant colors of these fields comes from the use of fallen leaves as fertilizer, a technique used since the 19th century.

- Walk 10 min. to Shimin-budokan Bus Stop. Ride the Tokoro Bus for 14 min.

- Get off at Shimotomi-katagawa Bus Stop. Walk 4 min.

Map 22 Shoku-no-eki (Tokorozawa Store)



Shoku-no-eki (Tokorozawa Store) (Open 9:00 - 19:00 daily.)
583-1 Shimotomi, Tokorozawa, Saitama Prefecture 359-0005 Phone: 04-2941-5192

The best place to try Tokorozawa's delicious local produce!

This store specializes in fresh produce, all locally sourced. You can even have a taste at the in-store restaurant!

- Walk 4 min. to Shimotomi-katagawa Bus Stop. Ride the Tokoro Bus for 21 min.

- Get off at Shin-Tokorozawa Station.