

# Ayase River Area

**Bird Sanctuary A-1**  
The right-hand shore of the Ayase River to the east of the Shinsencho Housing Complex is a sanctuary for wild birds. It is home to a Plaza for Friendship with Birds, with about 40 species of trees that wild birds like.  
Around the plaza, you can observe spotted-billed ducks, little egrets, Eurasian collared doves, black-backed wagtails, and other wild birds and beautiful butterflies.

**Kuwai-ta Field A-2**  
A Soka specialty, full-scale cultivation of arrowheads began in the early Meiji period, and they are still cultivated to this day in the Shinden district. Planting is in late June, and they are harvested and shipped from late November to February.

**Along the Ayase River A-1~3**  
The Ayase River, which flows from the west in the northern part of the city and flows south after that, was a clean river where fireflies lived until the mid-1900s. With the recent regeneration project, rivers and riversides have been beautifully restored, and the watershed has become a place for people to explore.  
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**Asahi-jinja Shrine A-3**  
It used to be called Hikawa shrine, but changed its name in 1897. The shrine dates back to the middle of the Edo period. The shrine houses Sangaku ("Sangaku" means mathematical puzzles or solutions described on wooden tablets), which have been designated by the city as cultural assets, along with Chikaraisai stone placed at the entrance of the path to the shrine and numerous other stone structures.  
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**Walking course**  
Single Round  
About 7 km  
About 3 hours

**Walking Advice**  
If you feel tired, take a rest, and do not strain yourself.

# Koshigaya City



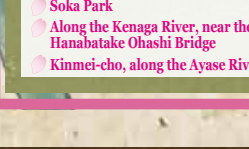
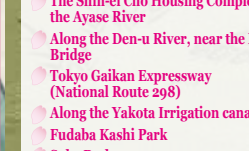
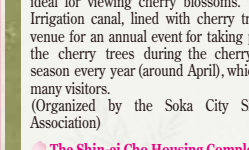
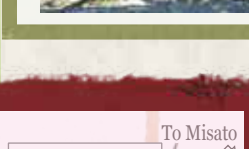
# Kakinoki Soka Park Area

From the east exit of Shinden Station on the Tobu Skytree Line, take the Tobu Bus "Shin 01". After a 12-minute ride, get off at Soka Koen.  
From the east exit of the Dokkyodaigakumae Soka-Matsubara Station, take the Paripori-kun Bus. After a 14-minute ride, get off at Soka Koen.

**Tozen-in Temple A-5**  
This is the city's oldest temple, reportedly established by the Jōan in the Muramachi period (around 1500A.D.). The main gate, a city-designated cultural asset, is said to have been erected in 1782. Yakushido, on the left-hand side of the main gate, enshrines an image of Yakushi Nyōrai (the Buddha of Healing), which is reported to have been sculpted by Keicho, a Buddhist monk who ate only tree fruit and grass.

**Soka Park A-5**  
The extensive Park, with a total area of 17.8 ha, includes a forest of the four seasons, featuring waterfalls and little streams, a public forest, walking trail, a multi purpose ground tennis courts, a scenic pond that attracts wild birds and water birds, and other facilities. The Park is home to about 300 species, and 25,000 trees and plants, providing a treasure of nature where you can observe wild birds and insects. The row of cherry trees along the Hachijo canal to the west of the Park is the city's main spot for cherry trees.

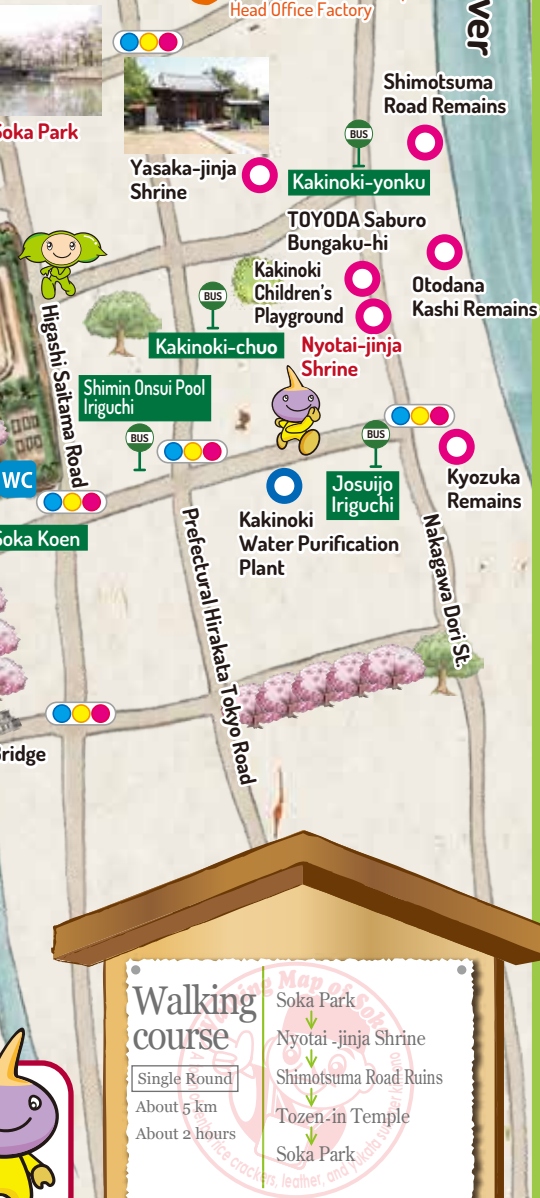
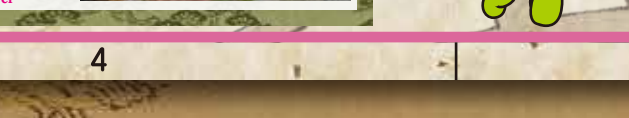
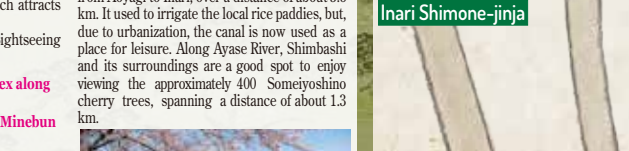
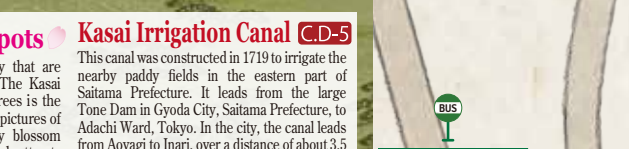
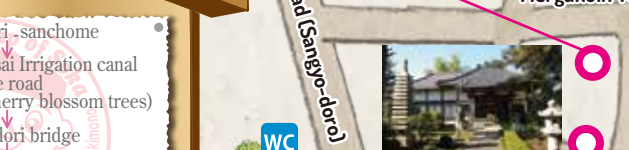
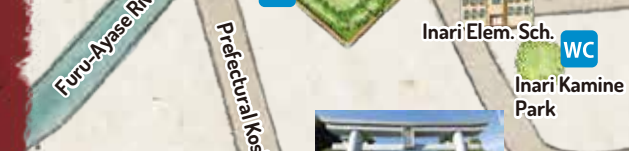
**Nyotai-jinja Shrine A-5**  
This shrine is reported to have been built oriented toward the north in the direction of Mount Tsukuba by the Toyoda clan. Formerly the lords of TOYODA Castle in Shimosa Province, the clan venerated the Nyotaijinja shrine on Mount Tsukuba, and they chose Kakinoki as their next permanent residence after their castle fell. The shrine also features the literary monument of local author TOYODA Saburo.



\*This is a picture map, and is not drawn to scale.

# Kasai Irrigation Canal Area

From the east exit of Soka Station on the Tobu Skytree Line, take the Tobu Bus Soka 09. After a 7-minute ride, get off at Inari-sancho.



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# Yatsuka Area

**The Ten Bridges over the Tatsui River C-D-2**  
The Tatsui River was excavated over a period of six years from 1881. The bridges over the river were built not only for crossing but also for viewing, "interacting with people," and "being proud." The bridges are thus designed with originality that harmonizes with the history of the community and the nature of the surroundings. Six of these bridges received awards in the bridge category of the community development and local pride awards conferred by the Ministry of Construction (now the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism).

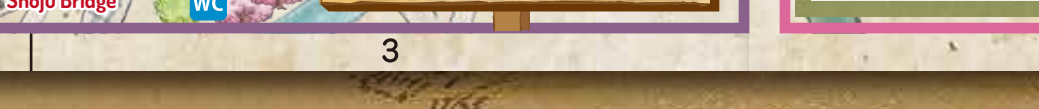
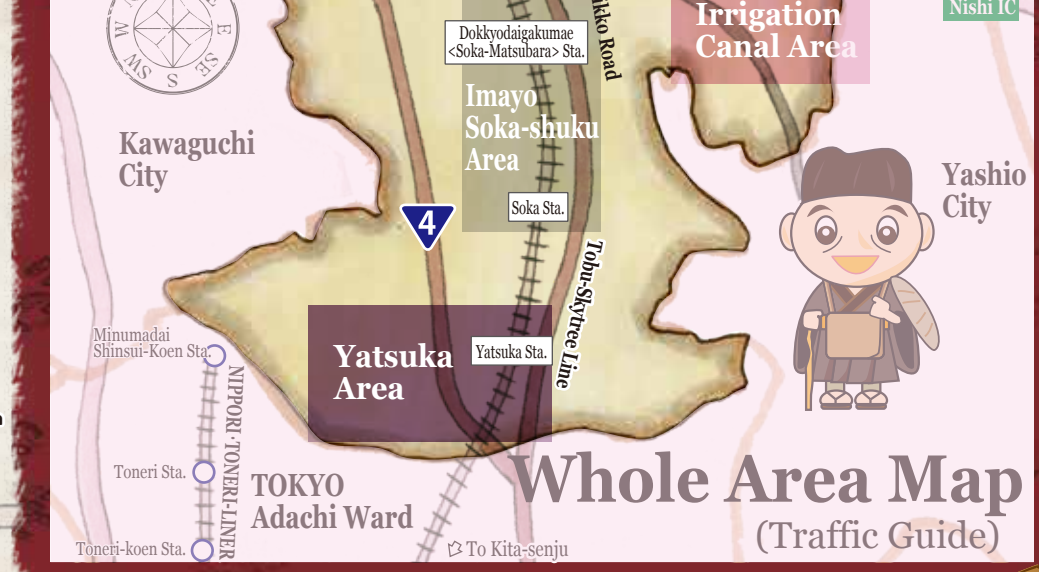
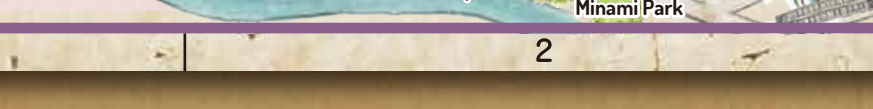
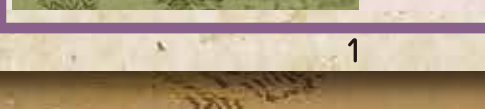
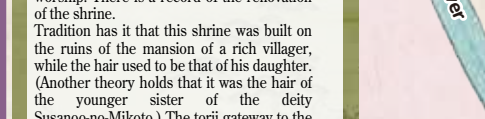
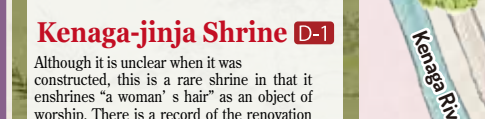
**Sengen-jinja Shrine D-3**  
This shrine has been venerated by many people for its enshrinement of Mt. Fuji since the Edo period. It is officially named the Fuji Sengen-jinja Shrine. The current sanctuary was rebuilt in 1842 and has been designated by the city as a cultural asset. Eve and main festivals are conducted on the first Saturday and Sunday in July every year.



**Mujinanomori-ato D-1**  
There were many large trees on the extensive premises of an old house in Nissatocho, which is said to have once been the home of badgers, so the villagers called the place "the badgers' forest." There is still a large tree at the remains of the mansion where the badgers used to live.



**Kenaga-jinja Shrine D-1**  
Although it is unclear when it was constructed, this is a rare shrine in that it enshrines "a woman's hair" as an object of worship. There is a record of the renovation of the shrine.  
Tradition has it that this shrine was built on the ruins of the mansion of a rich villager, while the hair used to be that of his daughter. (Another theory holds that it was the hair of the younger sister of the deity Susano-no-Mikoto). The torii gateway to the entrance of the shrine was relocated from the Edo mansion of the Mito Tokugawa clan.

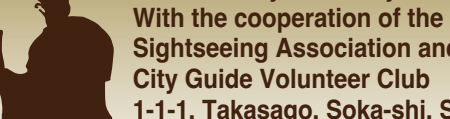
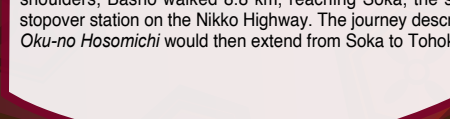
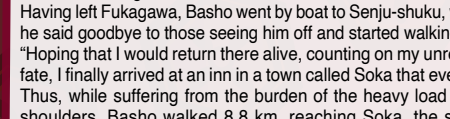
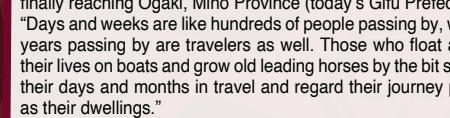
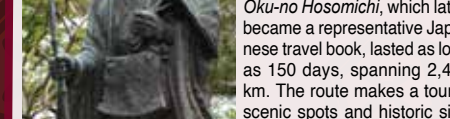
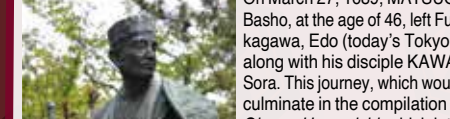


National Scenic Beauty  
"Scenic Area of Oku-no Hosomichi Soka Matsubara"

# Soka Walking Map

A town of senbei rice crackers, leather, and yukata summer kimono

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