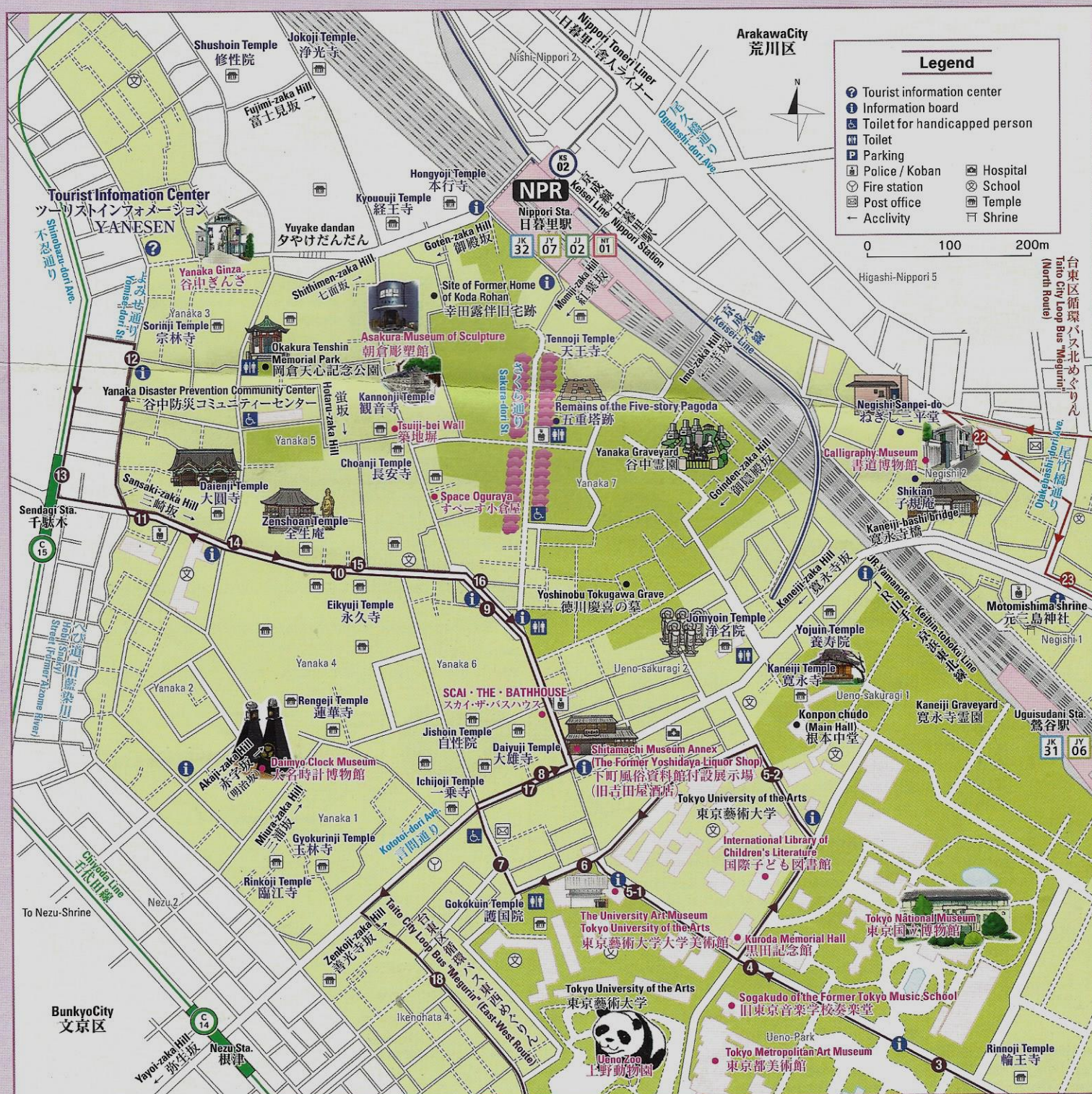
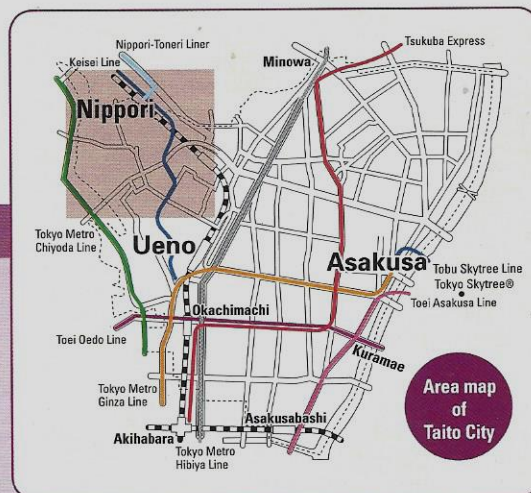


YANAKA

Everything's Real
(Feel, touch, eat!)
in Taito City.

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The name given to this area, Yakana (Middle of the Valley), is believed to predate the Edo period, and reflects its location in the bottom of the valley between Ueno and Hongo Heights. It is said that the name was meant to draw a comparison to the neighboring area, Shitaya (Foot of the Valley). Based on the Shogunate's Edo city planning policy, many temples were gathered at Yanaka to form the focal point of the town. Yanaka has been known as "the town of temples and slopes" ever since, and was chosen as one of the "Top 100 Historical Views in Beautiful Japan" in 2007.



Looking and Walking around Yanaka

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Asakura Museum of Sculpture 朝倉彫塑館



The Museum, decorated with human and feline bronze figurines, opens to the public the former studio and residence of Fumio Asakura, who produced many statuary arts in 20th century. The house, built in a traditional Japanese architectural style, attracts many visitors all year round with a beautiful inner garden which showcases seasonal changes.

Address: 7-18-10 Yanaka Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3821-4549
Access: 5 minute walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission Fee:** JPY500
Closed: Mon. & Thu (The next day in case of holiday)

Tennoji Temple 天王寺



Leaving the Nippori Station by the south exit, you will soon find Tennoji Temple, an area that, during the Edo period, attracted rushing crowds who dreamt of making a fortune in the public lottery. A large statue depicting a seated Buddha, similar to the Great Buddha in Kamakura, has been enshrined in this precinct since 1690.

Address: 7-14-8 Yanaka Taito-Ku
Access: 3 minute walk from JR Nippori station

Calligraphy Museum 書道博物館



This Museum exhibits copious amounts of materials related to "Shodo", or Japanese calligraphy, collected by Fusetsu Nakamura, a famous calligrapher born in the 19th century. One of the world's most treasured works, a piece written by brush some 1,300 years ago, is featured in this collection. You will be entranced by the spell of its beautiful "Kanji" characters.

Address: 2-10-4 Negishi Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3872-2645
Access: 5 minute walk from JR Uguisudani station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission Fee:** JPY500
Closed: Monday

Jomyoin Temple and Its 84,000 Jizo 浄名院



The Jomyoin Temple enshrines so many stone statues of dieties, known as Jizo, that they are referred to as the 84,000 Jizo. The Jizo were blessed by the faithful to convey wishes and hopes. Hechima Kuyo, a ceremony held every autumn, is an invocation to the Hechima (or Ioffah) Jizo for the speedy recovery of people with respiratory problems.

Address: 2-6-4 Ueno-sakuragi Taito-Ku
Access: 5 minute walk from Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin" East-West Route ③ ⑦

Shitamachi Museum Annex (The Former Yoshidaya Liquor Shop) 下町風俗資料館付設展示場 (旧吉田屋酒店)



This house, now used as an exhibition hall, was once a Liquor Shop that was built in 1910 and operated until 1986. Old utensils such as scales and measures are displayed in the hall.

Address: 2-10-6 Ueno-sakuragi Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3823-4408
Access: Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin" East-West Route ③ ⑦
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4 p.m.)
Admission Fee: Free **Closed:** Monday

Yanaka Ginza 谷中ぎんざ



Yanaka Ginza is a small street market supplying commodities for local residents; some 70 shops retain the warm atmosphere of the Shitamachi, or lower city, working-class district. While perusing the street, you might just be beckoned by a friendly voice asking you to stop and view the wares on display.

Access: 3 minute walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station

Where to Call

Sightseeing Tour Inquiries

Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center03-3842-5566
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(Open Every Day 9:30-17:00)
JNTO TIC03-3201-3331
Tokyo Tourist Information Center
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Busta Shinjuku03-6274-8192
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Tourist Information YANESSEN03-3828-7878

Transportation

Flight Information

Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)03-5757-8111
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Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin"

Taito City provides public transportation service by operating a fleet of buses called "Megurin." Linking major spots such as Asakusa and Ueno Station in one direction, Megurin come every 15 minutes on the north, south, east-west, and north-south routes.
The fare is JPY 100 each way for both adults and children.
Other boarding tickets such as bus cards are not honored.
A one day travel card costs JPY 300.

Hotels

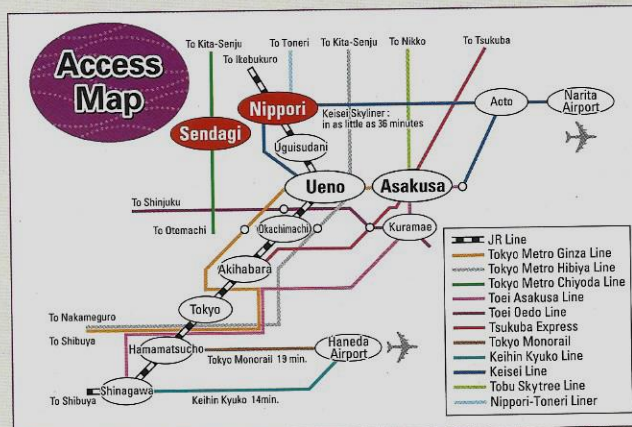
Taito Hotel and Ryokan Association03-3834-2008
Tokyo International Youth Hotel03-3235-1107

Health-care Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Information Service (HIMAWARI)03-5285-8181
AMDA International Medical Information Center03-5285-8088

Emergency

Police (calls answered in English)03-3501-0110



The Yanaka district has many temple grounds and privately-owned land.

We hope you will enjoy exploring the area but please remember to be courteous and respectful. Thank you for your cooperation.

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