

# Kashima Line



## Introducing

The Kashima Line is a 17.4 km long line connecting Kashima-Soccer Stadium Station in Kashima City, Ibaraki Prefecture, to Katori Station in Katori City, Chiba Prefecture. This DLC includes a 21.0 km long section, including a portion between Katori and Sawara Stations on the Narita Line. It has a relatively short history in the JR-EAST service area, having opened in 1970. Although the Kashima Line begins at Katori Station, the first station for operational purposes is Sawara Station (some trains depart from Narita Station), so trains run on the Narita Line tracks between Katori Station and Sawara Station. In the past, the “Ayame” express train operated up to five round trips per day. As of 2024, there is one round-trip rapid train per day that runs directly from the Tokyo area. In addition, since Kashima-Soccer Stadium Station is a temporary station, trains operate between Kashima Jingū Station and Sawara Station except when events are held at Kashima Soccer Stadium. Most sections of the line run on elevated tracks, allowing passengers to enjoy scenic views of Kitaura, Hitachi-Tone River, and Tone River, which are typical of the Suigou area.

Enjoy the DLC of the Kashima Line while enjoying the rural scenery of the Hokusō Plateau spreading out from the elevated line.

## Key data

- Line Length: 21 km
- Number of stations: 7
- Safety system: ATS-P
- Train model: [209-2100 serie](#) (4 cars)
- Max speed: 85 km/h
- Max speed after signals:
  - Reduced speed (green/yellow): 65 km/h
  - Caution (yellow): 45 km/h
  - Speed restriction (yellow/yellow): 25 km/h
- Routes:
  - Kashima-Soccer Stadium ~ Kashimajingū (□ 522M): Train local - 2 stations - 3.2 km
  - Kashimajingū ~ Sawara (522M): Train local - 6 stations - 17.8 km
  - Kashimajingū ~ Sawara (524M): Train local - 6 stations - 17.8 km
  - Kashimajingū ~ Sawara (536M): Train local - 6 stations - 17.8 km
  - Kashimajingū ~ Sawara (540M): Train local - 6 stations - 17.8 km
- Automatic announcements: No
- Conductor announcements: Yes
- Driver announcement ([pointing-and-calling](#)): Yes

## Stations list

| Station name           | Japanese name | Distance from Katori (km) | JRETS connections      |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Kashima Soccer Stadium | カシマサッカースタジアム  | 17,4                      |                        |
| Kashima-Jingū          | カシマ競馬場        | 14,2                      |                        |
| Nobukata               | 野布多           | 10,4                      |                        |
| Itako                  | 伊多            | 5,2                       |                        |
| Jūnikyō                | 九十九           | 3,0                       |                        |
| Katori                 | 加藤            | 0                         | <a href="#">Narita</a> |
| Sawara                 | 沢原            | 3,6                       | <a href="#">Narita</a> |

## Movie

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/2p6Wk7uDHKg?si=euFgsa3zmN9zDV\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/embed/2p6Wk7uDHKg?si=euFgsa3zmN9zDV_E)

## Useful links

Wikipedia: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashima\\_Line](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kashima_Line)

Driver's guide and timetables:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XBnmAE2hFmaYfNpQamEQ5viHpAa3rmcb\\_CKXpFe5pzg/edit?gid=2142090860#gid=2142090860](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1XBnmAE2hFmaYfNpQamEQ5viHpAa3rmcb_CKXpFe5pzg/edit?gid=2142090860#gid=2142090860)

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