

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	野武田	10,4	
Itako	伊高	5,2	
Jūnikyō	九十九	3,0	
Katori	河内	0	<u>Narita</u>
Sawara	沢田	3,6	<u>Narita</u>

Movie

https://www.youtube.com/embed/2p6Wk7uDHKg?si=euFgsa3zmN9zDV_E

Useful links

Wikipedia: 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

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