

Koumi Line



Introducing

The Koumi Line is a 78.9 km long line connecting Kobuchizawa Station in Hokuto City, Yamanashi Prefecture and Komoro Station in Komoro City, Nagano Prefecture. The line was opened in 1919 by its predecessor, Saku Railway, between Koumi and Komoro Stations. In 1935, the line was extended to Kobuchizawa Station and opened to traffic. Since its opening, the Koumi Line has been a popular commuter rail line and a gateway to sightseeing in Kiyosato and Nobeyama.

The greatest feature of the Koumi Line is that it runs at high elevation. Between Kiyosato and Nobeyama stations, the line passes through the highest point on the JR line at 1,375 meters above sea level, and the nine stations between Kai-Koizumi and Matsubarako stations are among the nine highest elevation stations on the JR line, giving the line its nickname, "Yatsugatake Kogen Line (Yatsugatake Plateau Line)".

Along the line, highland vegetables are cultivated at high altitude and in the cool summer climate, and near Nobeyama Station, the train runs through an expanse of highland vegetable fields. Ekiben that incorporate fresh highland vegetables from Yatsugatake picked along the line are also popular.

In July 2017, "HIGH RAIL 1375," a sightseeing train with a planetarium inside, began operation, running between Kobuchizawa and Komoro stations mainly on Saturdays and holidays.

In this DLC, the train from Kobuchizawa Station to Kai-Koizumi Station makes a major 180-degree change of direction on a curve built on embankment with the Yatsugatake mountains at its side; from Kiyosato Station to Nobeyama Station, the train runs up a steep slope with a maximum grade of 33‰ to the highest point on the JR line; and from Shinanokawakami Station to Koumi Station, the train offers a powerful view across multiple layers of the Chikuma River, known as the longest river in Japan.

Key data

- Line Length: 78.9 km
- Number of stations: 31
- Safety system: ATS-P(R)
- Train model: KiHa E200 serie (2 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:
 - Nakagomi ~ Komoro (131D) : Type "Local" - 11 stations - 13.4 km
 - Kobuchizawa ~ Nobeyama (227D) : Type "Local" - 5 stations - 23.4 km
 - Kobuchizawa ~ Komoro (229D) : Type "Local" - 31 stations - 78.9 km
- Automatic announcements: No
- Conductor announcements: Yes
- Driver announcement (pointing-and-calling): No

Stations list

Station name	Japanese name	Distance from Kobuchizawa (km)	JRETS connections
Kobuchizawa	𠩺𠩺	0	
Kai-Koizumi	𠩺𠩺𠩺	7,1	
Kai-Ōizumi	𠩺𠩺𠩺	12,2	
Kiyosato	𠩺𠩺	17,5	
Nobeyama	𠩺𠩺	23,4	
Shinano-Kawakami	𠩺𠩺𠩺	31,5	

Saku-Hirose	山口県	34,9	
Saku-Uminokuchi	山口県	39,7	
Umijiri	山口県	42,1	
Matsubarako	山口県	44,8	
Koumi	山口県	48,3	
Managashi	山口県	49,9	
Takaiwa	山口県	51,7	
Yachiho	山口県	53,9	
Kaize	山口県	56,5	
Haguroshita	山口県	57,8	
Aonuma	山口県	59,5	
Usuda	山口県	60,9	
Tatsuokajō	山口県	62,1	
Ōtabe	山口県	64,1	
Nakagomi	山口県	65,5	
Namezu	山口県	66,5	
Kita-Nakagomi	山口県	68,4	
Iwamurada	山口県	70,6	
Sakudaira	山口県	71,5	
Nakasato	山口県	72,4	
Misato	山口県	73,8	
Mitsuoka	山口県	75,3	
Otome	山口県	76,4	
Higashi-Komoro	山口県	77,4	
Komoro	山口県	78,9	

Movie

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/jLWYSGSIEnY?si=99ZV-KQIzhD3xV8t>

Useful links

Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koumi_Line

Driver's guide and timetables: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13W8ED-yEI50aB4v5rghOVSVIH8BQW3wN35ft3O3LITQ/edit#gid=490039574>

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