

Takasaki Line



Introducing

The Takasaki Line is a 74.7 km long line connecting Omiya Station in Saitama City, Saitama Prefecture to Takasaki Station in Takasaki City, Gunma Prefecture. This DLC includes the Tohoku Main Line section between Ueno and Omiya stations, for a total length of 101.4 km.

The line has a relatively long history among Japanese railroads, with its predecessor, Nippon Railway Company, starting operations between Ueno Station and Kumagaya Station in 1883. The following year, in 1884, the line was extended to Takasaki Station and opened to full service. It was not until later, in 1909, that the line was officially named the "Takasaki Line".

Until the opening of the Joetsu Shinkansen in 1982, the Takasaki Line was the main transportation link between the Tokyo metropolitan area and the Niigata and Hokuriku regions, with many limited express and sleeper trains operating on the line. Currently, most of the long-distance transportation role has been handed over to the parallel Joetsu Shinkansen, and as of 2024, only "Akagi Limited Express" and "Kusatsu-Shima Limited Express" trains regularly operate on the Takasaki Line as limited express trains.

The Takasaki Line has been used as a key interregional transportation line for commuting to work and school, etc. In 2001, the Shonan-Shinjuku Line started service directly to the Tokaido Line via

Ikebukuro and Shinjuku Stations, and in 2015, the Ueno-Tokyo Line started service directly to the Tokaido Line via Tokyo and Shinagawa Stations, allowing passengers to travel between the northern Kanto region and Kanagawa Prefecture without changing trains. The new line allows passengers to travel between northern Kanto and Kanagawa Prefecture without having to change trains.

On the way from Ueno Station to Omiya Station, the line runs parallel to the Keihin-Tohoku Line and the Shonan-Shinjuku Line, and continues through the Tokyo bedroom community. After leaving Omiya Station, fields along the line become conspicuous near Konosu Station, and near Fukaya Station, you can see the fields of "Fukaya Negi" green onions, which are famous throughout Japan. We hope you will enjoy this DLC as you ride along the Takasaki Line at speeds of up to 110 km/h while gazing at the ever-changing scenery.

Key data

- Total length : 101.4 km
- Number of stations : 24
- Safety system : ATP-P
- Train model : E233-3000 series (10/15 cars) and 185 series
- Max speed: 110 km/h
- Max speed after signals :
 - Reduced speed (green/yellow): 75 km/h
 - Caution (yellow): 55 km/h
 - Speed restriction (yellow/yellow): 25 km/h
- Routes:
 - Ueno ~ Kagohara (829M) : Local train - 10 cars - 17 stations - 67.9 km
 - Ueno ~ Takasaki (831M) : Local train - 10 cars - 24 stations - 101.4 km
 - Ueno ~ Kagohara (833M) : Local train - 15 cars - 17 gares - 67.9 km
 - Ueno ~ Takasaki (3922E) : Rapid Urban train - 10 cars - 16 stations - 101.4 km
 - Ueno ~ Takasaki (3001M) : Limited express "Minakami/Kusatsu" 1 - 14 cars - 6 stations - 101.4 km (185 series DLC)
 - Ueno ~ Takasaki (3003M) : Limited express "Kusatsu" 3 - 7 cars - 6 stations - 101.4 km (185 series DLC)
- Automatic announcements: No
- Conductor announcements: Yes
- Driver announcement (pointing-and-calling): No

Stations list

Station name	Japanese name	Distance from Ueno (km)	Services	JRETS connections
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Local	Rapid Urban	Kusatsu				
Ueno	□□	0	●	●	●	J Jōban JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Utsunomiya JY Yamanote
Oku	□□	4,8	●	□	□	JU Utsunomiya
Akabane	□□	9,8	●	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JA Saikyō / Kawagoe JU Utsunomiya
Urawa	□□	20,8	●	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Utsunomiya
Saitama-Shintoshin	□□□□□□	25,3	●	□	□	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Utsunomiya
Ōmiya	□□	26,9	●	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JA Saikyō / Kawagoe JU Utsunomiya
Miyahara	□□	30,9	●	□	□	
Ageo	□□	35,1	●	●	□	
Kita-Ageo	□□□	36,8	●	□	□	
Okegawa	□□	38,7	●	●	□	
Kitamoto	□□	43,3	●	□	□	
Kōnosu	□□	46,9	●	●	□	
Kita-Kōnosu	□□□	51,2	●	□	□	
Fukiage	□□	54,2	●	□	□	

Gyōda	□□	56,5	●	□	□
Kumayaga	□□	61,3	●	●	●
Kagohara	□□	67,9	●	●	□
Fukaya	□□	72,7	●	●	□
Okabe	□□	77,0	●	●	□
Honjō	□□	84,4	●	●	□
Jimbohara	□□□	86,6	●	●	□
Shinmachi	□□	91,1	●	●	□
Kuragano	□□□	97,2	●	●	□
Takasaki	□□	101,6	●	●	●

Movie

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/luWBVjHISBA?si=vWIGJZFvg9DpPvlz>

Useful links

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

Driver's guide and timetables:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1W_fwI9TCSBDaODz087IjQDqcmRBpxKWKpl2GivNPtfA/edit#gid=72330075

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