

Utsunomiya Line



Introducing

Utsunomiya Line is the nickname for trains operating on the 163.3 km long section of the Tōhoku Main Line (between Tōkyō Station and Morioka Station) between Tōkyō and Kuroiso Station. The Utsunomiya Line nickname has been in use since March 10, 1990, at the suggestion of the municipalities along the railway line. In the past, many limited express and sleeper trains to Tōhoku and Hokkaidō used to run, but now Local and rapid trains dominate the timetable.

The current operation system is separated at Utsunomiya Station. South of Utsunomiya, the Ueno Tōkyō Line and Shōnan Shinjuku Line provide commuter and school transportation in the Tōkyō metropolitan area. On the section north of Utsunomiya (some early mornings are between Oyama/Koganei and Utsunomiya), one-man operation is used to provide interregional transportation within Tochigi Prefecture.

After leaving Kuroiso Station, the train heads to Ueno Station, the northern gateway to Tōkyō, and Tōkyō Station, the center of Tōkyō, via Nasu-Shiobara Station, the gateway to Nasu, Utsunomiya Station, known as the city of dumplings, and Ōmiya Station, the largest terminal in Saitama Prefecture.

We hope you will enjoy the Utsunomiya Line DLC as you travel through the Kantō Plain, experiencing the changing landscape from Tochigi Prefecture to Tōkyō, including sprawling rural landscapes, suburban residential areas, and buildings in the city center.

Key data

- Total length : 163.3 km
- Number of stations : 34
- Safety system : ATP-P
- Train model : E233-3000 series (10/15 cars)
- Max speed:
 - Kuroiso ~ Utsunomiya : 100 km/h
 - Utsunomiya ~ Tōkyō: 110 km/h
- Max speed after signals :
 - Reduced speed (green/yellow): 65 km/h → Utsunomiya → 75 km/h
 - Caution (yellow): 45 km/h → Utsunomiya → 55 km/h
 - Speed restriction (yellow/yellow): 25 km/h
- Routes:
 - Koganei ~ Tōkyō (1539E) : Local train - 15 cars - 20 stations - 88.3 km
 - Utsunomiya ~ Tōkyō (1567E) : Local train - 15 cars - 24 stations - 109.5 km
 - Koganei ~ Tōkyō (1591E) : Local train - 15 cars - 20 stations - 88.3 km
 - Kuroiso ~ Ueno (3520M) : Rapid "Rabbit" train - 10 cars - 24 stations - 159.7 km
- Automatic announcements: No
- Conductor announcements: Yes
- Driver announcement (pointing-and-calling): Yes

Features

Train no. 1567E also operates on the Tokaido line, making it possible to link Utsunomiya ~ Tōkyō ~ Hiratsuka, a journey of over 170km.

Stations list

Station name	Japanese name	Services		JRETS connections
		Local	Rapide Rabbit	
Kuroiso	黒磯	●	●	
Nasushiobara	沼南	●	●	

Nishi-Nasuno	□□□	●	●	
Nozaki	□□	●	●	
Yaita	□□	●	●	
Kataoka	□□	●	●	
Kamasusaka	□□□	●	●	
Ujiie	□□	●	●	
Hōshakuji	□□□	●	●	
Okamoto	□□	●	●	
Utsunomiya	□□□	●	●	
Suzumenomiya	□□	●	●	
Ishibashi	□□	●	●	
Jichi Medical University	□□□□	●	●	
Koganei	□□□	●	●	
Oyama	□□	●	●	
Mamada	□□□	●	□	
Nogi	□□	●	□	
Koga*	□□	●	●	
Kurihashi	□□	●	□	
Higashi-Washinomiya	□□□	●	□	
Kuki	□□	●	●	
Shin-Shiraoka	□□□	●	□	
Shiraoka	□□	●	□	

Hasuda	□□	●	●	
Higashi-Ōmiya	□□□	●	□	
Toro	□□	●	□	
Ōmiya	□□	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JA Saikyō / Kawagoe JU Takasaki
Saitama-Shintoshin	□□□□□□	●	□	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Takasaki
Urawa	□□	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Takasaki
Akabane	□□	●	●	JK Keihin-Tōhoku JA Saikyō / Kawagoe JU Takasaki
Oku	□□	●	□	JU Takasaki
Ueno	□□	●	●	JJ Jōban JK Keihin-Tōhoku JU Takasaki JY Yamanote
Tokyo	□□	●		JT Tōkaidō JY Yamanote JK Keihin-Tōhoku JO Sōbu (Rapid) JE Keiyō (last stop) JJ Jōban JC Chūō (last stop) JO Yokosuka (last stop)

Movie

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/3B7-Pwl1pFg?si=6DNU2KkQgEbwhSTC>

Useful links

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

Driver's guide and timetables:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/u/0/d/1kbnimHrP3imiH2sykZER_3eT8ikuv-SbDszYWluVu9w/edit

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