

Sakai: Town of Iron Industries Travel Map

In the 16th century, shortly after guns arrived in Japan from Portugal, the production of guns began in Sakai. During the Edo period, many gunsmiths were active in Sakai and received orders for guns from daimyos all over Japan. The ironworking techniques in Sakai are still preserved today in the tradition of knife production. This map provides basic information on three facilities where you can learn about the gun industries and ironworking techniques in Sakai. Please make good use of the map when you visit Sakai City.

Sakai City Museum



Sakai City Museum is home to exhibitions occupying about 1,330 square meters of gallery space that introduce the ancient, medieval, premodern, and modern periods of the city's history. In the exhibition room, Large Keicho Period Matchlock Gun, the largest matchlock gun in the world, is on display.

Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence



The Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence began operating in the late 17th century and is only surviving gunsmith workshop and residence in Japan. Learn about the history of Sakai's guns with exhibits of matchlock guns and original archives, and content that lets you experience how gunsmiths worked. [Municipally Designated Cultural Properties]

Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum



The museum is a place for exhibiting, selling, and experiencing the traditional industries of Sakai City. The first floor sales area offers items such as kitchen knives, tenugui (cotton towels), incense, kelp products, and Japanese sweets. The second floor exhibition area showcases the history and manufacturing methods of traditional industries, including Sakai forged knives, Naniwa hand-dyed, Sakai incense, and more.

① Sakai City Museum ↔ Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence
 travel time : about 45min.
 Sakai City Museum
 about 280m walk
 Sakaishi Museum Bus stop
 Nankai Bus No.140 (only once per hour)
 Sakaihigashi Sta. Bus stop
 Nankai Bus No.61・16・17
 Ayano cho Sta. Bus stop
 about 350m walk
 Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence

② Sakai City Museum ↔ Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence
 travel time : about 50min.
 Sakai City Museum
 about 500m walk
 Mozu Station
 JR Hanwa Line
 Mikunigaoka Station
 Nankai Koya Line
 Asakayama Station
 about 850m walk
 Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence

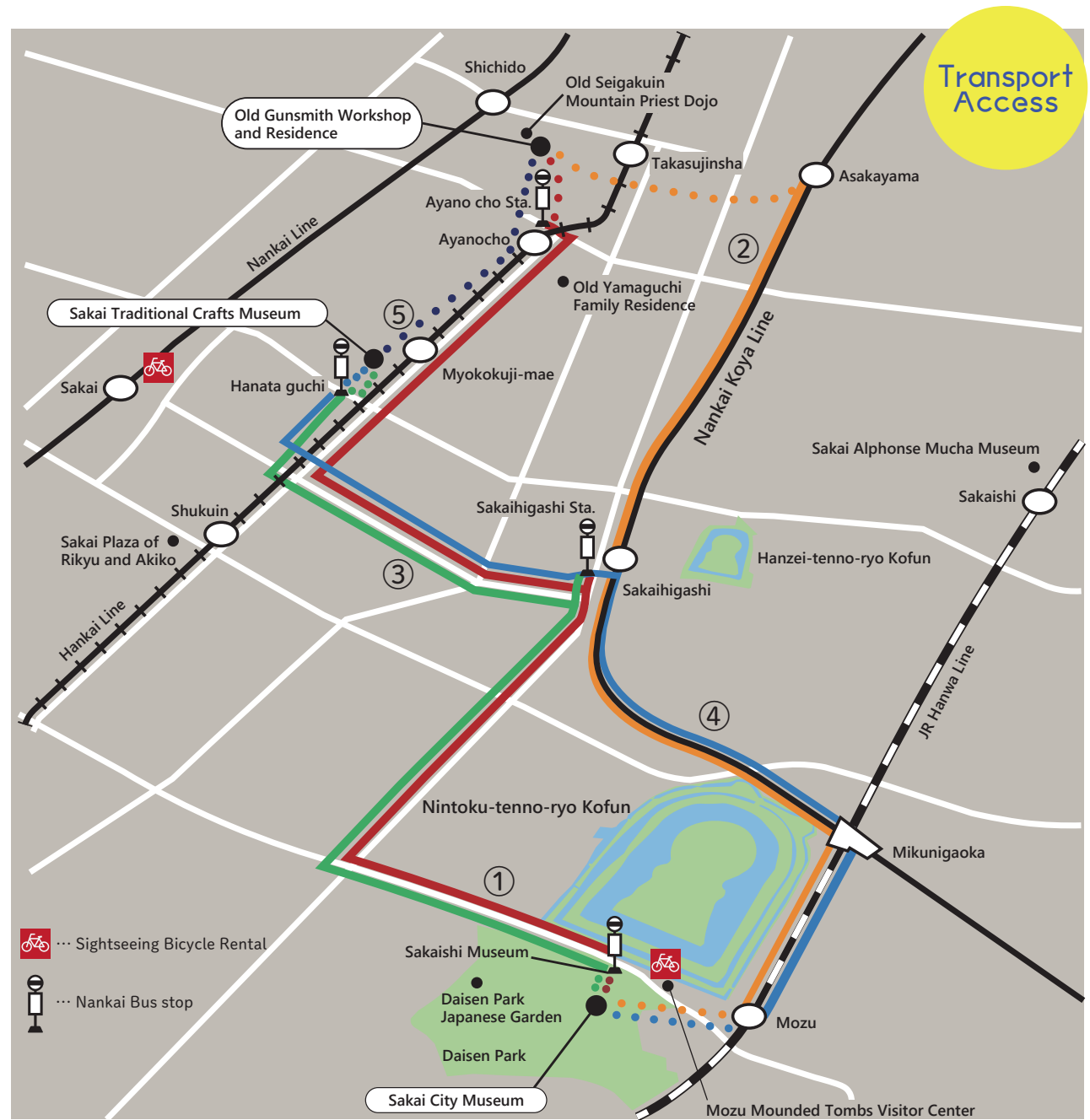
③ Sakai City Museum ↔ Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum
 travel time : about 45min.
 Sakai City Museum
 about 280m walk
 Sakaishi Museum Bus stop
 Nankai Bus No.140 (only once per hour)
 Sakaihigashi Sta. Bus stop
 Nankai Bus No.61・16・81L
 Hanata guchi Bus stop
 about 230m walk
 Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum

④ Sakai City Museum ↔ Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum
 travel time : about 40min.
 Sakai City Museum
 about 500m walk
 Mozu Station
 JR Hanwa Line
 Mikunigaoka Station
 Nankai Koya Line
 Sakaihigashi Station
 Sakaihigashi Sta. Bus stop
 Nankai Bus No.61・16・81L
 Hanata guchi Bus stop
 about 230m walk
 Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum

⑤ Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum ↔ Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence
 travel time : about 15min.
 Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum
 about 1.1km walk
 Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence

Sakai Bicycle-Sharing Service
 There are sharing-bicycle ports around each facilities.


Sakai Sightseeing Rental Bicycles
 Fees (1day)
 Regular Bicycle ¥500
 Electric Asssist Bicycle ¥1,000
 Rental Office
 Sakai Station Tourist Information Center
 TEL 072-232-0331
 Daisen Park Tourist Information Center
 TEL 072-245-6207

Recommended Route (by bike)

- Sakai City Museum about 25min.
- Sakai Traditional Crafts Museum about 7min.
- Old Gunsmith Workshop and Residence