



This handy app provides total support for cycling in Shiga Prefecture by showing you recommended cycling routes and oads of information on tourist spots, travel distances, calories

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Bicycle Insurance Required in Śhiga Prefecture By prefectural ordinance, anyone who wants to ride a bicycle in Shiga Prefecture must have 'private or group insurance that covers accidents related to damages related to bicycle use'. Before setting out on your trip, check whether you have insurance or not and the coverage provided by your policy.

Insurance is included in rental rates at some locations.

The right brake lever is for the front wheel and the left brake lever

for the rear wheel. Braking with just one or the other can cause you

Unless you eat something, you might run out of energy and find

ride is particularly important. Replenish your energy often as you

ride. And, since there are many great food options along the way,

Stretch a little before riding and massage your muscles during

breaks. A good massage at the end of a day's ride greatly lessens the

Fatigue accumulates in the latter half of a trip and can cause you to

hit obstacles you would normally avoid or fall when riding over

It will make those who get out of your way happy if you would say

Since bicycles are not equipped with indicators or brake lights, hand

Also, say what you are doing at the same time. If you are unable to

use hand signals, you may just announce your intentions. Riding in a

group is safer when trailing cyclists verbally acknowledge the

signals tell drivers and others behind you what your intentions are.

(Whether riding alone or in a group)

leader's hand signals.

to fall. So, brake with both hands.

why not try some of the local treats!

fatigue that carries over to the next day.

different levels. Therefore, be especially careful.

For details, contact the rental bicycle location.

BIWAICHI Cycling Map of Lake Biwa March 2017 1st Edition December 2023 6th Edition [For more information]

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Facts & Tips for Cycling around Lake Biwa

"Biwaichi" is a term used to describe completing a full circuit around Lake Biwa, or touring various tourist destinations and scenic spots within the prefecture, specifically using bicycles as your mode of transportation. The complete circuit around Lake Biwa is approximately 200 km. The north side alone (North Lake Circuit) is about 150 km, and the south side alone (South Lake Circuit) is about 50 km.

As the premier Japanese cycling route worthy of international recognition, the "Biwaichi" route circumnavigating Lake Biwa was designated as the first "National Cycle Route" by the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's Bicycle Utilization Promotion Headquarters in November of 2019. Furthermore, Shiga Prefecture enacted the Biwaichi Promotion Ordinance on April 1, 2022, designating November 3rd as "Biwaichi Day" and establishing the period from that day to the 9th as "Biwaichi Week."

Plan your trip out

The "Biwaichi" route is best cycled counterclockwise. Because bicycles in Japan must keep left, riding with Lake Biwa on your left side allows you to keep closer to the lakeshore and cross fewer intersections. Sample plans are provided, organized by number of nights and assuming an average speed of 12 km/hr, factoring in breaks.

85 km of riding) would be good. For a 3-day 2-night trip

For a 2-day 1-night trip

lf departing from Otsu, you should consider somewhere around Hikone (65 km) for the first that you can arrive at your lodging early. Get as night and somewhere around Omi-Takashima early of a start as possible and plan out your ride so (80km) for the second night. If starting from Maibara, as to get to your overnight destination by 17:00, omewhere around Omi-Takashima (75km) would especially if travelling between October and April be good for the first night and somewhere around when the sun sets earlier in the day. Omihachiman (86km) for the second night.

If departing from Otsu, you should consider Beginners who are thinking of 2 days and 1 night, somewhere around Kinomoto (approx. 96 km of doing just the northern half of the lake (150 km riding) for staying the night. If starting from around) instead of the full 200 km round would not Maibara, somewhere around Omi-Maiko (approx. be unreasonable, or you might also want to explore the possibilities and benefits of a 3-day 2-night journey.

first day and giving yourself plenty of leeway so

Bicycle recommendations Choose a 'sports bike' for your ride.



omfortable posture for people who are not Minivelo looking for race-competitive speeds.

(Rated ★★★)

Cross bike This genre of sports bicycle comes with straight Foldable types work great if combining handlebars and slightly wider on-road tires. riding with public transportation like

A road bike is built for road racing, so it is made to

As its name suggest, a mountain bike is cover long distances at high speeds. However, you built for off-road riding such as on have to be somewhat used to the thin tires, drop mountain trails. All Biwaichi courses rs and forward-leaning riding posture. More travel on paved surfaces, so the deep ntly, manufacturers have come out with many treads typical of mountain bike tires will ong-ride models that can be ridden in a more meet with greater resistance.

> (Small diameter tire bike) (Rated ★★☆)

than road bikes and cross bikes.

A minivelo uses small wheels of no more than 20 inches in diameter. hough a cross bike does not reach the speeds of trains, buses or ferries. However, the a road bike, it is operated much like a city bike, so minivelo offers less riding performance

Check your bike out before riding

To ensure safe riding, check the following before heading out on your ride. If you do not feel capable of checking you bike properly, consult a bicycle shop, etc.

Check that your tires are properly inflated and not scratched, damaged or deformed in any way. Also, spin your tires by hand and check if they are warped. Try moving your bike forward and back with the front and rear brakes squeezed, and check that the brakes are working properly and are not loose. Also, check that the rubber brake shoes are not worn down and that the brake wires are not damaged in any way.

Tightness of assembled parts
Raise one tire at a time about 10 cm off the ground, then drop the bike and listen for sounds that might suggest loose parts. Check also that the handlebars and seat are aligned straight and tight. Check your chain for dirt and grime. It should be lubricated only to the degree that it looks slightly wet. Also, check that your gears function properly.

Lights
Make sure that your front lights are sufficiently bright. (When riding through tunnels, you are required to turn your lights ON. On the rear, it is safer to mount a taillight and have it flicker the whole time you are riding, rathe than rely on reflectors.) neck that your bike has a bell and that it actually rings. Once your bike clears all of the above checks, check your riding position and posture

The proper seat height is when, seated with your heels on the pedals. your knees can fully extend. If the ball of your foot cannot touch the ground when seated, lower the seat slightly. At that same height, try grabbing the handlebars and check that your posture is not unbearable. If too strenuous, you should adjust the position of your handlebars. Also, make sure that you can easily operate the brake

Flat tire repair kit

Change of clothes

(Cash, credit card, smartphone, camera, etc.)

*"Rinko" is the practice of disassembling or

folding a bicycle and placing it in a bag to carry

onto public transportation. The bag used for storing a bicycle is called a "Rinko bag," and it

can be useful if for some reason you must

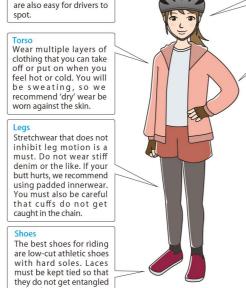
Bicycle lock

Clothing and carried items

Bicycling is a sport. Choose clothing that is appropriate for doing sports. Minimize and bundle carried items in It is wise to wear

eyes against the

kicked-up rocks, etc.



Clay Raccoon Dogs and Tea Fields of Asamiya

cross over at the Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge. Then you just take the lakeshore back to Aisai Hiroba

You start out from Aisai Hiroba in Kusatsugawa-Atochi Park and, with the lake behind you, follow the cycling path that

runs alongside the old course of the Kusatsu River until crossing the bridge over Rt. 1. You then ride along Tokaido Rd. a

bit and follow the river past a farming belt, heading towards Kamitanakami. You turn left at the intersection marked

Hiranocho, pass the red-brick Daidogawa Hydroelectric Power Station and make the gradual climb along the Daido

River. After a visit to the former site of the Shigaraki Palace Site that served as the seat of government long ago, you take

Nat. Rt. 307 towards the ceramic capitol of Shigaraki. You will be welcomed by humorous clay figurines of racoon dogs

everywhere. Traffic can be heavy on Rt. 307, so stay alert and mindful to avoid accidents. Once beyond the tea fields of

Asamiya, you begin your descent alongside the green-rich Shigaraki River. You then over the steep peak at Sekinotsu

Pass and follow the Seta River until reaching the Setagawa Weir and cross it. Continue following the Seta River north and

our hands. They also



Riding style

You should know how to ride long distances without straining yourself, as well as the basics of riding a bicycle.

The best gear for riding long distances is that which makes it slightly easy to Pedal. Switch gears as often as needed when climbing slopes yourself unable to ride. A hearty breakfast before setting out on your or riding into the wind, so that you keep Pedaling at a constant

Rest for 5 - 10 minutes every hour of Pedaling. Longer breaks can be

Bicycling causes you to sweat more than you think. It is best to hydrate yourself constantly rather than waiting till you feel thirsty.

Traffic rules and etiquette

Like cars, bicycles are to be ridden on the left of vehicle roads. Also, you must be considerate of pedestrians.

Ride on the left of vehicle lanes in Japan! Be courteous to pedestrians and A bicycle is a vehicle of sorts. Under the law, bicycles must be ridden local residents! A road is not a race course. People live and work in the area. Be Bicycles may be ridden on sidewalks where marked 'Bicycles appreciative of local residents for allowing Biwaichi to ride through Permitted on Sidewalk', but pedestrians have the right-of-way. their community. Be sure to reduce your speed when riding through If you encounter pedestrians, slow down and pass

them with safe clearance. If you cannot pass them safely, stop and walk your bike. Do not ring your bell! Observe traffic rules!

Always use a light at night or in tunnels.

• Obey signals at intersections. If the traffic light in front of you is red, you cannot proceed forward or turn left. If wanting to turn right, ride on the left edge of the roadway, first cross the street before you, then, once across, turn to the right and cross the street indications at intersections with poor visibility.

When cycling at night, wear reflective clothing and a helmet with reflective tape. • Riding without lights at night can result in a fine of up to ¥50,000. Excepting preschoolers, riding 2 to a bike or riding 2 abreast can result in a fine of up to ¥20,000. Using a mobile phone, holding an umbrella while cycling, or ignoring traffic signals is punishable by up to 3 months' imprisonment or a fine of up to ¥50,000. Drinking

and cycling is punishable by up to 5 years' imprisonment or a fine

Bicycle-Friendly Inn in Shiga Prefecture Check out these Bicycle-Friendly Inn perfect for travelling with your beloved bicycle



Rules of the BIWAICHI route

What are the blue lines for? The blue lines you see on the road mark the Biwaichi route. They are only found in Shiga Prefecture. *It is strongly recommended to ride counterclockwise around Lake B in which case the blue lines appear only on the lake side of the road. mended to ride counterclockwise around Lake Biwa

On roadways The blue lines mark the bicycle lane. When riding on roadways, you must obey the same traffic rules as cars.

Broken blue lines are marked inside vehicle Solid blue lines are marked outside of lanes that cyclists share with vehicular traffic. vehicle lanes.



Biwaichi Mind Three "G" s enjoyable for you and the communities on Lake Biwa.



Greet others
[Communicate aloud]

Say "hello" to the pedestrians and

ive yourself ample time to enjoy your ride Plan your ride so that you have enough time to enjoy the sights, wonders and

specialties of Lake Biwa.

From Notogawa Station, take the bicycle path along the

river to Gokasho where old merchant homes are well

preserved. As you pass by the site where Azuchi Castle

once stood, let your thoughts wonder about the Nobun-

aga Oda. Take a break at Nishinoko Station before cruis-

ing Biwako Yoshibue Road. Once passed the Lake

Dainakanoko, head east and enjoy the Noto River Water-

mill of Lake Ibanaiko, a National Heritage. Then, back to

Azuchi Castle Azuchi

Cherry Trees Along

Cherry Trees Along the viewing.

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Uso River

You start from the mouth of the Uso River. You take the cherry tree-lined bicycle path along the river across Nat. Rt. 8 and Nakasendo Rd. The latter half of the climb gets

slightly steeper, but a final push gets you to the dam.

You then head towards the far end of the reservoir where

you can cool your hands and head in Yamabiko Fountain.

one of the Top 100 Water Sources of the Heisei Era.

Recreational area is nearby where you can take a break.

Azuchi Castle Ruins

Special Historic Site. The castle

that Nobunaga Oda built on Mt.

zuchi was lost to fire. All tha

walls and Sokenji Temple. Much

nore about the castle and its

lord can be learned at the Nobu-naga Museum and Azuchi Castle

Canoe Land

19.0 km

1 hr. 40 mins

Archeological Museum. 🖓 111

Perfect for cherry blossom

viewing. Some 60 cherry trees

of levee. This tract along the Uso

River is a hidden gem for the

he blooming season, sets up

nterns and chairs for nighttime

mains are pieces of the stone

separate roadways for pedestr and bicycle traffic. There are many along cycling routes like Biwaich Unlike with ordinary sidewalk bicycles are not required to trave slowly on Pedestrian/Bicycle paths except when passing by pedestrians.

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On Pedestrian/Bicycle paths

The blue lines mark the general area

considered the bicycle lane. When riding on

bicycle/Pedestrian paths, watch out for

traffic conditions. Shiga Call Center, Yamato Transport Co., Ltd. TEL 20570-200-000

You depart from the Hikone-ekimae Cycle Station in

front of Hikone Station, heading south along the JR

tracks and, thereafter, follow the Seri River. When you get

to Nakasendo Rd., head south to the old Toyosato

Elementary School. Further south from there, you can

see Senjuji Temple where the Goshu Ondo dancing origi-

nated, and old stores of traditional bintemari lucky

charms in Aisho. Complete your excursion by returning

Toyosato Elementary

architect William Merrel Vories.

in "K-ON!" ♥K10

Senjuji Temple

the building now houses a

4.8 km jinja 4.4 km School Old 3.7 km 20 mins Shrine 20 mins School Buildings 15 mins

School Old School Buildings

National Tangible Cultural

property built in the early 20th

Built by the monk Gyoki in the

lestroyed by fire and twice

rebuilt, and the place where

which the local community

Town

Advanced **

treat amongst visitors. OD6

Rows of Metasequoias

lined by about 500 metasequoia

shu Ondo dancing originated

your bicycle to Ruburu Echigawa in Echigawa Station.

Bicycle Rental Shops in Shiga Prefecture Cycling is a great way to explore and enjoy Shiga Prefecture. Shops carry a wide selection of bicycles from roadbikes

Hills and History! Plenty to See and Do on the South Lake Loop

BWAICH Plus

I want to see more of Shiga!

Shiga Prefecture has a wondrous natural landscape that is interspersed with history and culture. And, it can be enjoyed on any of the skill-appropriate courses from the short and challengeable for beginners to serious for hardened cyclists. The intermediate and advanced courses have strenuous ups and downs, and are less marked, therefore thoroughly prepare for your ride and choose an appropriate sports bicycle.

36.1 km
2 hr. 25mins

in the chain.

You start by getting your information at the OTSU Tourist Information Center at Otsu Station. You then depart from Nagisa Park heading south along the shoreline and eventually cross Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge. At Takebe-taisha Shrine, you take the Kyu (Old) -Tokaido Rd. towards Kusatsu. When you reach the old course of the Kusatsu River, take the cycling path towards the lake. Turn onto Melon Byway, and head straight north. You will have a picturesque view of Mt. Hiei on the opposite shore and will pass through fields of wheat, rice and soy with nothing but open skies above. Why not take a break to enjoy some gelato or fruit at the Farmers' Market Ohminchi? Back in the saddle, you pass by the Biwako Chikyu-Shiminno-Mori Park along the remnants of the Old Yasu river. When you come to lake shore, head south. Turn west to cross the Biwako-ohashi Bridge. You continue uphill on Rainbow Rd. to Ikatachi Village. The route takes you up and down hills through a rural landscape of rice paddies and the hamlets in Ogi. The narrow mountain road empties into a residential area and thereafter a series of historical and cultural heritages in Saikyoji Temple, Hiyoshi-taisha Shrine,



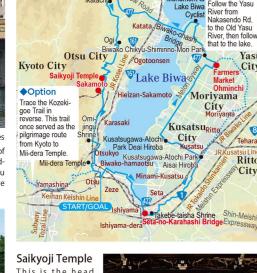
Map Coordinates Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge One of three famous bridges appearing in early historical records of Japan. Because of its strategic importance for accessing and defending Kyoto, many a battle have been fought here. It will make you wonder about how people traveled long ago. The bridge marks the starting and ending point of the Biwaichi routes. QC15



Farmers' Market Ohminchi Streetscape in Sakamoto This big farmers' market has a Sakamoto has long been where huge selection of products to the priests from Enryakuji and vegetables, including their years of training and breads, steamed rice snacks and service. Many of the retreats lake fish boiled in soy sauce. from the area's heydays as an Lunches and gelato made with entry way to the Buddhist locally sourced ingredients are sanctuary are still standing popular items served at the today. You will also enjoy the restaurant, 9E12

idvllic stone fences.

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emple of Tendaishi sei Sect of Buddhisn behest of the 7t century Prince tomb of Mitsuhide Akechi, who served as the 15th century

Oktsu 7.0 km Karahashi 11.9 km Kusatsugawa-Atochi Park 13.9 km Stn. 30 mins Bridge 50 mins Aisai Hiroba 55 mins Lake Biwa Cyclist





Sites on the Eastern Shore and Returning

You start your ride by renting a bicycle from Cycle Station in Maibara Station. After enjoying the railroad highlights, you head south on Nakasendo Rd. Once passed the old lavover town of Toriimoto, you turn left and follow the Seri River to Taga-Taisha Shrine. In the village, you head south and, if so desired, can chow down on authentic oven-fired pizza or some other hearty fill at the Seseragi-no-sato Kora Roadside Rest Area. Back on the road, you ride through Kora and uphill to Kongorinji Temple. From there, you coast downhill, cut through the Tomb Park, cross the Uso River and climb the steep ascent to Hyakusaiji Temple. You can then coast downhill to the Aito Marquerite Station Roadside Rest Area to chillax a bit to some fruit gelato. From there, you go left to Eigenji Temple. Continuing west from there takes you to the old camouflaged bunkers of the former wartime site of the Yokaichi Air Station. Then, after pedaling a little along the bicycle path

through the forest, you take the main road north to Nat. Rt. 421 and cross the railroad tracks to Tarobogu Shrine. All that's

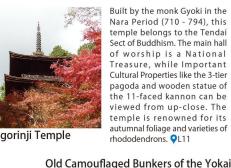
Lake Biwa

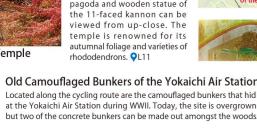
left is to make it to Yokaichi Station where you and your bicycle can catch the Ohmi Railway back to Maibara Station.





Garden is both a Historic Site ture foods prepared with locally and Place of Scenic Beauty. The grown rice, shop for souvenirs large hanging bell is unusual for and mingle with the locals. They a Shinto shrine. The approach is also have an archive of graphic novels about the 16th century nir shops, a popular treat being General Takatora Todo and













Maibara City

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Taga Town

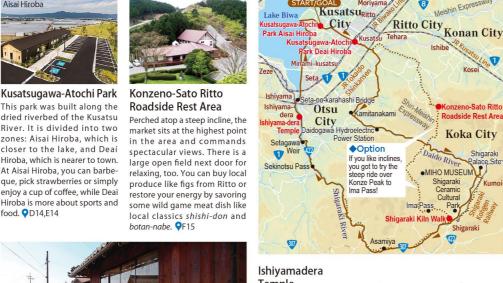


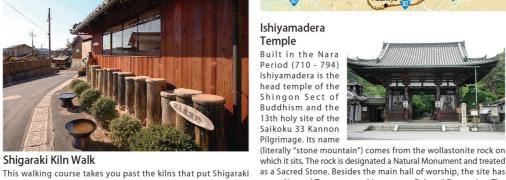




amongst the six old kilns of Ceramic Art certified as Japanese Heritages. You will see ceramic artwork in public places, climbing kilns and lots of galleries and shops. QG17

History in the Ibuki Foothill:





Kusatsugawa-Atochi Park Konzeno-Sato Ritto

This park was built along the Roadside Rest Area

closer to the lake, and Deai

At Aisai Hiroba, you can barbe-

que, pick strawberries or simply

enjoy a cup of coffee, while Deai

food. OD14,E14

Temple Built in the Nara Period (710 - 794

head temple of the Shingon Sect of 13th holy site of the Saikoku 33 Kannon erally "stone mountain") comes from the wollastonite rock on which it sits. The rock is designated a Natural Monument and treated many Natural Treasures and Important Cultural Properties. The temple is also reputed for having inspired the 11th century lady-in-waiting Murasaki Shikibu to write The Tale of Genji, which is

still popular with romanticists today. QC15 Distance (km)

On this trip, you depart from Cycle Station in Maibara Station, heading east. At Banba-shuku, you take Nakasendo Rd. to

Samegai-shuku. You ride past Kamo-jinia Shrine and, where the road merges with Nat. Rt. 21 a little farther ahead, you

take the sidewalk on the south-side of the road and cross over to the left at the traffic light. From this point, the road

splits from the highway, so enjoy the pleasant ride on Nakasendo Rd. to Kashiwabara-shuku. You ride through the histor-

ic quarter, cross the railroad tracks and, when you reach the Nemonogatari-no-sato Marker at the prefectural border, you

are in a terrific spot to contemplate what it was like to travel a long time ago. You slightly backtrack from there, turn right

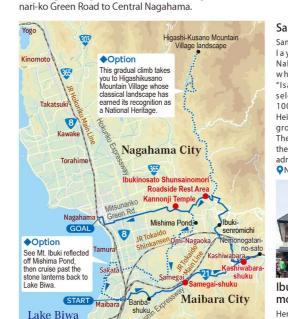
and head for Ibuki-senromichi, an old railway line that was converted into a bicycle path. You won't be disappointed by

the slow uphill climb as it comes with interesting tunnels that sneak under roadways and you get spectacular views of

Mt. Ibuki. When you get to the station house that marks the end of the path, you keep going until you reach the Ibukino-

sato Shunsainomori Roadside Rest Area where you can reenergize yourself on curried rice with a fried pork cutlet or your

favorite gelato right next door. Once through the tunnel, it is basically a straight shot to the lake where you take Mitsu-



Kashiwabara-shuku was the Nakasendo and the branching oint for the road to Omi. The ook today as they did back in the day. The local history and alture are exhibited at the ashiwabara-shuku Museum. Kashiwabara-shuku

Samegai-shuku Samegai-shuku was the 61st Nakasendo, The Jizo Riv whose pristine waters Isameno-Shimizu" wer selected amongst the T 100 Water Sources of the row waterweed. Baikamo The town has also been named one of the 8 Most Scenic Places in the Northern Part of Lake Biwa because of the streetscape of vintage dministrative offices and waterfronts it preserves from long ago



direct from the source. More- ra-Kannonji". Story has it that over, the restaurant serves the lord Hideyoshi Toyotom signature meals and rice bowls (1537 - 1598) made a young that champion the "rustic" temple servant by the name of flavors" of the local area. And, if Mitsunari Ishida an official you reserve it ahead of time, you retainer as Hideyoshi loved the can try your hand at fabric way he was served three cups of dveing or hand-made soba. ON5 tea to conquer his thirst. The main hall of worship and others are Important Cultural Proper



You depart from Makino Station, then catch a boat at Kaizu-osaki or another landing to Chikubu Island, one of the 8 Most Scenic Places on Lake Biwa. (Your bicycle goes, too, but you need reservations.) After a tour of Island where you find Chikubushima Hogonji Temple and Tsukubusuma-jinja (Chikubu-jinja) Shrine, you arrive at Hikone Landing. From there, you head north along the lakeshore and ride the first nationally designated cycling route. Along the way, you enjoy Lake Biwa from up high once through the Shizugatake Tunnel and from the waterfront in Oura, plus the landscape highlights of the northern part of the lake.

the Streets of Hino and the Kyu-Tokaido Rent yourself a bicycle at Giant Store Biwako Moriyama and set out atop the levee along the left bank of the Yasu River Take the bridge across Nat. Rt. 8 towards Mikami-Jinja Shrine, a National Treasure. Keeping Mt. Mikami to your left, cut across Kibogaoka Cultural Park from Omi Fuji Flower and Green Park. Then head downhill alongside the highway and pass

by the Shiga Ryuo Mitsui Outlet Mall to pay a visit to Namura-Jinja Shrine, another National Treasure. After that, you follow

the river to the Aguri Park Ryuo Roadside Rest Area where you can take a break. Then, from Hino Station, you ride through

the old guarter of Omi Merchants in Hino to Shiga Agricultural Park Blume-no-oka where you can take another break

Shiga Prefecture has a wondrous natural landscape that is interspersed with history and culture. And, it can be enjoyed on any of the skill-appropriate courses from the short and challengeable for beginners to the

From there, you cross the mountains where you do not want to miss either the Yasu River Dam or the delicious "Dam Curry" at Kamoshikaso. The descent to the left takes you by thousands of cherry trees along the river. After crossing the Ozuchi Dam, you head for the Ai-no-Tsuchiyama Roadside Rest Area. You then head west on the yellow-paved Kyu-Tokaido Rd. through the preservation district of Minakuchi-shuku and past the Lantern of Yokota-watashi standing majestically amidst the idyllic country-side. You then spin by Ishibe-Shukuba-no-sato Park, head to the river and it's back to the lake. WRyuo Town / Higashiomi City Morivama Omi Fuji (Mt. Mikami) Mt. Mikami is known as Omi Fuj







fruits at the restaurant, **Q**I13



(Omi's own Fuji) because of the

iconic mountain. It is also the

idol of worship at Mikami-Jinja

9th century general Hidesato

Fujiwara, known as Tota Tawara

no slayed a giant centipede her

with his bow and arrows. It was

so large that it reportedly







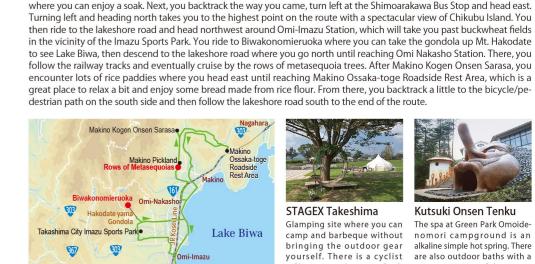


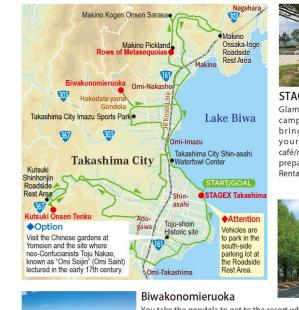


Doganji Kannondo Odani Castle Sengoku (Kogenji) Temple Historical Museum his temple enshrines an Located within the Odani Castle 11-faced kannon statue that is Historical Site this museum said to be the most masterfully presents the history and legacy arved sculpture in Japanese of Odani Castle and the Aza history. The deeply merciful Lords who were its stewards expression and slightly twisted during the Period of Warring

vaist project a flirtatious yet States (1467 - 1590). It was the divine look. During turbulent home of the Azai Clan and one times, the temple priests and of the five biggest castles in disciples buried the statue in the Japan. On display are paintings and others, as well as artifacts

Takashima Long Ride 100 Plus This route is a similar version of the Takashima Long Ride 100 that is staged every year. You depart STAGEX Takashima and ride south along the lakeshore, then turn right and head north up Pref. Rd. 298, then turn left and climb the steep ascent. At the top, you make a hairpin turn and cruise downhill. You then follow the Ado River up into the foothills where you can dig into the buffet lunch at the Kutsuki Shinhoniin Roadside Rest Area. After that, it's another steep climb to the hot spring











afé/restaurant that serves foods panoramic view of the mounprepare with local ingredients. tains. The soft ice cream served Rental cycles available. QG6

at the snack bar is a popular This 2.4 km stretch of road is

rees. They grow straight and tall and are a sight of pure beauty at any time of the year as the easonal changes bring new ouds, fresh verdure, dark green tints, autumn colors and snowflakes. It is selected as one of the 100 Beautiful Sceneries with roadside trees in Japan. **Q**F3



Stories from Japan's Period of Warring States This course starts at Yogo Station and Joops around Lake Yogo, You take the national highway to Hokkoku-kaido Rd. where you head south towards Kinomoto-juku. You enter the foothills that lead you to Keisokuii and Shakudoii Temples





which has earned it a spot amongst the 8 Mos Scenic Places in the North ern Part of Lake Biwa Moreover, the magica aura that comes from the lake being enclosed by mountains on three sides has spawned various legends that deal with an angel's raiment in one way or ground to protect it from the of Nagamasa Azai, Oichinokata another. Every season bounces new colors off the lake whether cherry blossoms, hydrangeas, or autumnal foliage. QJ2

ravages of war. OK3