BIWAICHI

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Cycling Map of Lake Biwa

NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE

0 5km 1:100,000

Legend

🟪	BIWAICHI Slow Course (National Cycle Route)
🟪	BIWAICHI Advanced Course (Indicated only in locations where different from the Slow Course)
	BIWAICHI Plus Course [Please see the backside]
	Biwako Yoshibue Road
	Sidetrack
	Dotted lines mark alternative routes for the Slow Course and BIWAICHI Plus Course.
Low ≫ High	Slope: Slightly steep / Steep / Very steep
● 卍 ⛩	Special sightseeing spots
• 卍 ⛩	Tourist attractions
	"Japan Heritage Shiga" registration spot
	Bike rental
	Train lines that accept bicycles onboard
⚠	Caution required area
	Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Rest Area)
i	Tourist Information Center
	Ferry route for bicycles
	Public toilet
	Arbor-like rest area
	Belvedere
	Hot spring
	Potable spring / well water
	Ski run
	Sasanami milepost
P	Parking
∩	Buffer stop
	Cherry blossom site
	Autumnal foliage site
	Flower site
	Camp site
	Swimming area
⊗	School
卍	Temple
⛩	Shrine
▲123	Peak (Elevation)
	Water fall
Oto	Intersection name
	Prefectural hall
	City hall
	Town / Ward office
8	National route #
559	Prefectural road #
	Highway・Toll Road
	National route
	Prefectural road
	Road
	Prefectural border
	City limit・Neighborhood boundary
	Quasi-National Park boundary

Elevation (m): 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100, 1000, 900, 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200, 100, 0, −20, −60, −100 Depth of water (m)

- Cycling tips appearing on the map are for riding around Lake Biwa in the counterclockwise direction.
- "Biwaichi" is a series of carefully mapped-out cycling routes that loop around Lake Biwa. The routes cover a total of about 196 km and are divided into Slow and Advanced courses by cycling level. Slow Course routes stay predominantly on Pedestrian/Bicycle paths, so if you think of cycling as a sport, you will want to ride the Advanced course.
  Routes are marked with blue lines and arrows on the roadway, and maps and pavement indications at important intersections and branches. Distance markers are also installed every 5 km to find the distance from the sandbank of the Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge, start/finish line. You can use these markers and maps to pinpoint your current location and determine which way you should go.
- When riding through lakeside parks and villages, slow down to ensure pedestrian safety. If necessary, get off and walk your bicycle.

数値地図（国土基本情報 20 万）を加工して作成

Omi is a phonetic variation of 'Awaumi', which literally means a 'freshwater sea'. It was one of the past territorial names of present-day Shiga Prefecture, but obviously takes from Lake Biwa, which is a vast freshwater lake.

Cycruising

Bicycles free

Between Late april - November 30 [Reservations required]

- Bicycle racks on the ferry hold up to 5 bicycles. If traveling with more than 6 bicycles, contact the below office.
- Service may be rescheduled or cancelled due to weather and other reasons.
- Cyclists are responsible for loading and unloading their bicycles.

☎ **Ohmi Marine Hikone Port Branch**
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(English and Japanese only)
Reserve at least 1 week in advance.

Ohmi Marine　Shiga Prefectural Office

Sightseeing information

BIWAICHI Cycling around Lake Biwa Japan
https://en.biwako1.jp

Shiga Japan Heritage
Lake Biwa and its Surrounding Waters: the Water Heritage of Prayers and Lifestyle
https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/japan-heritage/

SHIGA Tourism Official Website
https://en.biwako-visitors.jp

Biwako Otsu travel Guide
https://www.otsu.or.jp/en/

Ogoto Onsen (Hot Spa)
https://www.ogotoonsen.com/english/

Six Ancient Kilns
https://en.sixancientkilns.jp

Hikone Travel guide
https://visit.hikoneshi.com/en/

TRAVEL GUIDE NORTHEN LAKE BIWA
https://kitabiwako.jp/en/travel_guide

Takashima City Tourism Information
https://takashima-kanko.jp/en/

Fukui Prefecture
Tsuruga City
Kyoto Prefecture
Gifu Prefecture
Mie Prefecture
Shiga Prefecture
Lake Biwa
North Lake (Hokko)
South Lake (Nanko)
Takashima City
Nagahama City
Maibara City
Hikone City
Otsu City
Kusatsu City
Moriyama City
Yasu City
Omihachiman City
Higashiomi City
Ritto City
Konan City
Koka City
Hino Town
Ryuo Town
Taga Town
Kora Town
Toyosato Town
Aisho Town
Wakasa Town
Ibigawa Town
Sekigahara Town
Kyoto City
Uji City
Ujitawara Town
Joyo City
Iga City
Kameyama City
Elevation 200m 100m 0m
Nagahara Station
Yanokuma Tunnel
Shiotsukaido Ajikama-no-Sato Roadside Rest Area
Hannoura
Shizugatake Tunnel (Old road)
Oto Intersection
START GOAL Cycling + Cruising "Cycrusing" and Select Experience
START GOAL Takashima Long Ride 100 Plus
START Indulge in the Legends of Lake Yogo and Stories from Japan's Period of Warring States
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GOAL Pedaling Through Nature and History in the Ibuki Foothills
START Pedaling Through Nature and History in the Ibuki Foothills
START GOAL Sites on the Eastern Shore and Returning by Train (Bicycle, too!)
START Relive What Travelers Saw Long Ago Along the Nakasendo
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START Cherry Trees Along the Uso River
START GOAL Feel the Visions of Nobunaga Oda and Wetland Landscapes
START GOAL A Trip Along the Yasu River, the Streets of Hino and the Kyu-Tokaido
START GOAL Hills and History! Plenty to See and Do on the South Lake Loop
START GOAL Central Kusatsu, Shigaraki's Humorous Clay Raccoon Dogs and Tea Fields of Asamiya
Rows of Metasequoias
Lake Yogo
Maibara-eki Cycle Station (National Cycle Route gateway)
Monument to Lake Biwa Cyclist
Otsu Port Cycle Station (National Cycle Route gateway)
Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge
BIWAICHI Departure Monument
Bridge section warnings throughout the route.
Throughout the route, there are narrow sections on bridges without cycling lanes, so be cautious when riding there
Katata enlarged view 1:50,000
Nagahama enlarged view 1:25,000
Hikone enlarged view 1:25,000
Otsu enlarged view 1:50,000
Kusatsu enlarged view 1:25,000
0km Starting point / End point
Route often mistaken here. Do not head north on Natl. Rt
The south-side sidewalk in the 2nd Tunnel is wide
Sidewalk turns in one point inside of tunnel
Long downhill section. Watch your speed
Wonderful scenery when exiting the tunnel. Rest areas available
Steep Uphill/Downhill
Shizugatake Tunnel is narrow and dangerous. Take the old Natl. Rt. The old Natl. Rt. is closed to traffic in winter
One-way between Observation Deck and Tsukide Gate Road often closed due to landslide, etc. Verify passability in advance
Okubiwako Parkway between the Sugaura Gate and Yanokuma is passable between 8am - 8pm. Closed to traffic in winter
Cross the railway diagonally. Be careful not to get your tires stuck in the tracks
Cross Natl. Rt. No crosswalk nor traffic signal
No crosswalk nor traffic signal
Narrow tunnel!
Watch for Tractors! All Cyclists Go Slow
Go Slow! Pedestrian right-of-way in village
Speed limits are strictly enforced during the cherry blossom season because of pedestrian crowds
Series of short tunnels. Keep lights ON
The northern end of Lake Biwa is difficult for bicycles in winter because of accumulated snow. Not recommended for cycling
Downhill S curve. Watch your speed
Very heavy traffic from here to Otsu Port!
The road is narrow in the residential area, slow down
Do not park bicycles in Roadside Resrt Area or lakeside parking lots that are for vehicle parking
With stairs
Downhill! Watch Speed!
Slightly narrow road!
Avoid crossing the road in front of shrines
Heavy traffic! Vehicles traveling at high speed!
There is a detour route due to bypass construction, which is narrow and complicated. Follow the signs
No traffic signal. Blind Spot!
Closed to bicycle traffic
The bicycle path suddenly ends and switches to the opposite side of the railroad
Pedestrians have right-of-way in village. Reduce speed!
Heavy Traffic on Rt. 477
Cross with Caution!
Watch for vehicles exiting from the parking lot near Kyukamura!
This section has many curves and ups and downs, but is also very scenic. Watch for collapsed road shoulders!
Poor visibility!
Steep Hill!
Heavy Traffic!
No crosswalk nor traffic signal
Narrow Tunnel!
Heavy Traffic on Rt. 8!
Heavy Traffic
There is a branching points. Follow the guide signs
The road becomes narrower
No crosswalk nor traffic signal
Narrow shoulder
Fairly busy traffic on Natl. Rt. 307
Dangerous to Cross on Bicycle. Use footbridge
Dangerous to ride on bridge. Use sidewalk on this side
Fairly busy traffic. No traffic signal
Sensor-triggered traffic signal. No pushbutton
Bicycle services not available at Shigaraki Kohgen Railway Kibukawa Station
Use footbridge to cross highway
Safety grooving may ensnare tires!
No crossing on bridge
Hard to find turing corner
Watch for vehicles coming from the left once across the train tracks.
Narrow road
Go Slow! Pedestrian right-of-way in village
Roadway through post town. Residences on both sides of roadway
Roads are narrow. Residences on both sides of roadway
Bicycles cannot be loaded onto or off trains at Hikone Station
Waterway on east-side. Narrow road. Residences on both sides of roadway
Cross the railway diagonally. Be careful not to get your tires stuck in the tracks
Preschooler walking course. Go slowly and be careful of pedestrians
Go Slow! Pedestrian right-of-way in village
Narrow road. Residences on both sides of roadway. Heavy traffic!
No crosswalk nor traffic signal
Homes and stores on both sides of the street
Heavy Traffic on Rt. 307
Heavy Traffic on Rt. 307
Steep Uphill!
Main road goes uphill from here
Narrow Road
Make a right turn up ahead without crossing the road
No crosswalk nor traffic signal
Traffic Acutuated Signal. Push-button on right-side of road
Attention when crossing
Busy traffic and hardly any shoulder along Pref. Rd. 47 between Hiyoshi-taisha Shrine and Omi-jingu-mae Station
Heavy Traffic on Rt. 161
Turn right. Watch out for cyclists and pedestrians!
Go Slow. Pedestrian right-of-way in Town
Fast heavy traffic. Advanced cyclists should also ride on the bicycle path
Go Slow within Park!
Heavy Traffic on Pref. Road
Vechicles only. No bicycle road
Gravel road but easy to pedal
Park Exit Blind Spot!
Observation point for watching migrating birds. Great spot for photographing sunset all year-round. Chikubu Island is beautiful in the offing. 100 best sunsets in Japan
Ferry boats between Makino Port and Chikubu Island are currently out of service.
Biwako Quasi-National Park
Suzuka Quasi-National Park
Biwako Kisen Cruise
Ohmi Marine Cruise
Report any road hazards to: Shiga Prefecture, Road Management Sec. TEL：077-528-4133（Weekday only） e-mail：ha08@pref.shiga.lg.jp