

Totsukawa Onsen Hot Spring Aficionado Paradise

Totsukawa Onsen is an isolated hot spring paradise located in the heart of the Kii mountains. It is a small community spread thinly along the riverside squeezed next to the base of steep mountains. The main settlement overlooks a man-made lake formed by a dam downstream.



Hotel Subaru

Hotel Subaru is located along the Kohechi pilgrimage route. It is a large facility with lodging, restaurant, small souvenir shop, day use hot spring baths, and hot spring pool.

Even if you are not staying there it is worth a short rest stop. There is a bus stop in front of the building.



Yaen Bridge

A Yaen "bridge" is a self-propelled cable car. The passenger sits in the cart and pulls along with rope. This is the old fashion way of crossing the steep gorges and rivers in the area. Yaen is written with the characters "野猿", which directly translated means "wild monkey".

Yaen are now used more for visitors to experience than for actual transportation use. There is a Yaen behind the Hotel Subaru and further south on route 735.



Totsukawa Onsen Area

