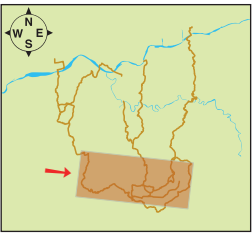
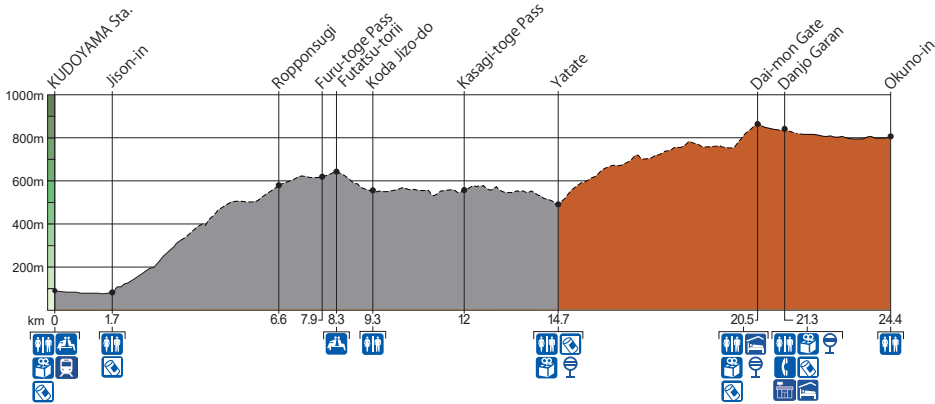


Choishi-michi (Yatate ~ Okuno-in)

町石道 (矢立~奥之院)



Okuno-in

Okuno-in 奥之院 is the inner temple of Koyasan, a forest cemetery in the upper east end of the valley and site of Kobo Daishi's tomb and one of the most popular sites to visit.

Gravestones

This serene burial ground is ~2 km long with over 300,000 gravestones, monuments, and memorials, many of which are covered in lush moss and lichens. Hundreds of centuries old Japanese Cedar trees line the way.

Okuno-in is a microcosm of Japanese history with rich layers of stories and symbolism. For centuries all walks of life have desired to have their grave here, including famous feudal medieval lords and artists. There is a diversity of war memorials for both domestic and international victims.



Bridge Boundaries

Okuno-in is generally divided into sections by three bridges: the

first bridge "Ichinohashi" at the western entrance, the middle bridge "Nakanohashi", and the "Gobyo-no-Hashi" over the Tama-gawa River "Jewel River" into the inner sanctuary.

On the southeast side of Okuno-in is an open area with new cemetery and shorter walking route through the graveyard.

Mizumuke Jizo Statue

Near the Gobyo-no-Hashi is a row of diverse statues with wooden tablet memorials in shape of Gorinto which are splashed with purifying water. Behind the statues runs the clear Tama-gawa River where in winter months cold-water austerity rites take place.



Inner Sanctuary Rules

Please abide by the following rules to respect the inner sanctuary after you cross over the "Gobyo-no-Hashi" bridge.

- No yukata gowns
- No smoking or eating
- No impure acts
- No photography
- No recordings



Toro-do

The Toro-do 燈籠堂 lantern hall in front of Kobo Daishi's tomb is home to over 20,000 lanterns and serves as the worship hall for the mausoleum.

Kobo Daishi Gobyo Mausoleum

The Kobo Daishi Gobyo 弘法大師御廟 is a mausoleum to Kukai who is believed to be in an eternal meditative state here. Behind the lantern hall pilgrims light candles, offer incense, chant, and meditate in the protective presence of Kukai's spirit.

NOTE: You can head underneath the lantern hall to an underground worship hall to get even closer to him.



Pilgrimage Route	
Nyonin-michi	●●●●●●●●●●
Choishi-michi	●●●●●●●●●●
Kyo-Osaka-michi	●●●●●●●●●●
Kuroko-michi	●●●●●●●●●●
Kumano Kodo Kohechi	●●●●●●●●●●
	● Paved road ● Unpaved trail

Legend			
● Toilet	● Public Wi-fi	● Onsen (Hot spring)	● Shrine
● Public phone	● View point	● Station	● Temple
● Convenience store	● Covered shelter	● Bus stop	● Other Unpaved trail
● Grocery store	● Michi-no-Eki rest area	● Parking	● Other Paved road
● Shop/Store	● Choishi	● Post Office	
● Vending machine	● Stamp	● Police Station	
● Drinking water	● Accommodation	● Fire Station	
● Information	● Camping	● School	