



## TRAVEL DIRECTIONS

# RECREATION – DAIBUTSU (GREAT BUDDHA)

Fleet and Family Support Center, U.S. Naval Air Facility Atsugi Japan

**INFORMATION:** Kotokuin Temple (高德院) is a Buddhist Temple of the Pure Land Sect and is renowned for the The Kamakura Great Buddha (大仏, Daibutsu), a monumental outdoor bronze statue of Amida Buddha which is one of the most famous icons of Japan. The statue dates from 1252, in the Kamakura Period, when temple records report the construction of a bronze statue following an idea by the priest Joko, who also collected donations to build it. The sculptors were One-Goroemon and Tanji-Hisatomo. The statue was built inside a wooden temple but that building washed away in a tsunami sometime during the Muromachi Period in 1495, since then the statue has stood in the open air. The statue is approximately 13.35m tall and weighs approximately 93 tons. The statue is hollow, and visitors can view the interior for a mere ¥20 a person. Repairs were carried out in 1960-1961, when the neck was strengthened and measures were taken to protect it from earthquakes.

Phone: 0467-22-0703

Hours: Daily 7am to 6pm (5:30pm in winter)

Cost: ¥200 for adults, ¥150 for children (your entry ticket is a souvenir bookmark), an extra ¥20 to go inside the statue.

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**TRAVEL BY TRAIN:** (Approximately 36 Minutes ¥600 one way.)

(NOTE: Travel time by train does not include walking time from the Main Gate of NAF Atsugi to the Sagamino Train Station. For other ways to travel by train, you can use the Hyperdia Website: <http://www.hyperdia.com/en>)

- **From Main Gate take bus to Sagami-Otsuka Train Station:** Walk across the street from the Main Gate, TURN LEFT, proceed to Bus Stop in front of the Hotel Takashima. Take Bus #52 or #71 to SAGAMI-OTSUKA STATION and start from there. (¥190) --or-- **From Main Gate walk to Sagamino Train Station:** Walk for 20-25 minutes from NAF Atsugi Main Gate, proceed directly across the street, and keep walking straight until you reach the large "T" intersection. (On your left is the Gorilla Amusement Center.) Cross the street, TURN LEFT, and proceed straight approximately 2 minutes. (The entrance to the SAGAMINO STATION is on your right side.)

- From SAGAMINO STATION or SAGAMI-OTSUKA STATION on the Sotetsu Line Express to YAMATO STATION (¥170)

- From YAMATO STATION transfer to Odakyu Enoshima Line Express to FUJISAWA STATION (¥240)

- From FUJISAWA STATION transfer to Enoshima Electric Railroad to HASE STATION (¥290)

- From HASE STATION exit and follow the signs to the Great Buddha (approximately 15 minute walk).

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**TRAVEL BY CAR:** (Approximately 1 Hour one way depending on traffic.) (Not recommended due to difficulty in parking.)

(NOTE:  Prefectural Roads signs are blue 6-sided.  National Route signs are blue 3 sided upside-down triangle.)

- From the East Gate of NAF Atsugi, proceed on PREFECTURAL ROAD 40 to the intersection of ROUTE 467.

- TURN RIGHT onto ROUTE 467.

- Proceed straight on ROUTE 467 passed the overpass for ROUTE 1 (Tsutaya and Treage Mall will be on your left). (Follow the signs for Enoshima.)

- TURN LEFT to continue on ROUTE 467. (Do not continue straight or turn right onto PREFECTURAL ROAD 43.)

- Proceed straight on ROUTE 467 pass the Grand Hotel Shonan (left side) until the intersection of ROUTE 467 and PREFECTURAL ROAD 32.

- TURN LEFT proceed straight through a tunnel to the Daibutsu (Great Buddha).

(MAP ON BACK)

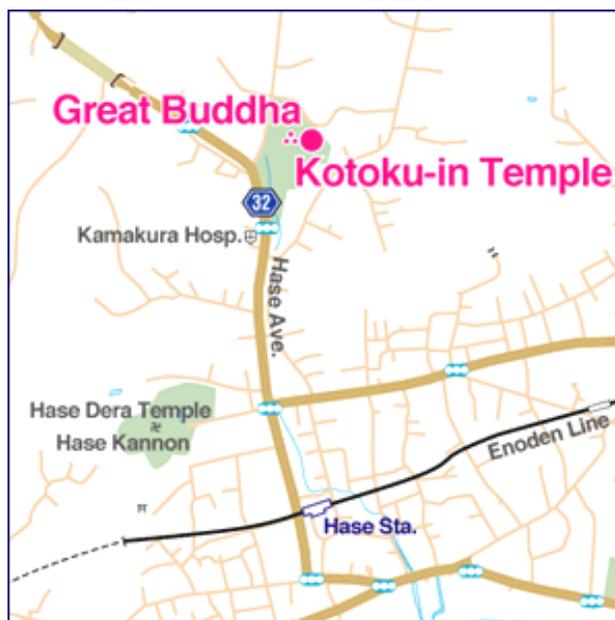
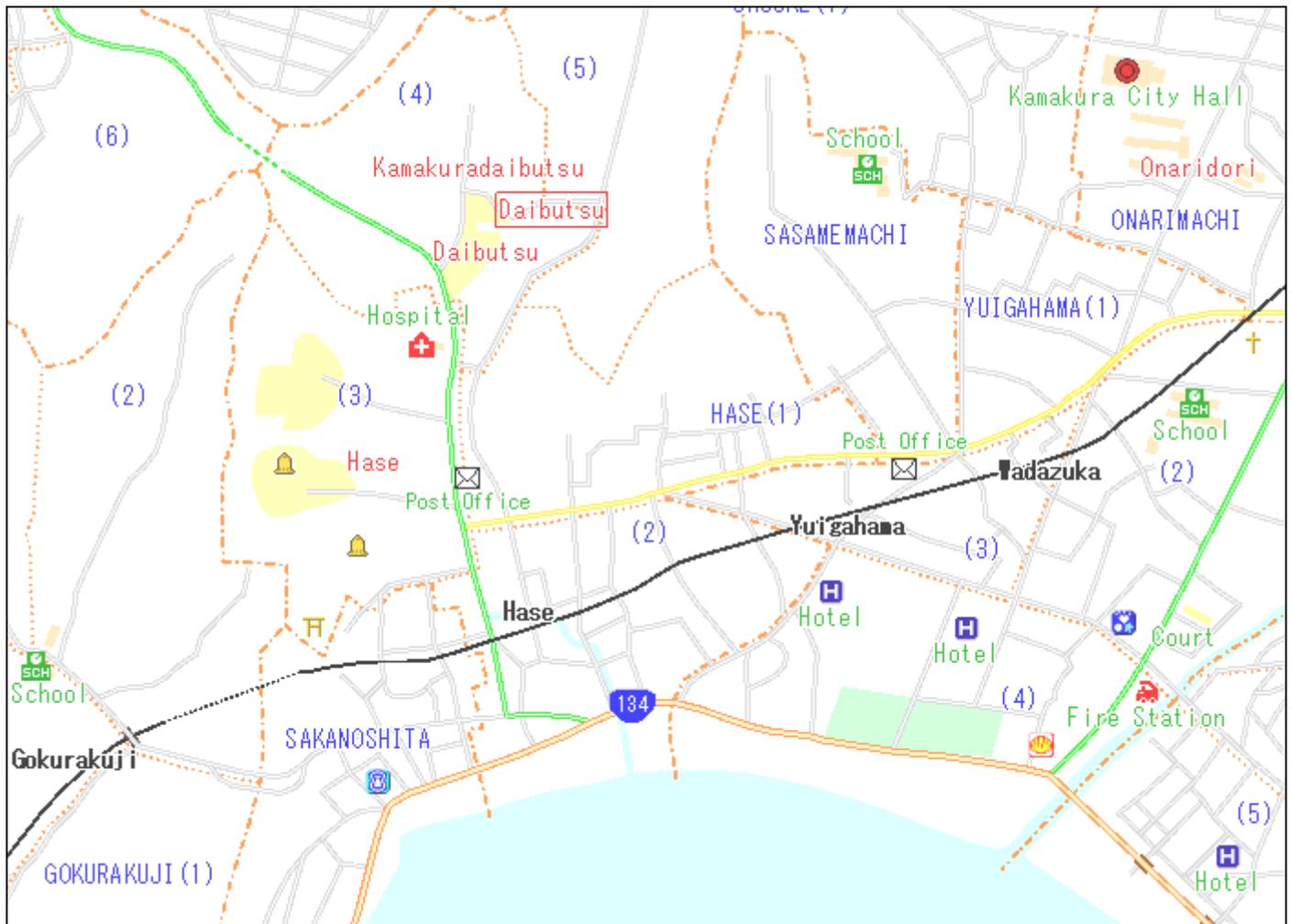
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