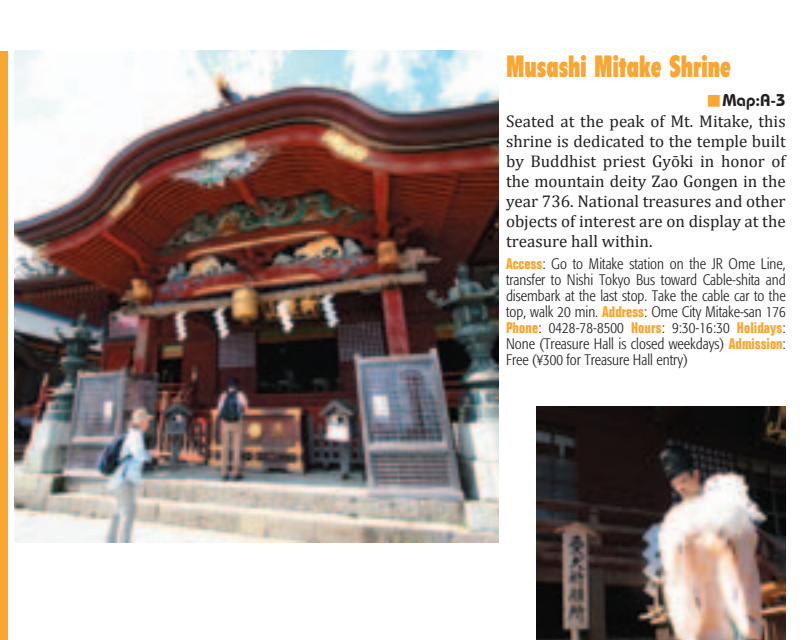
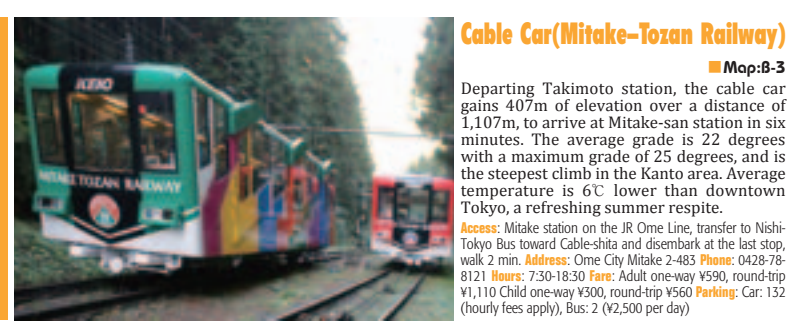


Historically revered, the sacred Mt. Mitake towers 929m above the entrance to Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park. The peak offers views of the high rise district of central Tokyo, Mount Tsukuba, Boso Peninsula, and the Yokohama Landmark Tower. Easy access to a treasure trove of wild birds, insects, and plant life makes it a popular destination for all ages.



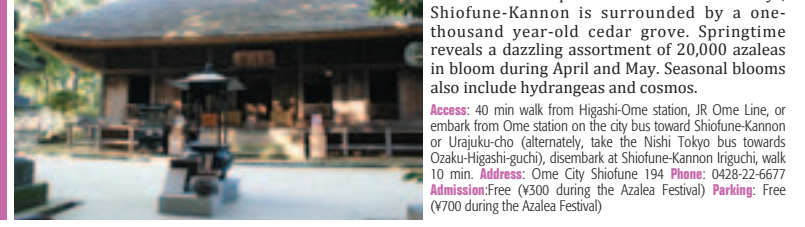
Legend tells of a white wolf guiding a lost Tamato Takeru to safety after being misguided by a false god. Since then, the O-Inu-sama (wolf) has been built sacred by the Musashi-Mitake Shrine, and is considered a guardian against evil spirits and residential fires. Visit with your pet to offer prayers and receive blessings.



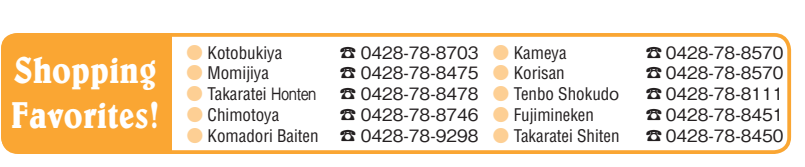
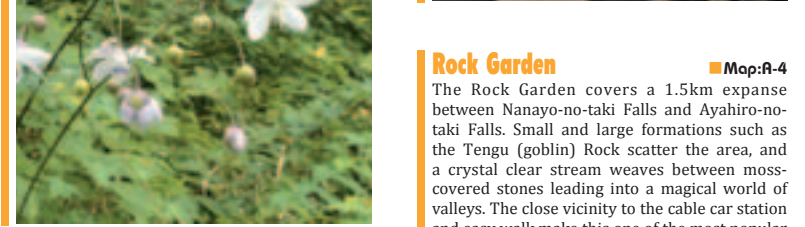
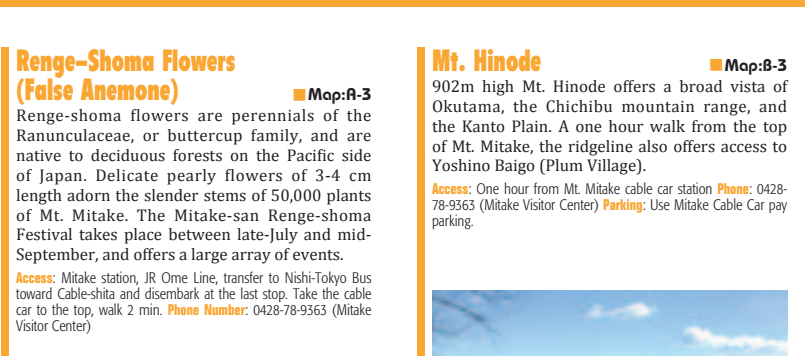
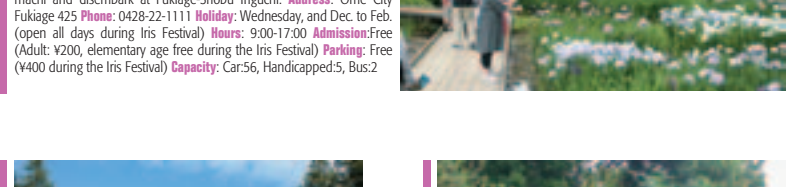
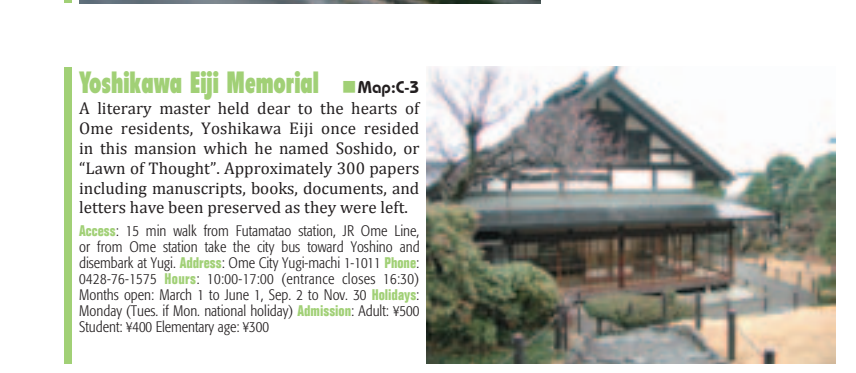
Departing Takimoto station, the cable car gains 407m of elevation over a distance of 1,107m, to arrive at Mitake-san station in six minutes. The average grade is 22 degrees with a maximum grade of 25 degrees, and is the steepest climb in the Kanto area. Average temperature is 6°C lower than downtown Tokyo, a refreshing summer respite.



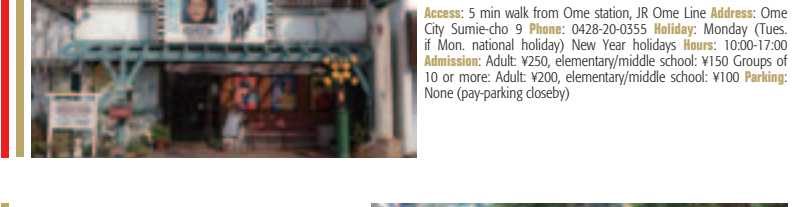
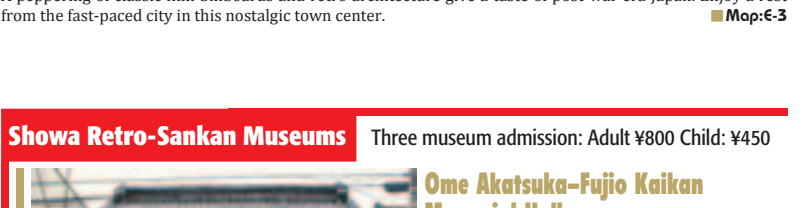
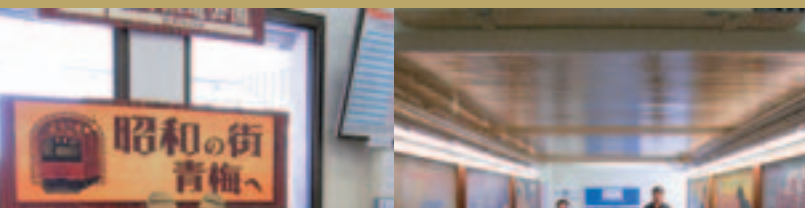
On the doorstep of the Chichibu-Tama-Kai National Park, this area is one of the easiest nature-rich spots to reach from downtown Tokyo. Due to an unfortunate outbreak of tree disease in 2009, many of the plum trees have been removed. The area is currently working hard to regain their heritage.



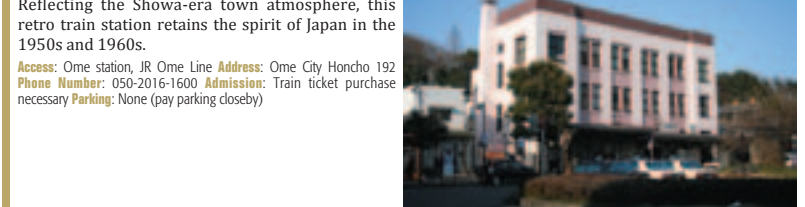
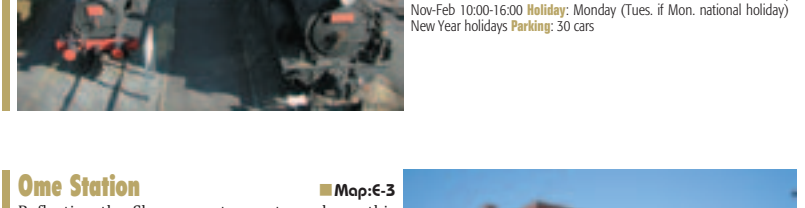
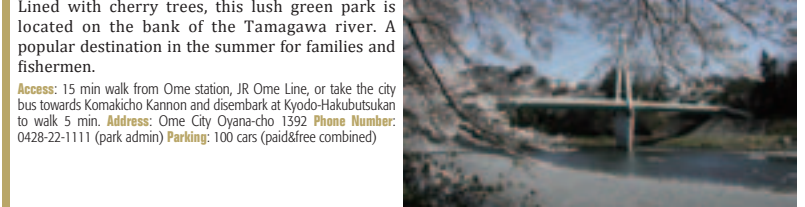
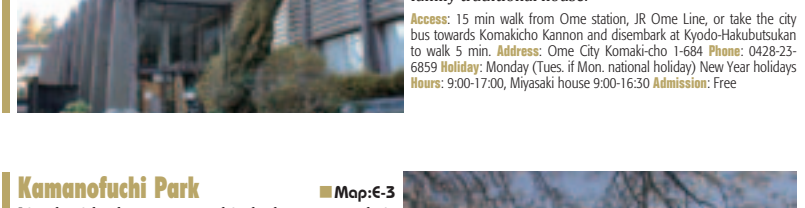
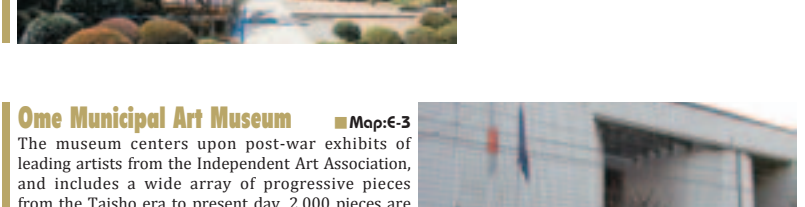
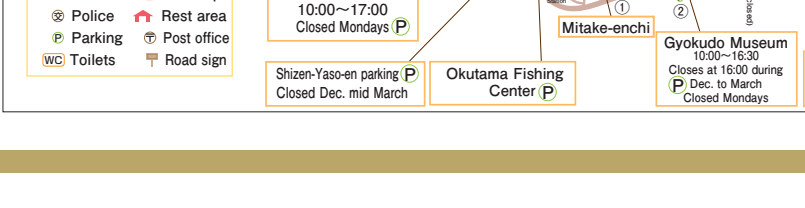
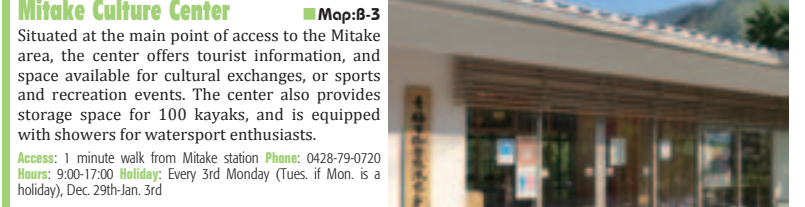
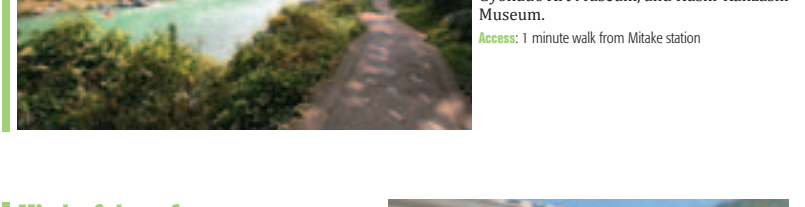
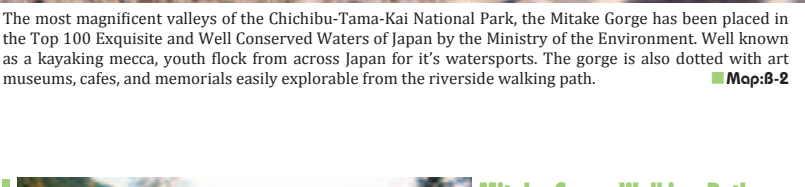
100,000 Japanese irises of 216 varieties begin bloom in June to cover this 2.1 hectare park. Park paths are well-groomed providing easy wheelchair access.



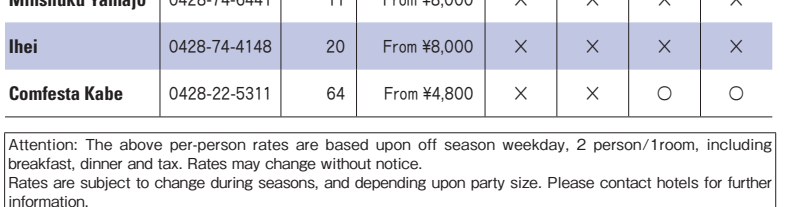
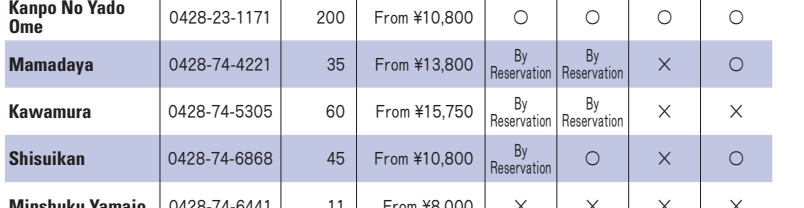
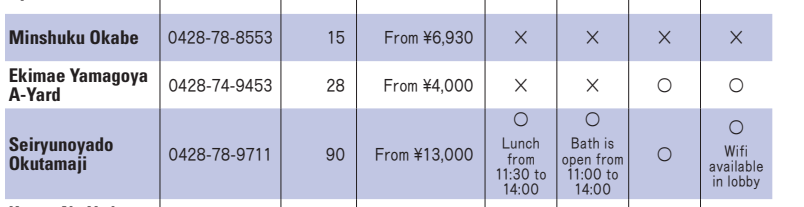
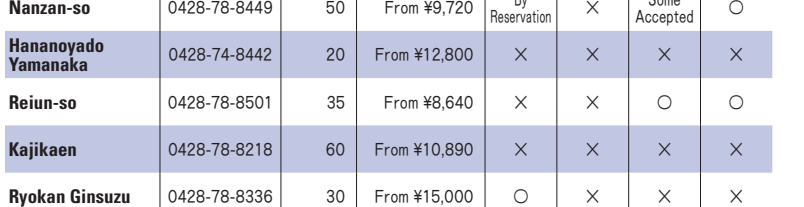
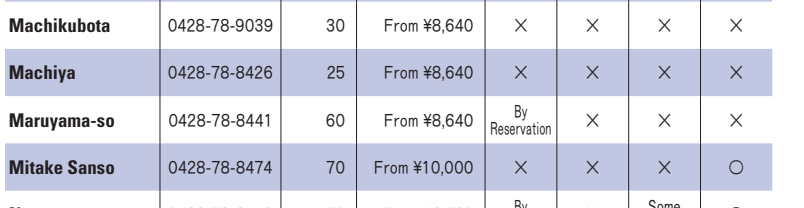
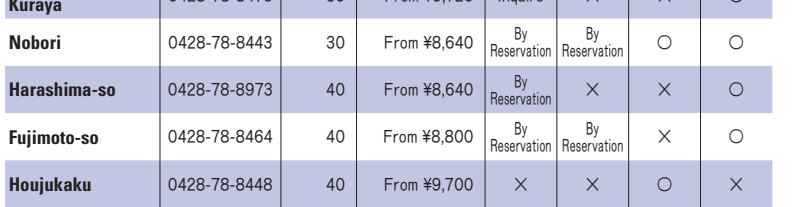
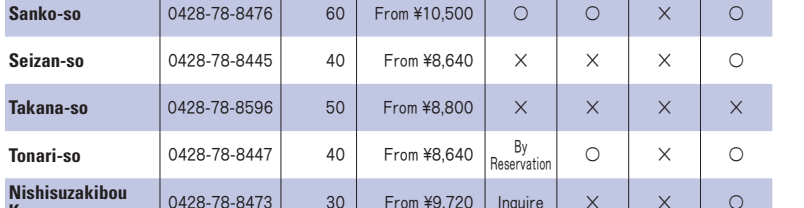
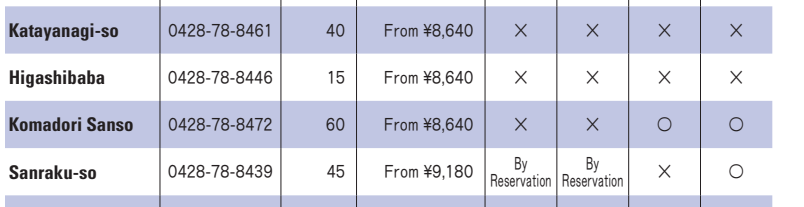
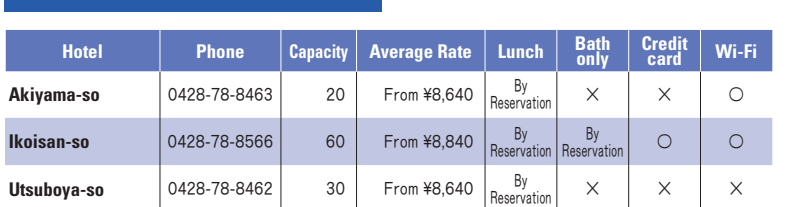
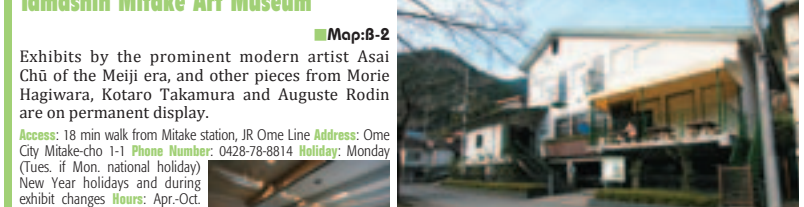
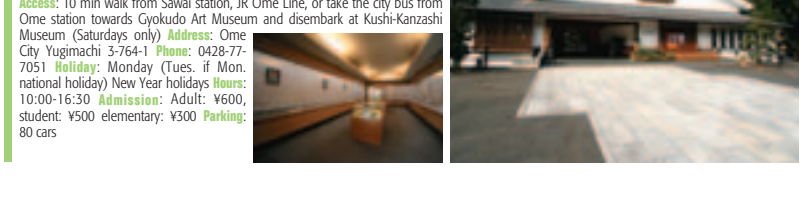
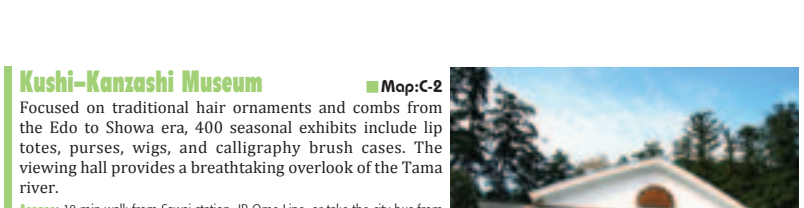
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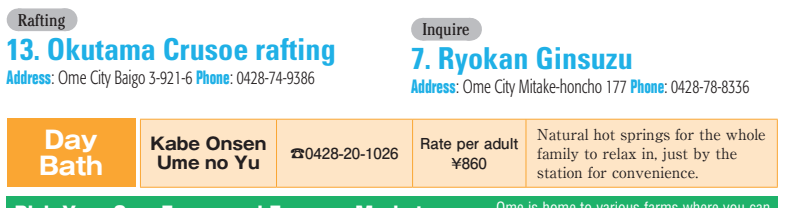
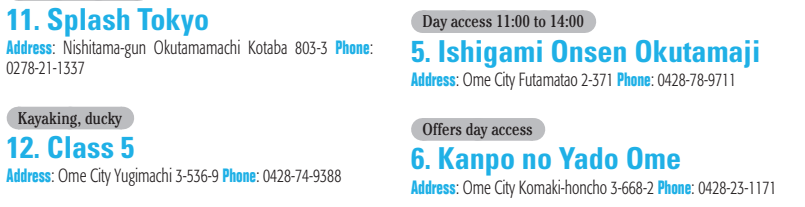
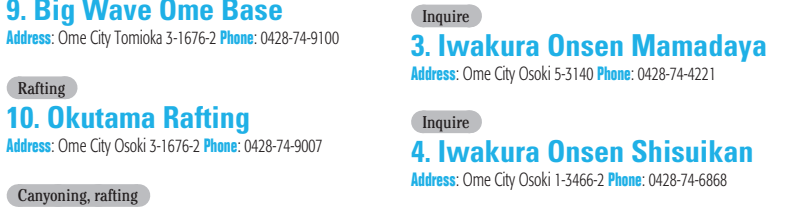
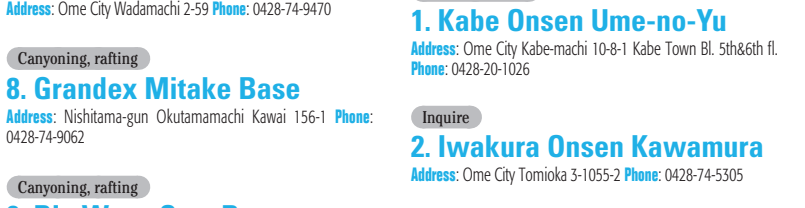
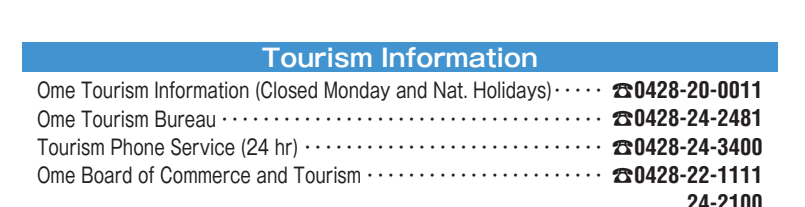
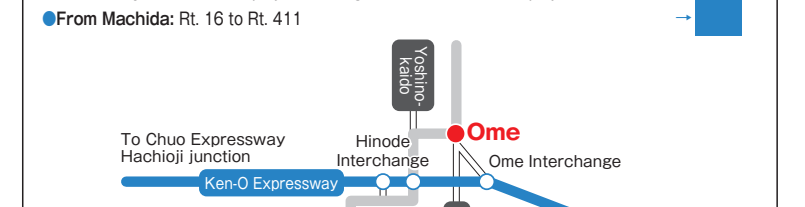
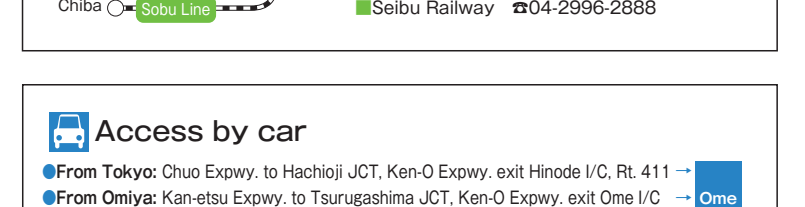
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