Transportation Guide

Tama Hills Recreation Area
Tokyo, Japan
Jan 18 - Jan 22, 2027

Tama Hills Recreation Address:
https://maps.app.goo.gl/4T14SCaLMf5WwGvz6
〒206-0801 Tokyo, Inagi, 北西部大丸・坂浜

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Each Woodbadge Participant is responsible for arranging transportation to Tama Hills Recreation.

You are welcome to use any form of transportation, including:

- 🚆 Train (Highly Recommended)
- 🚌 Bus
- 🚕 Taxi
- 🚗 Rental Car

This guide focuses **only on train transportation**, as it is the most affordable, reliable, and efficient way to travel around Tokyo. The closest train station to camp is Minami-Tama Station.

Note: If you are traveling from a hotel or another location instead of the airport, these directions may not fully apply. We recommend using Google Maps to plan your trip to Tama Hills Recreation.

Tokyo has two international airports:
Haneda Airport (HND) - Recommended

- Closest airport to Tama Hills
- Shorter travel time
- Easier train connections

Narita Airport (NRT)

- Located farther from Tokyo
- Often offers less expensive international flights
- Longer train ride to Tama Hills

Travel Time to Tama Hills

Airport/Terminal	Train Time	Total Time (International)	Total Time (Domestic)
Haneda - T3	~ 1.5 hours	~ 3.5 hours	N/A
Haneda - T2	~ 1.5 hours	~ 3.5 hours	~ 3 hours
Haneda - T1	~ 1.5 hours	N/A	~ 3 hours
Narita - T1	~ 2.5 hours	~ 5.5 hours	~ 4.5 hours
Narita - T2 & T3	~ 2.5 hours	~ 5 hours	~ 4 hours

Total travel time includes:

- Clearing immigration (international arrivals)
- Collecting checked baggage
- Clearing customs
- Train travel to Minami-Tama Station
- Walking from the station to the Tama Hills gate

These are average travel times. Delays due to flights, baggage, or train schedules may increase your total travel time.

Planning Your Departure

The same travel times should be used when planning your trip back to the airport. Camp Okami officially departs on Friday, July 3, at 9:00 AM. If your flight requires you to leave camp earlier, please notify the Camp Commissioner as soon as possible.
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Airport Arrival Procedures (International Travelers)

After arriving in Japan, you must complete Immigration and Customs before leaving the airport. There are two ways to complete the required forms.

Option 1 – Visit Japan Web (Recommended)

We strongly recommend using Visit Japan Web before your trip because it can speed up your arrival.

Before traveling:

1. Create a free account on Visit Japan Web (vjw.digital.go.jp).
2. Enter your travel information.
3. Complete both:
    a. Immigration
    b. Customs
4. The QR code will save through your account.

When you arrive in Japan:

- Connect to the airport's free Wi-Fi if needed.
- Log into your Visit Japan Web account
- Open your QR code when directed by airport staff.

Option 2 – Paper Forms

If you do not use Visit Japan Web:

- Complete the immigration and customs cards provided by your airline or available after landing.
- Present the completed forms to the appropriate officers during arrival processing.

Immigration

Follow the airport signs for Immigration. Signs are available in both Japanese and English, and airport staff are available to assist travelers.

Important:

- Use the same passport that you submitted for Camp Okami gate access.

- If you have dual citizenship or multiple passports and did not submit for gate access, use your U.S. passport or your passport from a non-TCN country.

If using Visit Japan Web:
- Scan your QR code at the immigration kiosk.
- Scan your passport when instructed.
- Then present your passport to the immigration officer.

If using paper form:
- Simply hand your completed immigration card and passport to the immigration officer.

Customs

After collecting your luggage, proceed to Customs.

If using Visit Japan Web:
- Scan your QR code at the customs kiosk.
- Collect your baggage.
- Follow the exit route assigned by the kiosk.

You may either:
- Proceed through a facial recognition gate, or
- Meet with a customs officer.

If using paper forms:
- Collect your baggage.
- Join the customs inspection line.
- Present your customs declaration to the customs officer.

Helpful Tips

✔ Airport signs are in both Japanese and English.
✔ Free Wi-Fi is available at both Haneda and Narita airports.
✔ Google Maps works very well for navigating Japan's train system.
✔ If you are unsure where to go, airport staff are accustomed to helping international travelers.

Train Fares

There are two easy ways to pay for trains in Japan. We recommend using a Suica or PASMO IC card because it is faster and easier than buying individual tickets.

The fare from Haneda is about ¥850 ($6) one way. The fare from Narita is about ¥4,000 ($25). Fares vary depending on the time of departure and route available.

Option 1 – Use an IC Card (Recommended)

An IC card works like a prepaid transit card. Simply tap your card or phone at the ticket gates when entering and leaving each station.

You can use:

- A physical **Suica** or **PASMO** card
- A digital **Suica** or **PASMO** in Apple Wallet
- A digital **Suica** or **PASMO** in Google Wallet (on supported Android devices)

If you already have an IC card:

- Make sure your card has enough money.
- Tap your card or phone at the ticket gate when entering the station.
- Tap again when exiting at Minami-Tama Station.
- The correct fare is automatically deducted from your balance.

If you need a physical IC card:

- The IC card costs 500 Yen (~$3.33).
- Follow the signs for the Train/Railway or Airport specific line
- Find a ticket machine marked IC Card, Suica, or PASMO.
- Select English/other language on the screen.
- Choose Purchase New IC Card.
- Add money to the card. We recommend loading ¥2,000–¥5,000 to cover your train ride and future travel.
- Pay with cash or, at some machines, a credit card.
- Keep your card until you leave Japan. It can be used on most trains, subways, buses, and at many convenience stores.

If you want a digital IC card:

- For iPhone (Apple Wallet)
    - Open the Wallet app.
    - Tap the + button.
    - Select Transit Card.
    - Choose Suica or PASMO.
    - Add money using Apple Pay or other payment method.
    - Tap your phone at the ticket gates when entering and exiting the station.

- For Android (Google Wallet on supported devices)
    - Download or open Google Wallet.
    - Add a Suica or PASMO transit card (if your device supports it).
    - Add money using your preferred payment method.
    - Tap your phone at the ticket gates when entering and exiting the station.

Option 2 – Buy a Paper Ticket (Cash)

If you do not have an IC card, you can buy a paper ticket.

- Follow the signs for the Train/Railway or Airport specific line
- Find a ticket machine.
- Press the English/other language button.

- Select Purchase Ticket.
- Purchasing ticket options should include selecting the train station where you will be ending your journey or for a set amount of yen.
- Insert Japanese Yen (cash).
- Take your ticket and any change.
- Insert your ticket into the gate when entering the station.
- **Keep your ticket during your trip.**
- **Insert the same ticket into the exit gate at Minami-Tama Station.**

If your ticket does not cover the full fare, use a Fare Adjustment machine before exiting the station.

Haneda Train Transportation Guide

- **Destination:** Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)
- **Travel Time:** Approximately 75–90 minutes
- **Transfers:** 1 train transfer (at Kawasaki Station)
- **Estimated Cost**: ¥850 one-way

After collecting your luggage, follow signs for: **Train / Railway or Keikyu Line (KEIKYU)**

All three Haneda Airport terminals have direct access to the Keikyu Line.

1. Follow signs to the **Keikyu Line** station.
2. Enter the ticket gates using your IC card, phone, or paper ticket.
3. Board any **Keikyu Line** train heading toward **Shinagawa** or **Yokohama**.
4. Get off at **Kawasaki Station**.
5. Follow signs for the **JR Nambu Line**.
6. Take a train toward **Tachikawa**.
7. Get off at **Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)**.
8. Exit the station and follow Google/Apple Maps towards Tama Hills Recreation, about a 15-20 min walk.

Helpful Tips

- Most station signs are in both **Japanese and English**.
- Free Wi-Fi is available throughout Haneda Airport if you need to download an app before leaving.
- Google Maps works very well for trains in Japan and can tell you which platform to use.
- If you need help, show a station employee: **Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)**

You can also ask:

- "Which train goes to Kawasaki?"

- "Where is the JR Nambu Line?"
- "Which platform goes to Tachikawa?"

See the visual guide below! Note, this visual is provided by AI. There may be errors or slight differences between the actual signs and pictures

Haneda Airport to Minami-Tama Station

PHOTO GUIDE

1 Haneda Airport (Your Terminal) → 2 Kawasaki (Transfer) → 3 Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)

1. Follow signs for the Keikyu Line

Look for signs that say “Keikyu Line” or “京急線” with a fiah.



2. Keikyu Line entrance

The Keikyu Line station is in the airport. Enter the ticket gates.



3. Board the Keikyu Line train

Take a train toward Shinagawa or Yokohama.



★ Get off at **KAWASAKI STATION.**

4. At Kawasaki Station

Follow signs for “JR南武線” (JR Nambu Line).



5. Board the JR Nambu Line

Look for trains going toward Tachikawa. The train color is yellow.



6. Get off at Minami-Tama Station

This is Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅).

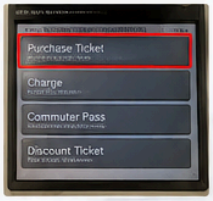


HOW TO BUY A TICKET (CASH)

1. Ticket Machine
Press “English”.



2. Select “Purchase Ticket”.



3. Select fare or enter destination.



4. Insert cash and take your ticket.



HOW TO USE IC CARD (SUICA/PASMO)

Physical Card

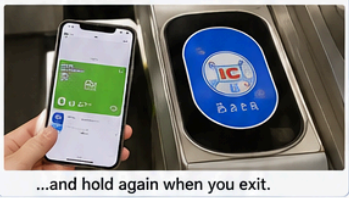
Tap your card on the blue reader when you enter...



...and tap again when you exit.

Mobile (Apple Wallet / Google Wallet)

Hold your phone over the blue reader when you enter...



...and hold again when you exit.

MINAMI-TAMA STATION EXIT

Exit the ticket gates.
Go out the main exit.



Follow signs to the exit.



HELPFUL TIPS

- Most signs are in Japanese and English.
- Use Google Maps for real-time train information.

- If you need help, show this:

Minami-Tama Station
南多摩駅

- Questions you can ask:
  - “Which train goes to Kawasaki?”
  - “Where is the JR Nambu Line?”
  - “Which platform goes to Tachikawa?”

Narita Train Transportation Guide

- **Destination:** Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)
- **Travel Time:** Approximately 2.5 hours
- **Transfers:** 1 transfer (at Shinagawa Station)
- **Average Cost:** Approximately ¥4,000–¥4,500 per person (one way)

After collecting your luggage and exiting Customs, follow the signs for: **Train / Railway or JR Line (Narita Express / N'EX)**
All three Narita Airport terminals have direct access to the JR train station.

Terminal 1 & 2

1. Follow the signs to the **JR Line** station.
2. Enter the ticket gates using your IC car, phone, or paper ticket.
3. Board the **Narita Express (N'EX)** train toward **Shinagawa**.
4. Get off at **Shinagawa Station.**
5. Follow the signs for the **JR Nambu Line.**
6. Take a train toward **Tachikawa.**
7. Get off at **Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)**.
8. Exit the station and follow Google/Apple Maps towards Tama Hills Recreation, about a 15-20 min walk.

Terminal 3

1. Terminal 3 does not have its own train station.
2. Follow the signs or the covered pedestrian walkway to **Terminal 2** (about a 10-minute walk).
3. Follow the signs to the JR Line station.
4. Enter the ticket gates using your IC card or paper ticket.
5. Board the **Narita Express (N'EX)** train toward **Shinagawa**.
6. Get off at **Shinagawa Station**.
7. Follow the signs for the **JR Nambu Line**.
8. Take a train toward **Tachikawa**.
9. Get off at **Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)**.
10. Exit the station and follow Google/Apple Maps towards Tama Hills Recreation, about a 15-20 min walk.

Helpful Tips

- Most station signs are in both Japanese and English.
- Google Maps works very well for trains in Japan and will tell you which platform to use.
- If you need assistance, show a station employee: **Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅)**

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NARITA AIRPORT TO TAMA HILLS RECREATION
TRAIN GUIDE

DESTINATION
Minami-Tama Station
(南多摩駅)

TRAVEL TIME
About 2.5 hours
(from airport to Minami-Tama Station)

TRANSFERS
1 transfer
(at Shinagawa Station)

ESTIMATED COST
¥4,000 – ¥4,500
one way

STEP 1 GET TO THE JR STATION AT NARITA AIRPORT

After collecting your luggage, follow the signs for:

Train / Railway
or
JR Line
(Narita Express / N'EX)

TERMINALS 1 & 2

Walk to the JR station inside the terminal.



TERMINAL 3

Walk along the covered walkway to Terminal 2 (about 10 minutes), then follow signs to the JR station.



STEP 2 TAKE A TRAIN TO SHINAGAWA STATION



Board a Narita Express (N'EX) train toward Tokyo.

Before boarding, check the electronic departure board or Google Maps to confirm that Shinagawa Station is one of the stops.

1. Stay on the train until **Shinagawa Station.**
2. Follow the signs for the **JR Nambu Line.**
3. Take a train toward **Tachikawa.**



GOOD TO KNOW

Not every Narita Express stops at Shinagawa after Tokyo. Before boarding, check the departure board or Google Maps to make sure Shinagawa Station is on your route.

STEP 3 RIDE TO MINAMI-TAMA STATION

Continue on the **JR Nambu Line** toward Tachikawa. →



→ 南多摩 Minami-Tama

Get off at Minami-Tama Station (南多摩駅).

TRAINS & STATIONS YOU'LL USE

START — **Narita Airport** (Your Terminal)

N'EX Narita Express (Toward Tokyo)

TRANSFER — **Shinagawa Station**

JR Nambu Line (Toward Tachikawa)

FINISH — **Minami-Tama Station** (南多摩駅)

WHAT THE TRAINS LOOK LIKE

NARITA EXPRESS (N'EX)



- Reserved seats
- Limited stops
- Fast and comfortable

JR NAMBU LINE



- Local commuter trains
- All seats are non-reserved
- Runs frequently

HELPFUL TIPS

- Most signs are in Japanese and English.
- Google Maps works very well for trains in Japan.
- Check the platform number on the departure board.
- If you need help, show a station employee.

IMPORTANT Train schedules can change. Always check the latest information using Google Maps or the electronic boards at the station.

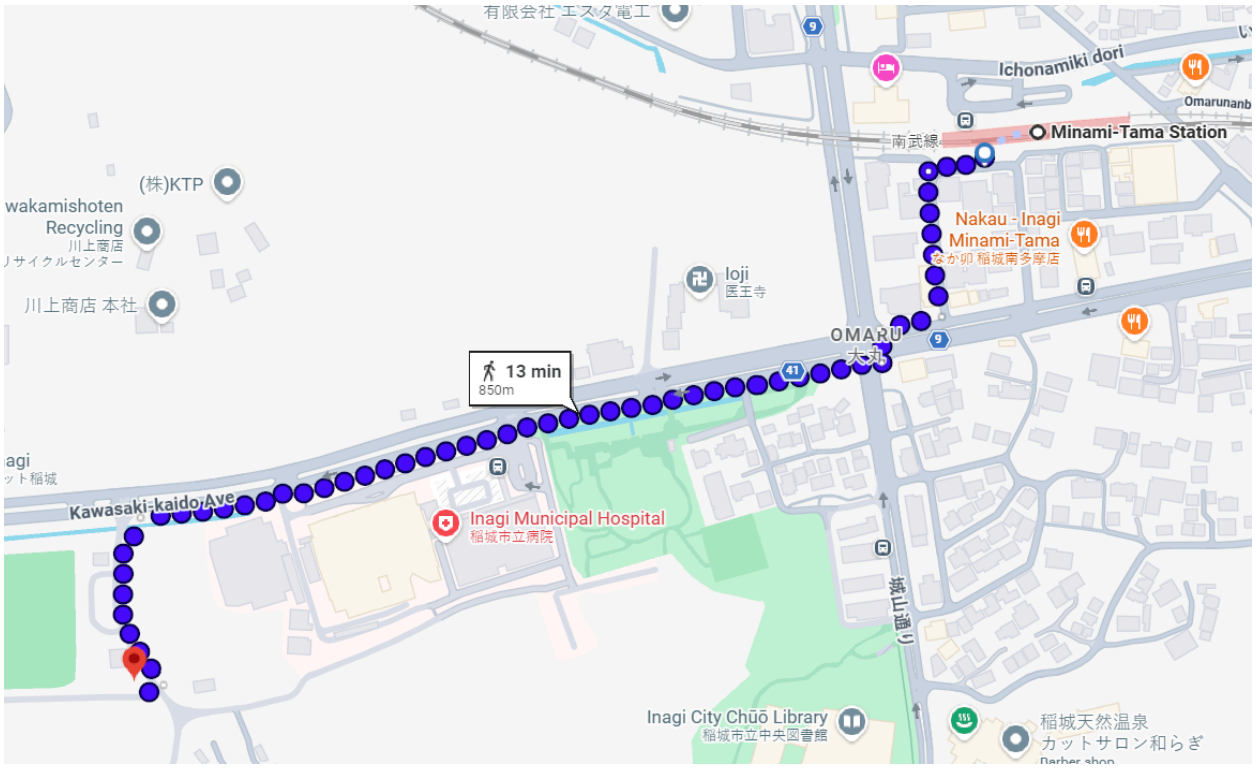
Walking from Minami-Tama Station

After exiting the station:

- Turn left out of the station.
- Continue walking until you reach the main road.
- Follow the main road toward Tama Hills Recreation Center.
- The walk is approximately 12-15 minutes (about 1.5 km / 1 mile).
- The route is on sidewalks and is generally flat and easy to follow.

If using Google Maps, search for: **Tama Hills Recreation**

Because you will likely make this trek twice, please ensure you bring luggage that is appropriate.



How Much Japanese Yen Should I Bring?

While credit cards are widely accepted in Japan, we recommend that every Woodbadge Participant carry some Japanese Yen (cash). Smaller restaurants, food vendors, temples, shrines, and souvenir shops may only accept cash.

Recommended Amount

We recommend exchanging or withdrawing ¥20,000–¥30,000 (approximately $140–$210 USD, depending on the exchange rate).

This amount should comfortably cover:

Expense	Estimated Cost
Train from the airport to Tama Hills	¥750 - ¥4,500*
Train from Tama Hills back to the airport	¥750 - ¥4,500*
Souvenirs (personal preference)	¥5,000 - ¥15,000

*The cost depends on which airport you use. Haneda is less expensive than Narita.

You may want cash for:

- Train travel (if not using a Suica or PASMO card)
- Reloading a physical Suica or PASMO card
- Lunch during the Cultural Day (reimbursed after returning to camp)
- Snacks and drinks
- Temples, shrines, and local markets
- Souvenirs and gifts

Where Can I Get Yen?

- Exchange money before leaving your home country.
- Withdraw Yen from an ATM after arriving in Japan.
- Use ATMs located in airports, convenience stores (such as 7-Eleven, Lawson, and FamilyMart), and many banks.
    - Many international debit and credit cards work at 7-Eleven ATMs.

Cell Service/WiFi

A SIM/eSIM or Pocket Wi-Fi can be helpful while traveling in Japan, including for:

- Navigating the train system and walking directions
- Using Google Maps and translation apps
- Communicating with Camp Staff while traveling
- Cultural Day in Tokyo or any sightseeing before or after camp

However, please note that **there is little to no cell service at Tama Hills.** There is no public Wi-Fi at camp, and both SIM/eSIMs and Pocket Wi-Fi devices rely on a cellular signal, so **they will not provide reliable internet or phone service while at camp.**

The course staff will have Starlink satellite internet for essential course operations and emergency communications only.

If you would like a SIM/eSIM or Pocket Wi-Fi for your travel days, they can be purchased or rented at Haneda and Narita Airports or ordered online before your trip. Please allow extra time at the airport if you plan to obtain one upon arrival.

Woodbadge Start and Check In Time

Check in for Woodbadge begins promptly at 7:00 AM, Monday, Jan 18, 2027. As this course is on a military installation, base access escorts will be available to sign you on at the gate at **7am on Saturday**. While we have received approval for your base access request, the sign in process can still take some time to complete. Please plan accordingly.

Upon arrival at the gate, we will collect your gear and transport it to the Apex for you. Because of the number of participants, we will not be able to transport individuals.

For more information on what is needed once you get to the Apex, please reference the Leader Guide.

Base Access

Tama Hills Recreation Facility is a U.S. military installation. Adult participants and youth identified as Third Country Nationals (TCNs) have been granted access to the installation only when escorted by authorized personnel.

While attending Camp Okami, participants must remain on Tama Hills Recreation Facility unless leaving as part of an official camp activity or due to an emergency. Personal trips off the installation are not permitted.

Please follow all instructions from Woodbadge Staff regarding base access and movement on and off the installation.