

Higashi Chichibu,
the only village of Saitama.



Peach blossoms area



Poppies in the sky



Washi Festival



Ouchizawa
Mandarin Orange Farm



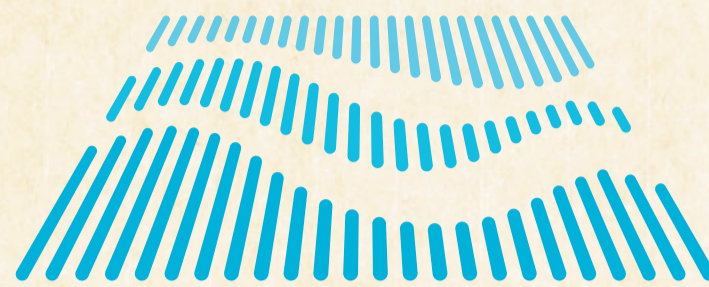
Higashi-Chichibu Village
Official Site

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ROADSIDE STATION
WASHI NO SATO
HIGASHICHICHIBU

You, Washi, and I.



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道の駅・ひがしちちぶ
WASHI NO SATO

MINATO
港



Bus terminal "MACHIWABI"

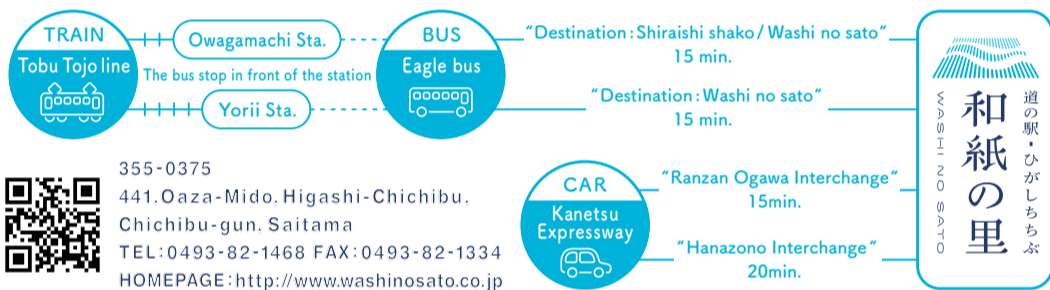
The one-stop station "Higashi-Chichibu Village of Washi" is a central point which connects various train stations and its surrounding areas. We are glad to welcome you.



Information center "YOROZUYA"

You can ask us whatever you want such as hiking trail, recommended place to visit and so on. We offer you all the information you need.

Access to the WASHI NO SATO



"Hosokawa-shi" UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage
Japanese traditional hand-crafted paper, Hosokawa-shi was born in Higashi-Chichibu village. It was registered as an intangible cultural heritage of UNESCO: paper made from Kozo (Japanese mulberry) is not chemically bleached. It is used widely among Japanese people's lifestyle and culture throughout its long history. Hosokawa-shi has various uses, such as calligraphy paper, engraving paper, shoji (a sliding paper screen door), kakejiku (hanging scroll), umbrella, lantern and accessory pouch. It is known for its durability, lasting for 100 years, making it to be deeply appreciated all over the world. These days, even several European museums use it for restoring paintings. Our knowledge of Hosokawa-shi and craftsmanship are the emblems of Japanese heritage. Our desire is to see the art of washi be imported and made known throughout the world.



KURASHI
暮
Hosokawa-shi
Handmade paper residence
"KAYABUKI"

Where paper was born.

This residence was constructed in the Edo era, and was restored and reconstructed. It is designated as a tangible folk-cultural property by Saitama prefecture. Have a peek into the life of the people in the past where Washi originated.



Every Sunday, you can make hand-crafted paper called Okawara-shi, using local mulberry, and bring it home with you.
*Reservation not required. First come, first served basis.

Okawara-shi

Okawara-shi is the origin of Hoshokawa-shi, and it is registered as an intangible cultural heritage of UNESCO. Please enjoy the technique of hand-crafted paper.

You,
Washi,
and I.



Making hand-crafted paper requires much effort.

Even our skilled craftsman, when they began their training, they struggled a lot. Despite its difficulties, this traditional art has been maintained for long years. From the conception of Washi to the present times, Washi has a history of 1300 years.

Passing on these skills from one generation to the next, the know-how of making hand-crafted paper is well kept until now.

The one-stop station named "Higashi-Chichibu Village of Washi" was formed with a wish to transmit and spread this wonderful culture to the world.

In this one-stop station, we have hand-crafted paper products made by this art, handmade soba with fresh vegetables, and delicious local cuisines.

We would like to show you our attractive culture and we hope that one of these appeals to you.