

Guide to Train Lines out to the Western Tokyo Mountains

Keio Takao Line

The Keio Takao Line starts in 新宿 - Shinjuku and travels out to 高尾山口 - Takaosanguchi. There are multiple spurs on the Keio Line train system, so be sure your train is heading towards Takaosanguchi.

At 高尾 - Takao Station it meets up with the JR Chuo Line. The Takao line meets the Keio Inokashira Line at 明大前 - Meidaimae.

Keio Inokashira Line

The Keio Inokashira Line goes from 渋谷 - Shibuya to 吉祥寺 - Kichijoji. Though it wont take you directly to the mountains, you can use it to connect with either the Keio Takao Line at Meidaimae, or with the JR Chuo Line at Kichijoji.

JR East Chuo Line

Trains on this line always have an orange stripe. The abbreviation for this line is JC. The train starts on tracks 1 and 2 at 東京 - Tokyo Station. It travels through the center of Tokyo around the Imperial Palace making a few stops before reaching 新宿 - Shinjuku. After Shinjuku it turns west and makes a beeline towards 立川 - Tachikawa.

Pay attention to the final destination of the train you are on. Some will go directly to Takao station. Others might go towards 青梅 - Ome and 奥多摩 - Okutama. There are also some which terminate at stations in between, like 武蔵小金井 - Musashi Koganei, 豊田 - Toyoda, or 八王子 - Hachioji. Your train platform will have a graphic describing the destinations for your train.

Tachikawa is a great place to change trains. You can find the trains to 武蔵五日市 - Musashi Itsukaichi here, as well as trains to take you out to Okutama.

After changing trains to Okutama at Tachikawa, note there is often a slight delay enroute at Ome. Here the train splits. Only the first 5 cars continue on to Okutama. If you intend to travel on to Okutama, be sure to board the first 5 cars at Tachikawa.

To get to the trailhead for Mt Takao, change at Takao Station for the Keio Takao Line to Takaosanguchi.

