

17. Kusatsu Onsen (草津温泉) [Kusatsu Onsen](#) [Sainokawara \(西の河原\)](#)

Kusatsu has been known for its abundance of hot spring water since ancient times. Rumor of its medicinal value makes it stand out among other hot springs in Japan.

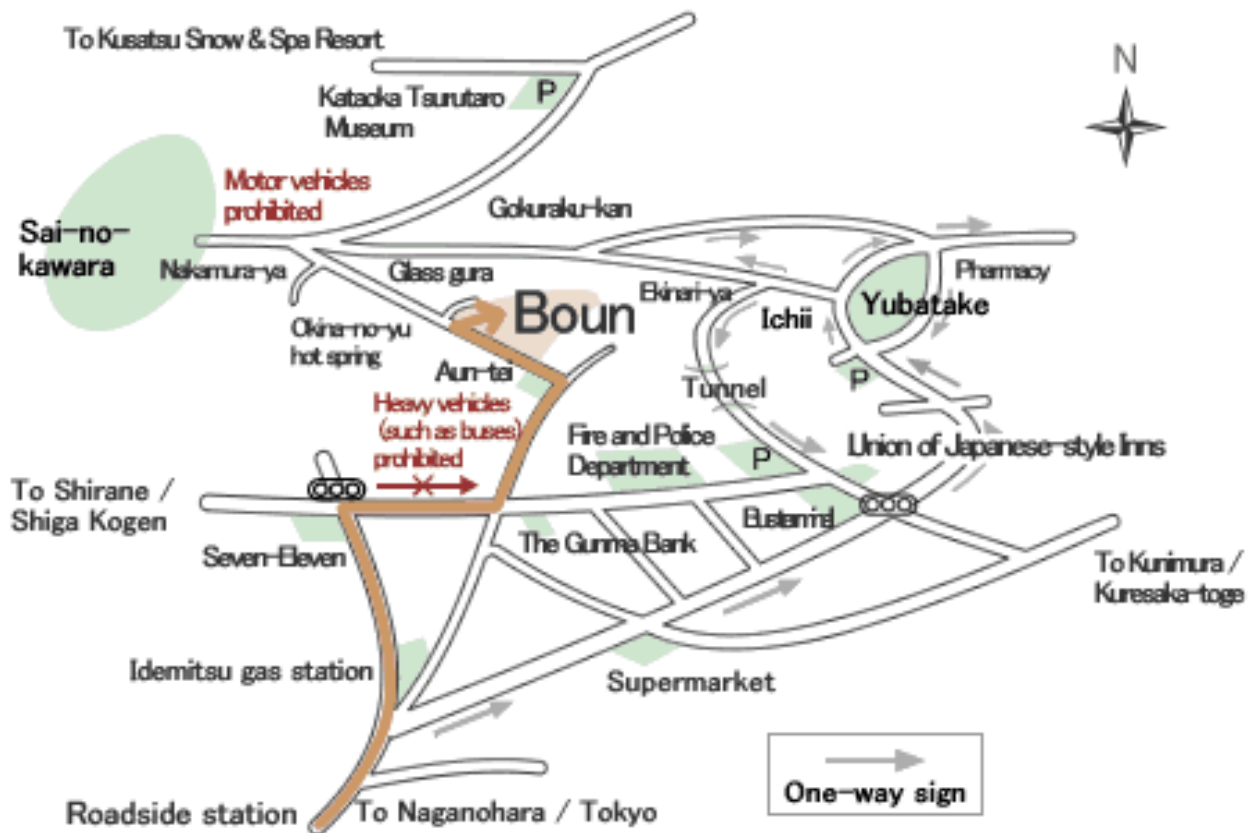
Transportation Example:

Shinjuku BT 8:05, 9:05, 10:05 → (4Hr) → Kusatsu Onsen BT

Kusatsu Onsen BT 13:30, 15:00, 16:00 → (4Hr5min) → Shinjuku BT

One-way fare: ¥3,510 (normal) / ¥3,600 (busy season) / ¥3,800 (most busy season) / ¥3,060 (fast sale)

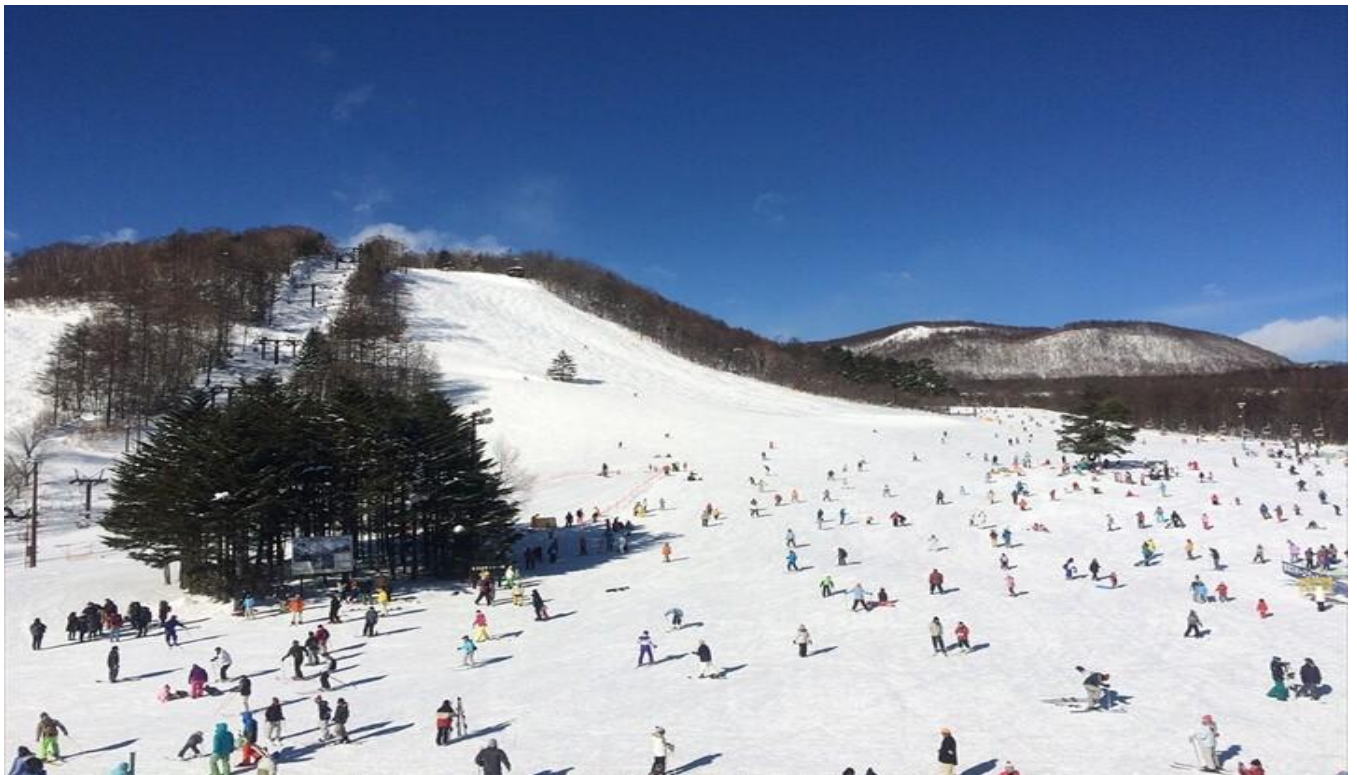
From Kusatsu Onsen BT if you walk to the center of Spring Street, in the center of Kusatsu Onsen, this is Yubatake. You can soak your feet here. A lot of shops here sell evaporated hot spring powder which you can buy and recreate the onsen experience at home. Onsen Manju (steam buns) and various hand crafted glass products are also sold here.



The outdoor hot spring of Sainokawara is divided into men and women sections. A souvenir towel can be purchased while taking a bath here.



Kusatsu Ski Resort in winter (冬の草津スキー場) <https://www.932-onsen.com/winter/index>



During winter times, try enjoying a cold beer while bathing in a hot spring onsen surrounded by snow. There is also a ski resort nearby, Kusatsu for skiers and snowboarders to enjoy. This resort offers mixed trails from green to black runs. You can also rent equipment onsite. One can also learn to ski at the ski school.



A visit to Kusatsu can be done as a day trip. But we recommend a one minimum of one night stay to enjoy the various activities that are offered here. Accommodations range from five stars to affordable and family friendly prices. On weekends this place can get crowded. So do plan ahead accordingly.