



To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the city's establishment, Hirakata's Eight Best Views were designated with the aim of passing on to the future the scenery distinctive of our hometown Hirakata.
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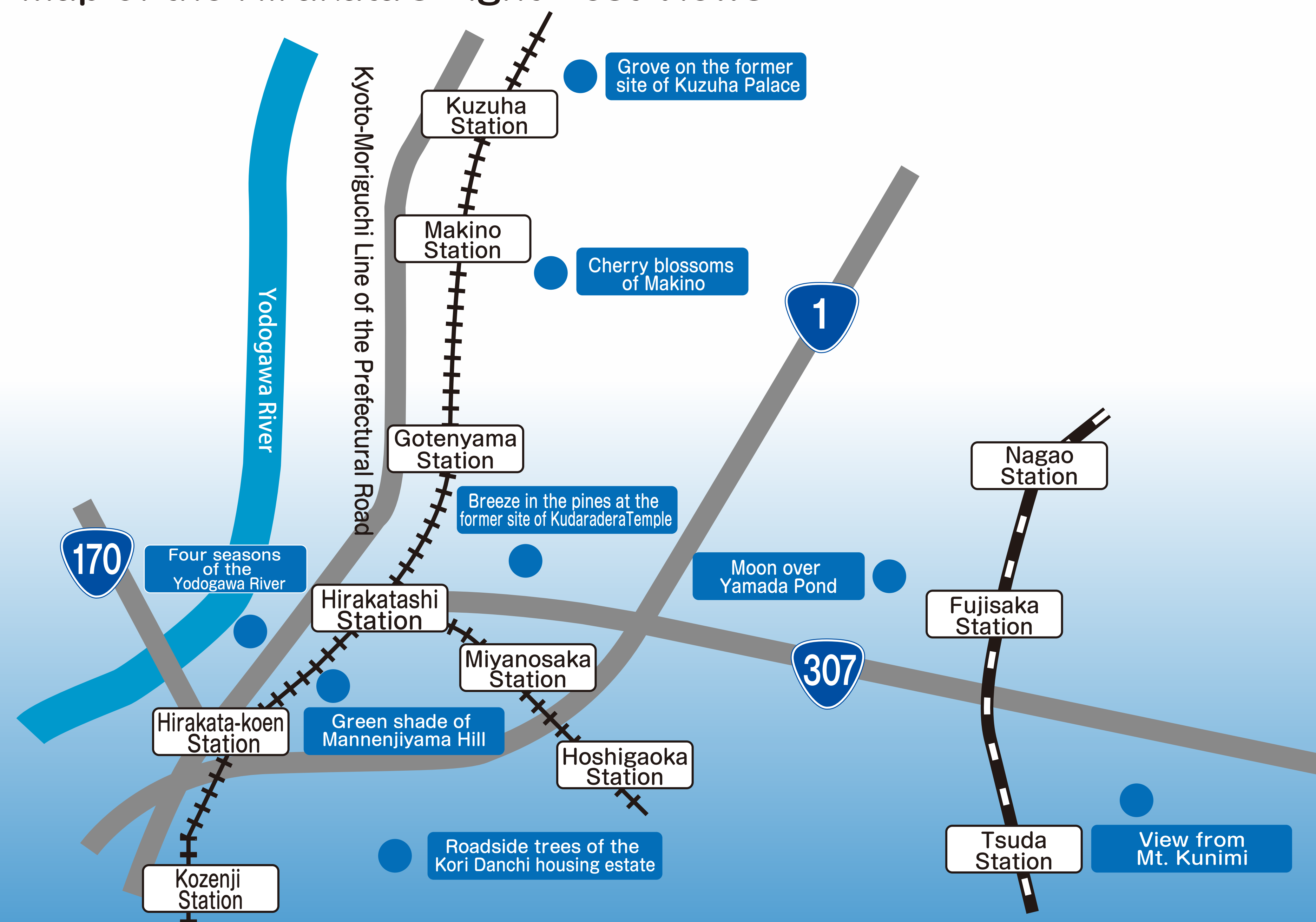


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Map of the Hirakata's Eight Best Views



Four Seasons of the Yodogawa River

Since ancient times, the Yodogawa River has nurtured the history and culture of its coastal areas, serving as a “mother river.” The river’s eternal flow and abundant water volume provide a fertile habitat for living creatures. The Yodogawa River is home to a great variety of plants and animals.

The beauty of the Yodogawa River in the days when it was not developed yet by humans was great enough to make Siebold, who traveled upstream by boat in the Edo period, praise it. He said that the river reminded him of the gorge of the Main in his home country.

In the Edo period, many ships, including those that could load 30 koku (1 koku = approx. 150 kg), frequently traveled up and down between Fushimi and Osaka. Hirakata thrived greatly as a transit port for ship transportation. Today, however, such ships, including even ferryboats, have completely disappeared.

The riverbed has now been developed into a park, where the lively voices of playing children can be heard.

In spring, mustard greens make the banks awash in yellow, and in summer, cattail ears line the banks. In autumn, cluster amaryllises add color, and in winter, flocks of large and small waterfowl fly about, with the snow-capped Mt. Hiei shining in the distance between Mt. Tennozan and Mt. Otokoyama. Each season’s scenery of the river pleases our eyes.

