# BIWAICHI Cycling Map of Lake Biwa

BIWAICHI ビワイチ

NATIONAL CYCLE ROUTE

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0 — 5 km

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## Legend

- BIWAICHI Slow Course (National Cycle Route)
- BIWAICHI Advanced Course (Indicated only in locations where different from the Slow Course)
- BIWAICHI Plus Course [Please see the backside]
- Biwako Yoshibue Road
- Sidetrack
- Dotted lines mark alternative routes for the Slow Course and BIWAICHI Plus Course.
- Low — High Slope
- Slightly steep / Steep / Very steep
- Special sightseeing spots
- Tourist attractions
- "Japan Heritage Shiga" registration spot
- Bike rental
- Train lines that accept bicycles onboard
- Caution required area
- Michi-no-Eki (Roadside Rest Area)
- Tourist Information Center
- Ferry route for bicycles
- Public toilet
- Arbor-like rest area
- Belvedere
- Hot spring
- Potable spring / well water
- Ski run
- Sasanami milepost
- Parking
- Buffer stop
- Cherry blossom site
- Autumnal foliage site
- Flower site
- Camp site
- Swimming area
- School
- Temple
- Shrine
- ▲123 Peak (Elevation)
- Water fall
- Oto Intersection name
- Prefectural hall
- City hall
- Town / Ward office
- National route #
- Prefectural road #
- Highway・Toll Road
- National route
- Prefectural road
- Road
- Prefectural border
- City limit・Neighborhood boundary
- Quasi-National Park boundary
- Elevation (m): 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100, 1000, 900, 800, 700, 600, 500, 400, 300, 200, 100, 0
- Depth of water (m): −20, −60, −100

- Cycling tips appearing on the map are for riding around Lake Biwa in the counterclockwise direction.
- "Biwaichi" is a series of carefully mapped-out cycling routes that loop around Lake Biwa. The routes cover a total of about 196 km and are divided into Slow and Advanced courses by cycling level. Slow Course routes stay predominantly on Pedestrian/Bicycle paths, so if you think of cycling as a sport, you will want to ride the Advanced course.
  Routes are marked with blue lines and arrows on the roadway, and maps and pavement indications at important intersections and branches. Distance markers are also installed every 5 km to find the distance from the sandbank of the Seta-no-Karahashi Bridge, start/finish line. You can use these markers and maps to pinpoint your current location and determine which way you should go.
- When riding through lakeside parks and villages, slow down to ensure pedestrian safety. If necessary, get off and walk your bicycle.

Omi is a phonetic variation of 'Awaumi', which literally means a 'freshwater sea'. It was one of the past territorial names of present-day Shiga Prefecture, but obviously takes from Lake Biwa, which is a vast freshwater lake.

数値地図（国土基本情報 20 万）を加工して作成

## Cycruising

**Bicycles free**

**Between Late april - November 30 [Reservations required]**

- Bicycle racks on the ferry hold up to 5 bicycles. If traveling with more than 6 bicycles, contact the below office.
- Service may be rescheduled or cancelled due to weather and other reasons.
- Cyclists are responsible for loading and unloading their bicycles.

**Ohmi Marine Hikone Port Branch**
Ohmi Travel Co.,Ltd. 3755, Matsubara-cho, Hikone City, Shiga
E-mail: marine.hikone@ohmitetudo.co.jp
(English and Japanese only)
Reserve at least 1 week in advance.

Ohmi Marine / Shiga Prefectural Office

## Sightseeing information

- **BIWAICHI Cycling around Lake Biwa Japan** https://en.biwako1.jp
- **Shiga Japan Heritage** Lake Biwa and its Surrounding Waters: the Water Heritage of Prayers and Lifestyle https://en.biwako-visitors.jp/japan-heritage/
- **SHIGA Tourism Official Website** https://en.biwako-visitors.jp
- **Biwako Otsu travel Guide** https://www.otsu.or.jp/en/
- **Ogoto Onsen (Hot Spa)** https://www.ogotoonsen.com/english/
- **Six Ancient Kilns** https://en.sixancientkilns.jp
- **Hikone Travel guide** https://visit.hikoneshi.com/en/
- **TRAVEL GUIDE NORTHEN LAKE BIWA** https://kitabiwako.jp/en/travel_guide
- **Takashima City Tourism Information** https://takashima-kanko.jp/en/

Katata enlarged view 1:50,000

Nagahama enlarged view 1:25,000

Hikone enlarged view 1:25,000

Otsu enlarged view 1:50,000

Kusatsu enlarged view 1:25,000

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