

## Participation information (Marathon)

### ! Attention

There is no participant parking at the start/finish venue. Please use public transportation to come to the venue and arrive early.

### Items sent in advance

- ① Two athlete bibs (for chest and back) ② Safety pins ③ Vinyl ties
- ④ Timing chip ⑤ Participation gift (one of the following: T-shirt, long T-shirt, or sporty backpack) ⑥ Event program
- ⑦ Baggage check bag ⑧ Baggage bag sticker ⑨ Timing chip return envelope

\*There will be no registration for runners (exchange of athlete bibs) at the marathon venue. Please remember to bring all the items that have been sent to you in advance.

\*Sizes of the participation gift T-shirt and long T-shirt cannot be changed.

\*Items ② ③ ④ ⑧ ⑨ are enclosed together with ①.

### Event schedule

March 8 (Sun)			
6:30	Venue open	8:20	Start
7:00-7:50	Baggage check	10:00-16:00	WELCOME Festa
7:20	Begin lining up at the starting block	11:20	Awards ceremony
8:05	Starting block closed	14:30	End of competition
8:10	Starting ceremony	*If you do not arrive in time for the start time, you will not be able to run.	

### Athlete bibs (race number)



Be sure to bring your athlete bibs on the day of the event. **If you forget your athlete bibs, you will not be allowed to start the race.**

- Athlete bibs consist of two pieces (for chest and back).
- The starting blocks (S-F) are marked on the athlete bibs. Please line up at the starting block indicated on your runner's bib.
- Athlete bib colors differ by start block. \*Men have black numbers; women have red numbers.

\*Please fill in emergency contact information, medical history, etc. on the back of the athlete bibs.

\*Please be sure to check that you have the right runner's bib.

\*If you wish to withdraw from the marathon, please return the chip with the enclosed return envelope, or return it to the general information desk on the day of the marathon.

\*Transferring runner's bibs to others or running in place of a runner is strictly forbidden.

### Medical runners

Medical runners who registered in advance have been sent special athlete bibs. Please wear the numbered bib on your chest, and the one marked "Doctor," "Nurse," or "Emergency Medical Technician" on your back while running. Please cooperate in enhancing medical support during the race.

### Guide runners

For participants with disabilities who requested a guide runner at the time of entry, guide runner athlete bibs, etc. are enclosed.

### Checkpoints / Time limit (6 hours)

For traffic control, security, and race management purposes, sweep checkpoints are established at the locations below.

Athletes who have not passed a checkpoint by the closure time will not be allowed to continue the race. Please follow the instructions of race officials and staff, move to the sidewalk (service road), and return to the finish venue by sweep bus.

In addition, if the organizer determines that continuing the race is not possible, the race may be stopped.

Sweep checkpoints	Distance	Closing time (After start)	Location
Checkpoint 1	7.4 km	9:30 (1:10:00)	Aeon Mall Kusatsu South Side
Checkpoint 2	16.9 km	10:55 (2:35:00)	Kusatsu River Ruins Park (in front of P3 parking lot)
Checkpoint 3	25.7 km	12:00 (3:40:00)	South side of the Karasuma Peninsula outer perimeter road
Checkpoint 4	33.3 km	13:10 (4:50:00)	Moriyama / Turnaround ③ In front of Lake Sagawa Recreation Facility
Checkpoint 5	40.9 km	14:20 (6:00:00)	In front of Roadside Station Kusatsu Green Plaza Karasuma (return course)

### Mid-race withdrawal

- If you feel unwell before or during the race, do not hesitate to withdraw.
- If you withdraw mid-race, use one of the following methods to go to the finish venue and retrieve your checked baggage.
  - ① Go to a sweep checkpoint and board the sweep bus.
  - ② Board the last bus.
- If you withdraw from the race, be sure to return your timing chip to a staff member.

### Water / food stations

Water (and food) stations are set up at the locations listed below. Food will be available only while supplies last. We appreciate your understanding in advance. Regardless of weather conditions, please hydrate frequently during the race to prevent dehydration. Do not throw trash such as paper cups or food waste onto the road, and be sure to dispose of it in trash bins.

\*The organizer assumes no responsibility whatsoever for water or food provided at locations other than those designated by the event.

\*Please bring supplementary food as needed.

No	Distance (km)	Section distance (km)	Water	Sports drinks	Food
1	4.6	4.6	○	○	—
2	8.2	3.6	○	—	—
3	12.0	3.8	○	○	—
4	15.0	3.0	○	—	—
5	16.9	1.9	○	○	○
6	21.5	4.6	○	○	○
7	23.5	2.0	○	—	—
8	26.2	2.7	○	○	○
9	29.5	3.3	○	—	—
10	31.1	1.6	○	○	○
11	33.3	2.2	○	—	—
12	34.4	1.1	○	—	○
13	37.1	2.7	○	○	○
14	40.0	2.9	○	○	○

### Restrooms

Temporary toilets, etc. are provided at various locations along the course. There will be signboards in front of the toilets, so please be sure to use the designated locations.

### Medical aid stations

Each medical aid station is operated with a system focused on life-saving measures, and only first aid will be provided for injuries occurring during the race. No responsibility will be assumed beyond that.

\*Medical aid stations do not provide household medicines (such as stomach medicine, cold medicine, or poultices), nor cold spray or anti-inflammatory spray.

\*If you feel unwell during the race, do not push yourself—have the courage to retire.

\*Medical runners (approximately 100 doctors, nurses, and emergency medical technicians) are also running to respond to emergencies such as cardiac arrest. In addition, AED teams are monitoring safety.

### Medical information

- Regardless of weather conditions, to prevent dehydration, be sure to hydrate frequently before the start, during the race, and after finishing.
- On the day of the event, be sure to bring your health insurance card (copy).
- Medical vehicles will transport only those who require medical assistance.

### Distance markers

Distance markers will be installed every 1 km, at the midpoint, and every 1 km from the final 5 km to the finish.

### Running precautions

- Traffic restrictions will be in place on the course, but in some sections you will face oncoming general vehicles or run alongside them. In addition, event vehicles will be operating, so please exercise caution.
- In emergencies such as the passage of emergency vehicles, follow staff instructions and stop safely. There are also **narrow sections of the course, such as turnaround points, so please run with caution.**

### Time measurement

- Race times will be measured using runner chips (timing chips). Measurement points are located every 5 km, at the midpoint, and at the finish.
- Be sure to attach the timing chip correctly to your shoe. If the timing chip is removed during the race or is not attached in the correct position, timing may not be recorded and you may be disqualified.
- Use the enclosed vinyl ties to secure the timing chip so that it does not come off your shoe.

### Collection of timing chips

- After finishing, remove the timing chip from your shoe at the collection area and return it to a staff member.
- If you are collected at a checkpoint, return the timing chip to a staff member at that checkpoint.

### Finisher award

Finishers will receive a "medal and towel" after finishing.

### After the finish / WELCOME Festa

At the finish venue, we will welcome you with a wide variety of offerings, including sales of local Shiga souvenirs, kitchen cars, PR booths, and more.

### Awards

- ① Overall: Awards will be presented to 1st through 8th place finishers for both men and women. \*Gross time awards
- ② Age group: Awards will be presented to 1st through 3rd place finishers for both men and women. (Age divisions: 24 and under, then every 5 years thereafter) \*Net time awards
- ③ Disability Category: Awards will be presented to 1st through 3rd place finishers for both men and women. \*Net time awards

On the day of the event, a web-based finisher certificate (preliminary results) will be available. For registered division participants who wish to receive an official JAAF record certificate, a web-based record certificate can be downloaded free of charge approximately two weeks after the event (details will be announced on the event website, etc.).

### For those not running on the day of the event

Please mail the timing chip using the enclosed return envelope (within two weeks after the event).

Mailing Address: Runners Chip Office, R-bies Co., Ltd.

1-31-9 Haramachi, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 152-8533

### Event inquiries

Lake Biwa Marathon Executive Committee Secretariat TEL: 077-528-3364

### Final decision on event implementation

Whether the event will be held due to disasters or severe weather will be announced on the schedule and by the method below.

Please refrain from making inquiries by phone.

• Announcement date and time: March 8, 2026 (Sun), 5:00 a.m.

• Announcement method: Lake Biwa Marathon Official Website

biwako-marathon.com



This event is an MCC (Marathon Challenge Cup) affiliated race. MCC races offer the following benefits.

- ① The MCC Annual Grand Prize with a total prize pool of 2 million yen will be held. Supporters and volunteers are also eligible!
- ② "MCC Special Record Certificates" will be issued to runners who achieve a personal best, an annual personal best, complete their first marathon, achieve sub-3 for men or sub-3.5 for women.
- ③ "Age-by-age rankings for each event" will be announced! For every age, first-place finishers in both men's and women's categories will receive Runner's Points (RUNPO).

### Web services

Convenient services for both runners and supporters! Please access them via the banner on the event website.



#### Event results / Web-based finisher certificate

From the event results page, you can view preliminary records of split times every 5 km and finish times.

In addition, you can issue a web-based finisher certificate (preliminary version) from the preliminary results screen.

#### Top & last position information

This service allows you to check the position information of the leading runner and the last runner on a map.



This service allows you to check a runner's estimated position on a web-based map.

\*The service may not be available depending on communication conditions.  
\*Available on PCs, smartphones, and tablets.  
(Mobile phones are not supported)



### Pace runner to help you achieve your goals!

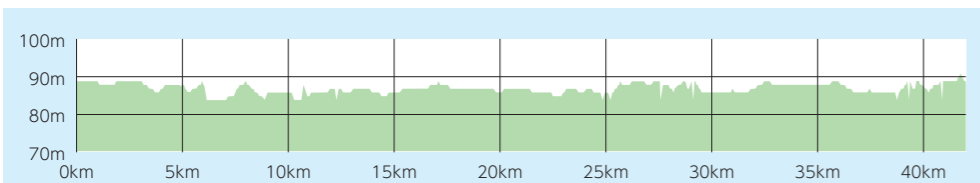
Pace runners (identified by pink T-shirts/caps) will support your target time and goal of finishing.

\*Pace runners will wait in advance in the start block for each set time and start together.

Pacers	They run at a steady pace and lead the front of the group. 3:00 / 3:15 / 3:30 / 3:45 4:00 / 4:15 / 4:30 5:00 / 5:30	PACER 3時間
Challenge pace	They support runners by setting a faster pace in the first half and matching the target pace in the second half. 3:30 4:00	PACER チャレンジペース 3:30
Support team	They support runners who may fall behind at the back of the pace group. *Pace is not constant. 3:00 / 3:30 4:00 / 4:30 5:00	応援隊 (5時間)
Finish support team	As the name suggests, they support runners aiming to finish right up against the 6-hour time limit. *Pace is not constant. 6:00	完走応援隊 (6:00)

## Course map

### Course elevation difference map



Although there are minor ups and downs, the course is basically flat and easy to run.

### About sweep checkpoints

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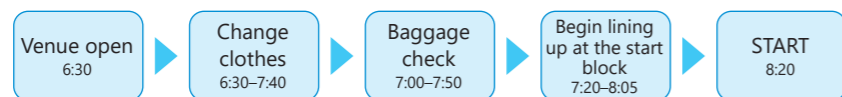
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9	29.5 km	3.3 km	○	—	—
10	31.1 km	1.6 km	○	○	○
11	33.3 km	2.2 km	○	—	—
12	34.4 km	1.1 km	○	—	○
13	37.1 km	2.7 km	○	○	○
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## Start venue vicinity map

### Flow to the start



### Start venue (access to Ojiyama Track and Field Stadium)

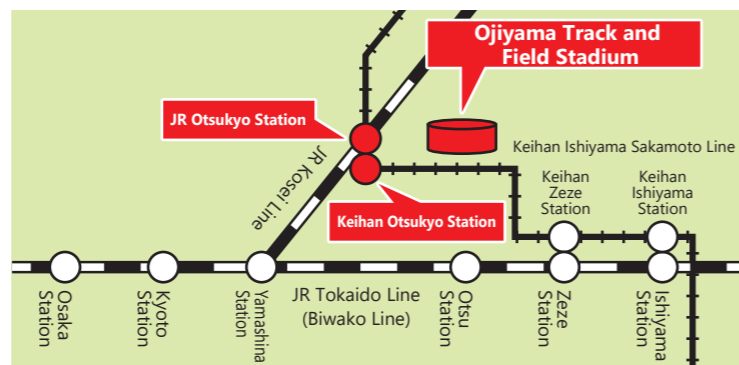
#### Arriving at the venue by private car is prohibited.

There is no parking available for participants. Stopping or parking vehicles near the start venue is not permitted. Please refrain from using pick-up or drop-off vehicles, as they may cause traffic congestion and inconvenience nearby residents.

#### How to get to the start venue (Ojiyama General Sports Park)

Please note that train delays or service suspensions may occur due to accidents or other issues. Check information online or via apps, and allow plenty of time to arrive early.

**Attention!** Paying with transportation IC cards is convenient. To help prevent congestion at station ticket gates when coming to the venue, please use transportation IC cards such as ICOCA or PiTaPa. \*Please be sure to charge your card in advance.



**JR**  
The nearest station to the venue is Otsu Station on the JR Kosei Line. (6-minute walk to the venue)  
Please transfer to the Kosei Line at Yamashina Station.  
\*Please note that this is not Otsu Station on the Biwako Line.  
When boarding, please check web-based transfer guidance services such as "JR Odecake Net" or the "JR West Official App WESTER."

#### From Kyoto Station and Yamashina Station

Station name	Local		Local (Temporary)		Rapid (Temporary)		Local	
	8-car train	6-car train	8-car train	6-car train	8-car train	8-car train (with 4 additional cars)	8-car train (with 4 additional cars)	8-car train (with 4 additional cars)
Departing from Osaka	—	—	—	—	6:09	—	—	—
Departing from Shin-Osaka	—	—	—	—	6:14	—	—	—
Departing from Ibaraki	—	—	—	—	6:22	—	—	—
Departing from Takatsuki	—	—	—	—	6:28	—	—	—
Departing from Nagaokakyo	(Originating at Kyoto)	(Originating at Kyoto)	(Originating at Kyoto)	(Originating at Kyoto)	6:38	(Originating at Kyoto)	—	—
Departing from Kyoto	5:51	6:18	6:25	6:31	6:48	7:00	—	—
Departing from Yamashina	5:57	6:23	6:30	6:37	6:53	7:05	—	—
Arriving at Otsu	6:01	6:28	6:34	6:42	6:58	7:10	—	—
Congestion forecast		Crowded		Crowded	Crowded	Crowded		

In addition, temporary trains will be operated on the day of the event, so please make use of them. (Temporary trains are not reflected in web-based route search services.)

**Keihan Railway (Ishiyama-Sakamoto Line)**  
Please come to the venue from "Keihan Otsu Station" (approximately a 5-minute walk)  
\*There is no fare adjustment machine at "Keihan Otsu Station".

#### From the Ishiyama-dera / Biwako-Hamotsu area (times are excerpts)

Station name	Temporary		Temporary		Temporary		Temporary		Temporary	
	5:30	5:49	5:57	6:09	6:17	6:29	6:34	6:39	6:43	6:49
Departing from Ishiyama-dera	5:30	5:49	5:57	6:09	6:17	6:29	6:34	6:39	6:43	6:49
Departing from Keihan Ishiyama	5:34	5:53	6:02	6:13	6:22	6:33	6:38	6:43	6:47	6:53
Departing from Keihan Zeze	5:42	6:01	6:10	6:21	6:30	6:41	6:47	6:52	6:55	7:02
Departing from Biwako-Hamotsu	5:48	6:07	6:16	6:27	6:36	6:47	6:53	6:57	7:01	7:07
Arriving at Keihan Otsu	5:52	6:11	6:21	6:31	6:41	6:51	6:57	7:02	7:06	7:12
Congestion forecast (*)										

\*How to read the congestion forecast: ■ Extremely crowded conditions are expected. ■ Crowded, but expected to be less crowded than the red-colored trains.

\*Keihan Ishiyama Station and Keihan Zeze Station connect with JR Ishiyama Station and JR Zeze Station, respectively. (Transfers take approximately 5 minutes)

#### From the Sakamoto-heizanguchi direction (times are excerpts)

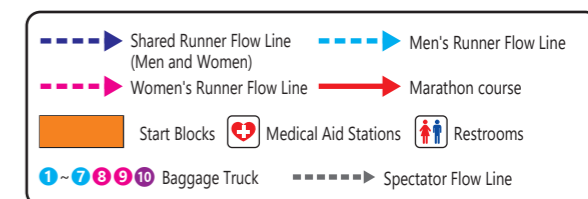
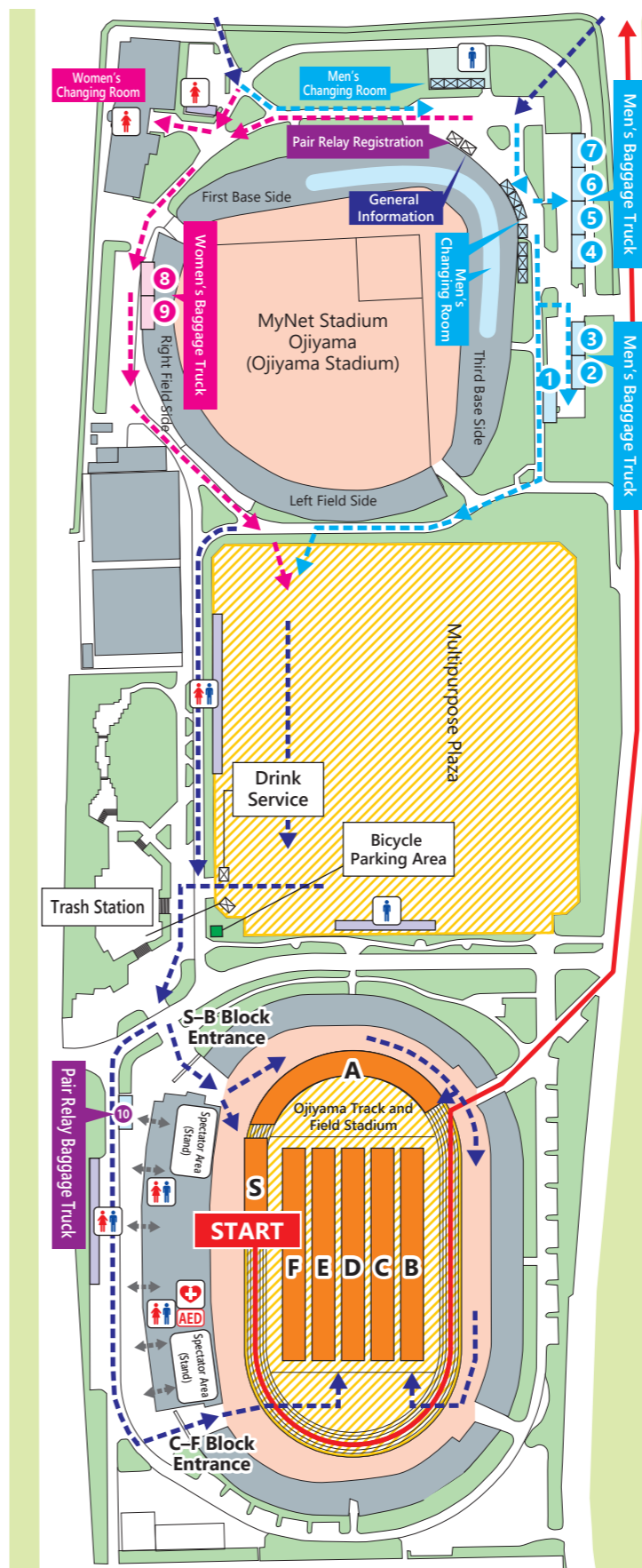
Departing from Sakamoto-heizanguchi	5:51	=	6:10	=	6:30	6:40	6:50	6:59	7:09
Departing from Omi-Jingu-mae	6:00	6:10	6:20	6:30	6:40	6:50	7:00	7:09	7:19
Arriving at Keihan Otsu	6:01	6:11	6:21	6:31	6:41	6:51	7:01	7:10	7:20

#### On foot

Approximately a 30-minute walk from Otsu Station on the JR Biwako Line. There will be no venue guidance at Otsu Station, nor staff or signage guiding you from the station to the venue. If you use Otsu Station, please check the route on your own before coming.

\*We recommend using Otsu Station on the JR Kosei Line or Keihan Otsu Station on the Keihan Railway.

### Start venue map



#### Changing rooms

There is not sufficient space. Please arrive already changed into your running wear, and come prepared to run with only removing outer clothing.

- Men / Outside the north side of the baseball field, outside the third-base side, baseball field concourse
- Women / Sports Hall

#### Baggage check

- Available time / 7:00-7:50
- Men's baggage check / Outside the third-base side of the baseball field ①-⑦
- Women's baggage check / Outside the right-field side of the baseball field ⑧⑨
- Pair relay baggage check / Track and Field Stadium Gate No. 4 ⑩

\*Attach the baggage sticker (enclosed with the athlete bib) to the bag and check it at the baggage truck.

\*We assume no responsibility for loss of or damage to baggage.

\*Tie the bag securely so that items inside do not spill out.

\*Valuables, fragile items, living things, hazardous items, and large items that do not fit in the baggage check bag (such as suitcases) cannot be accepted. Please note that long umbrellas cannot be accepted.

\*Baggage checked at the start venue will be returned at the finish venue (pair relay marathon exchange point).

#### Line up at the start block

- Time / 7:20-8:05
- Start blocks are divided into S-F in order of the declared entry time at registration. The Pair Relay Marathon will start from the very back of the marathon field.
- Please enter your start block through the designated entrance indicated on your athlete bib and line up inside the block. You may start from a block behind your assigned block.
- If you arrive after the start block closure time (8:05), you will start from the very back.

\*The baggage check area and changing rooms are located at a distance from each start block entrance, and congestion is expected. **Please move to your start block early.**

\*Within each block, positions are first-come, first-served.

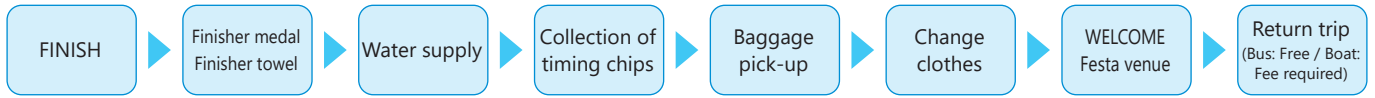
\*Blocks will start in the following order: S ⇒ A ⇒ B ⇒ C ⇒ D ⇒ E ⇒ F.

\*Even in the case of delays to public transportation, runners who do not arrive in time for the start will not be allowed to run.



# Finish venue map

## Flow after finishing



## Finish venue map

**Arriving at the venue by private car is prohibited.**  
There is no parking available for participants. Stopping or parking vehicles near the finish venue is not permitted. Please refrain from using pick-up or drop-off vehicles, as they may cause traffic congestion and inconvenience nearby residents.

**Free shuttle bus service information**

**From Moriyma Station**  
Access to the finish venue (Karasuma Peninsula)  
 ■ Operating hours: 8:30–15:00  
 \*Runs continuously.  
 ■ Boarding location: Immediately outside Moriyma Station East Exit  
 ■ Fare: Free  
 ■ Travel time: 20 minutes

**From the finish venue (Karasuma Peninsula) to JR Kusatsu Station and JR Moriyma Station**  
 ■ Operating hours: 12:15–16:30  
 \*Runs continuously.  
 ■ Boarding location: Temporary bus stop at the finish venue  
 ■ Drop-off locations: Kusatsu Station (approximately a 10-minute walk from the drop-off point to the station) / Moriyma Station (drop-off point is in front of the station)  
 ■ Fare: Free  
 ■ Travel time: Approximately 30 minutes to Kusatsu Station / Approximately 25 minutes to Moriyma Station

**Return Route After 12:15 (After the Final Runner Passes)**

**Map Labels:** WELCOME Festa Venue, Men's Changing Room, Women's Changing Room, Boat Boarding Area, Shuttle Boat Boarding Area, Runner Care Station, Baggage Return Area, Runner Services, Operations Headquarters Area, Bus Stop, Shuttle Bus Drop-off Area, Bound for JR Kusatsu Station, Bound for JR Moriyma Station.

**Legend:**  
 - Marathon course (Red solid line)  
 - Post-Finish Runner Flow Line (Red dashed line)  
 - Return Route (Black dashed line)  
 - General Visitor Flow Line (Blue dashed line)  
 - Medical aid stations (Red cross icon)  
 - Restrooms (Blue person icon)

**Important matters to keep in mind:**  
 • Depending on road conditions and time of day, congestion may occur and travel time may exceed the estimated duration. We appreciate your understanding in advance.  
 • Due to road congestion, you may not be able to choose your drop-off station. (Details will be provided at boarding.)

Lake Biwa cruise and hot springs to soothe post-race fatigue

## Shuttle Boat Departing from the Finish Venue

March 3, 2026 (Sun) One-day

Tour 1	<b>Finish venue (Karasuma Peninsula)</b> Yakatabune boat operation	<b>Ogoto Onsen Port (Includes Agaryanse bathing ticket)</b>	Tour 2	<b>Finish venue (Karasuma Peninsula)</b> High-speed boat operation	<b>Otsu Port</b>
	<p><b>Travel fee</b> Advance application 2,700 yen / Same day 3,000 yen  <small>*Adults (junior high school students and older) and children (elementary school students) are charged the same fare; preschool children are free</small>  <small>*Items included in the travel fee: chartered boat fare, tour conductor expenses, and an Agaryanse bathing ticket</small>  <small>*Items not included in the travel fee: various expenses such as transportation costs not included in the itinerary, and personal expenses.</small></p> <p><b>Required time</b> Approx. 20 minutes</p> <p><b>Scheduled operation</b> ① 12:30 ② 13:15 ③ 14:00 ④ 14:45 ⑤ 15:30  <small>Source: Spa Resort Ogoto Agaryanse</small></p> <p><b>Number of participants</b> First-come basis for each departure 50 people (minimum operating number: 30 people per departure) *Advance applicants given priority</p> <p><small>For your return from Agaryanse, please use the facility's shuttle bus (destinations: JR Ogoto-Onsen Station and JR Heizan-Sakamoto Station)</small></p>	<p><b>Travel fee</b> Advance application 1,500 yen / Same day 2,000 yen  <small>*Adults (junior high school students and older) and children (elementary school students) are charged the same fare; preschool children are free</small>  <small>*Items included in the travel fee: chartered boat fare and tour conductor expenses</small>  <small>*Items not included in the travel fee: various expenses such as transportation costs not included in the itinerary, and personal expenses.</small>  <small>*Tour 2 does not include a bathing ticket</small></p> <p><b>Required time</b> Approx. 30 minutes</p> <p><b>Scheduled operation</b> Finish Venue – Otsu Port ① 12:45 ② 13:15 ③ 14:00 ④ 14:30 ⑤ 15:15 ⑥ 15:45</p> <p><b>Number of participants</b> First-come basis for each departure 100 people (minimum operating number: 30 people per departure) *Advance applicants given priority</p>			
<p><b>Operating boat companies</b> Ogoto Onsen Port: Mokube Shipyard Co., Ltd. Otsu Port: Biwako Kisen Co., Ltd.</p> <p><b>Eligible persons</b> Runners and supporters are welcome!</p>	<p><b>Application method</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Advance application: Please check the QR code on the right and the leaflet before applying</li> <li>● Same-day registration: At the "Kinki Nippon Tourist Booth" inside the WELCOME Festa venue</li> </ul>	<p>Source: Biwako Kisen Co., Ltd.</p>			

\*If Biwako Kisen cancels operations due to weather or other conditions, transportation will be provided by large bus