



Kawasaki Daishi Area Map

1 Kawasaki Daishi Heikenji Temple

The head temple of Shingonshu-Chisan Buddhism, famous for the miraculous and protective saint that eliminates and prevents all troubles and accidents. It is also well known for souvenirs, such as Kuzu Mochi, rock sweets, and Daruma dolls that are sold in front of the gate.

Access An eight-minute walk from Keiyou Kawasaki Daishi Station **Hours open** April to September 05:30 - 18:00
Address 4-48 Daishi-machi, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi **October to March** 06:00 - 17:30
Tel 044-266-3420



2 Wakamiya Hachimangu Shrine

Dedicated to Emperor Nintoku, the god of reclamation, in the hope of controlling the waters of the Tama River. Kanamara Matsuri Festival is held at Kanayama Shrine, which is situated on the premises, in April, attracting many tourists from abroad. During the festival, participants carry a mikoshi (portable shrine), which is shaped like a priapus.

Access An three-minute walk from Keiyou Kawasaki Daishi Station
Address 2-13-16 Daishi-ekimae, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi
Tel 044-222-3206



3 Shinshu-en

This authentic Chinese garden was opened to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the friendship town relation with Shenyang, China. It is a reproduction of a Chinese representative garden and the architecture style that typified the Ming and Qing eras.

Access An eight-minute walk from Keiyou Higashi-monzen Station **Hours open** 09:00 - 16:00
Address Within Daishi Park, 1 Daishi Park, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi
Tel 044-276-0050 (Daishi Park Administration Office)



4 Omotesando / Nakamise-Dori

Omotesando is the old front approach to Kawasaki Daishi, starting at Keiyou Kawasaki Daishi Station, passing under Yakuyoke-mon Gate on the left and leading to the shrine. Over three million worshippers visit the shrine, and many different stalls stand along Omotesando during the first three days of the New Year. Meanwhile, Nakamise-Dori takes you to Daisan-mon Gate, the main gate of Kawasaki Daishi. Stretching about two hundred meters, the street is busy with a packed line of stalls selling rock sweets, Kuzu Mochi, and Daruma dolls on both sides.

Access An eight-minute walk from Keiyou Kawasaki Daishi Station **Hours open** 11:00 - around 19:00
Address Daishi-machi, Kawasaki-ku, Kawasaki-shi *Some shops may have different business hours



Highlights of Kawasaki Daishi Heikenji Temple

A Daihondo

Daihondo was inaugurated in May 1964 when the great exposition of the principal image took place. This main hall of the temple enshrines Kobo Daishi, which is the principal image of the religion, and other Buddhist images including Fudomyo'o and Aizenmyo'o. Gomakito (a wish-making ritual prayer) is held everyday.



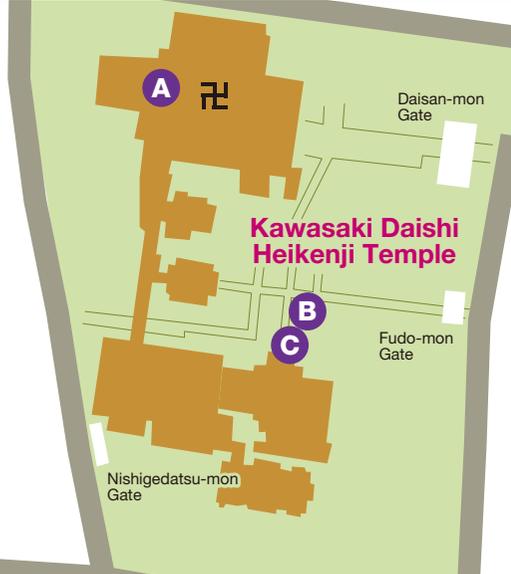
B Hakkaku Gojunoto

Hakkaku Gojunoto (octagonal five-storied pagoda) was completed to celebrate the great exposition of the principal image and the 1150th anniversary of the death of Kobo Daishi in 1984. The octagonal shape of the pagoda is said to be close to a circle, symbolizing expansivity and integrity.



C Henro Daishi

The statue of Henro Daishi was constructed as a project to commemorate the 1200th anniversary of the birth of Kobo Daishi in 1973. Many believers wishing to have strong legs come to the temple. On September 20, Henro Daishi Nensai Festival is held.



Kuzu mochi shops

In the vicinity of the arcade about 10 shops line the street, and Kuzu mochi is Kawasaki Daishi's icon. Thinly sliced slabs of arrowroot rice cake, soy flour, and molasses never tasted so lovely.



Lucky pot-bellied Daruma dolls shops

Buy a fortune souvenir or even a pot-bellied Dharma doll and become that lucky person you've always wanted to be. Pop in and choose from hundreds of our Daruma dolls...cross your fingers!

Rock sweets Shops

You can hear the whack,thwack rhythms coming from this shop and it's a welcoming sound. Rock sweets are the arcade's beloved symbol. Press it between fingers and then pop it in your mouth! Mmmmm, delicious!

