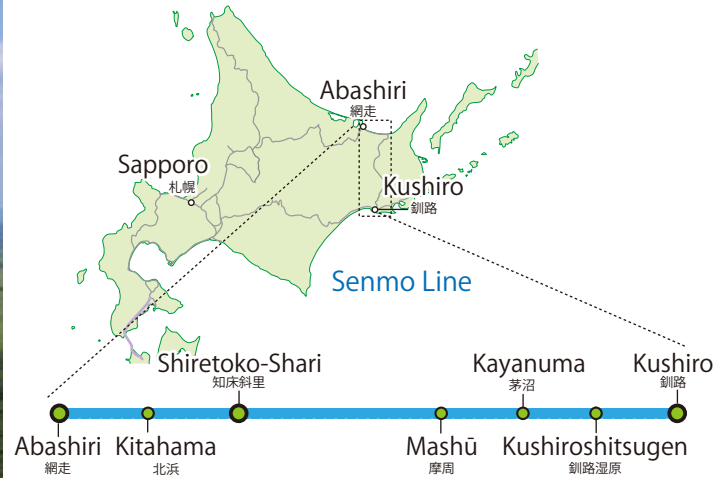


Enjoy the nature of Hokkaido with an audio guide!

The trains running along the Senmo Line (between Kushiro and Abashiri), provide tour guide services via an “Audio Guide” using a GPS application.



The Senmo Line is a train line connecting Kushiro and Abashiri. Kushiro Wetland is the largest in Japan, large enough to fit all 23 wards of Tokyo. The 28th national park registered in Japan, this marshland is a habitat for waterfowl and as such it is also registered under the Ramsar Convention, which protects internationally important wetlands. Kitahama Station is the nearest station to the Sea of Okhotsk and known as “the closest station to the ice floes” . Please enjoy special views of Hokkaido from the train window on the Senmo Line!

Period: All year round from April 1, 2021

Section: Kushiro-Abashiri

Details: Download the free application “kokosil” to your smartphone or tablet. When the application is activated, the GPS finds your location and automatically provides an audio guide (in Japanese, English, Chinese and Korean) on places of interest when you reach those areas.

How to use the application:



Download “kokosil®” application in advance
Select “JR Hokkaido tourist guide along the line” on the “kokosil selection.”



Make sure to use earphones.
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When you reach the place of interest, audio guide starts automatically.

“Audio Guide” GPS application download:



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*Devices that can be used:
iPhone or iPad with iOS 11 or higher /
smartphone or tablet with Android 6.0 or higher

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Places of interest:

◆ Kayanuma Station

While Kayanuma Station is an unstaffed station now, in the past the station staff used to feed the red-crowned cranes, and it became known as the station visited by these precious birds. Even today, red-crowned cranes come here in search of food. If you are lucky, you might be able to see red-crowned cranes, or whooper swans in winter, from the station or from the train window.

◆ Kitahama Station

The vast Sea of Okhotsk sprawls before your eyes right from the platform. In midwinter, you can see a field of ice floes that has drifted all the way from the distant Amur River. Go up to the observation deck next to the station building for a magnificent view of the Sea of Okhotsk and the Shiretoko Mountain Range.

Access:

1. About 4 hours from Sapporo to Kushiro by limited express train
2. About 5 hours 25 minutes from Sapporo to Abashiri by limited express train

