

December 23, 2025

Notice on train timetable changes in March 2026

JR Hokkaido will change train timetable on March 14, 2026.

1. All seats on the Ltd. Exp. Kamui/Lilac (Sapporo - Asahikawa), Ltd. Exp. Soya (Sapporo - Wakkanai), Ltd. Exp. Sarobetsu (Asahikawa - Wakkanai) and Ltd. Exp. Okhotsk (Sapporo - Abashiri) will be reserved seats. **With this change, all seats on all limited express trains in Hokkaido will be reserved from March 14, 2026.**
2. Sales of certain discount tickets, such as the Asahiyama Zoo Ticket, will be discontinued.

< Examples of Discount Tickets to Be Discontinued >

Product Name	End of Sales	Last Date of Use
Asahiyama Zoo Ticket	March 10, 2026	March 13, 2026
Asahiyama Zoo Access Ticket (without a zoo ticket)		
Round-trip Non-reserved Seating Discount Ticket (S Ticket)	March 8, 2026	
Round-trip Reserved Seating Discount Ticket (R Ticket)		

In addition, the "Furano Biei Rail Ticket," which was sold for a limited time during the sightseeing season in the Furano and Biei area, has already been discontinued.

3. Revision of reserved seat charge

The reserved seat charge for local and rapid trains will be standardized at 1,000 yen (half price for children aged 6-11). (Except for trains operated with SL Fuyu-no-Shitsugen Train cars.)

	Current		From March 14, 2026	
	Paper ticket	E-ticket (TR*)	Paper ticket	E-ticket (TR*)
SL Fuyu-no-Shitsugen Train	1,680	N/A	1,680	N/A
Airport Trains	840	840	1,000	1,000
Furano Biei Norokko Train	840	N/A	1,000	N/A
Kushiro Shitsugen Norokko Train				

*TR: JR-EAST Train Reservation

4. Review of stations with low usage

- Station closures (2 stations)
 - Hakodate Line: Niyama Station, Futamata Station