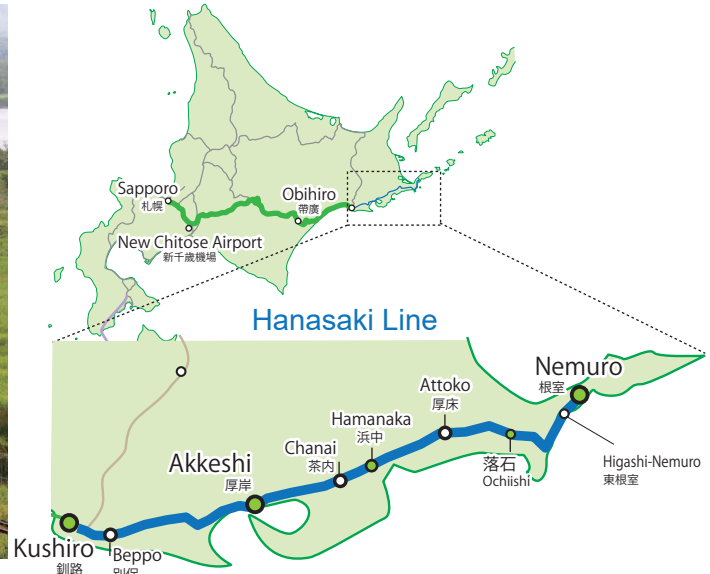


Enjoy the nature of Hokkaido with an audio guide!

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



Bekambeushi Wetland



The east side of Hokkaido known as the “Doto Area” , is rich in nature, bringing with it an abundance of blessings from the seas and mountains. The Hanasaki Line is a local line that runs through this “Doto Area” . Along the line are unique landforms to this area, such as Kushiro Wetland, which is registered under the Ramsar Convention, and the coast of Ochiishi with a view of the Pacific Ocean. You may catch a glimpse of elegant Japanese red-crown cranes that cannot be seen at zoos, and herds of adorable Yezo Sika Deer among other wild animals! Depending on the season, you can canoe through Bekambeushi River located in Bekambeushi Wetland!

Period: All year round from April 1, 2021

Section: Kushiro-Nemuro

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.

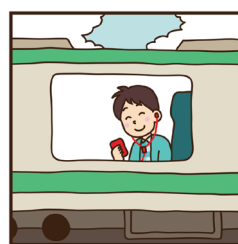
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Select “JR Hokkaido tourist guide along the line” on the “kokosil selection.”



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smartphone or tablet with Android 6.0 or higher

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Places of interest:

◆ Bekambeushi Wetland

Bekambeushi Wetland quickly gained attention when “Lake Akkeshi and Bekambeushi Wetland” were designated as a Ramsar Site in 1993. At Akkeshi Waterfowl Observation Center located on Route 44, visitors can see live close-up images of birds that come flying to Lake Akkeshi and the wetland each season and the raising of red-crowned crane chicks on a screen.

◆ Higashi-Nemuro Station

Higashi-Nemuro Station is well known as the most easterly situated station in Japan and Asia. It is located at longitude 145 degrees 35 minutes 50 seconds east and latitude 43 degrees 19 minutes 24 seconds north. The station was opened in 1961 as a commuting station for local high school students.

Access:

About 4 hours from Sapporo to Kushiro by limited express train
Transfer at Kushiro, about 2 hours 20 minutes to Nemuro by local train

