

TRAFFIC CONTROL INFORMATION

THE 100th HAKONE EKIDEN RELAY-RACE MARATHON

Jan. 2 (Tue.), 3 (Wed.), 2024

(Organizer: The Inter-University Athletic Union of Kanto)
TEL 03 (5411) 1488

● Thank you for your cooperation:

- Traffic control will be enforced temporarily as runners pass.
- The runner's speed is approximately at 20km/h.
- Cars driving in the opposite direction to the runners will be unable to turn right or make a U-turn from 3 minutes before the top runner passes.
- Parking on the "EKIDEN" course is prohibited.
- Running alongside the runners to cheer them on is not permitted.
- There will be traffic restrictions for large vehicles along the road between the Yamazaki I.C. and the finish line on Jan. 2.
- Follow the instructions of police officers concerning traffic rules and detours.
- The main areas of traffic control are as follows. Use other roads as a detour.


The traffic will be heavily congested along the Ekiden course and its vicinity.

We'd like motorists to refrain from using those roads on the days of the Hakone Ekiden.

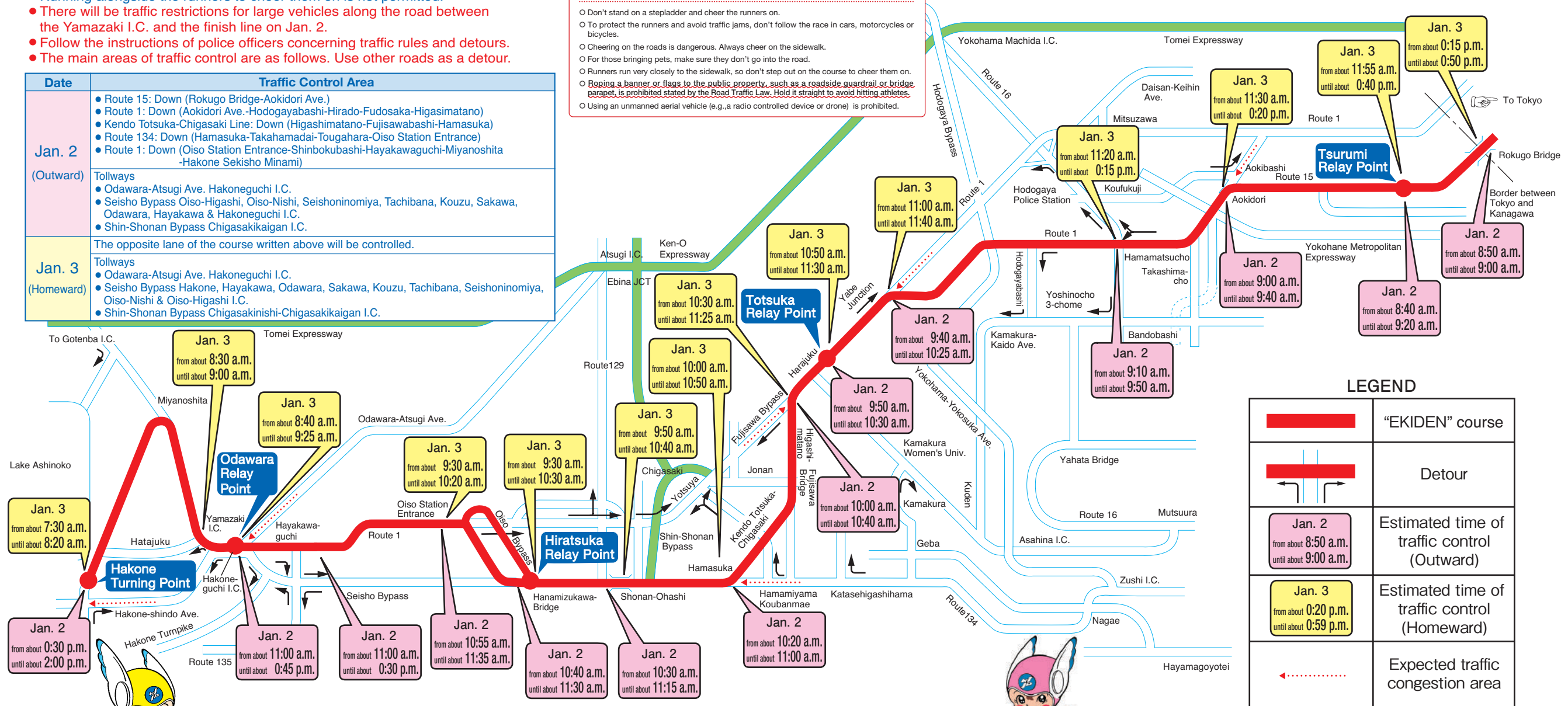
Date	Traffic Control Area
Jan. 2 (Outward)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Route 15: Down (Rokugo Bridge-Aokidori Ave.) ● Route 1: Down (Aokidori Ave.-Hodogayabashi-Hirado-Fudosaka-Higasimatano) ● Kendo Totsuka-Chigasaki Line: Down (Higashimatano-Fujisawabashi-Hamasuka) ● Route 134: Down (Hamasuka-Takahamadai-Tougahara-Oiso Station Entrance) ● Route 1: Down (Oiso Station Entrance-Shinbokubashi-Hayakawaguchi-Miyanoshita-Hakone Sekisho Minami)
Jan. 3 (Homeward)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The opposite lane of the course written above will be controlled.

A Request for Spectators Along the Hakone Ekiden Course

The Hakone Ekiden has grown thanks to the support of roadside spectators. We'd like spectators to mind their manners and to cheer the runners on.



- Don't stand on a stepladder and cheer the runners on.
- To protect the runners and avoid traffic jams, don't follow the race in cars, motorcycles or bicycles.
- Cheering on the roads is dangerous. Always cheer on the sidewalk.
- For those bringing pets, make sure they don't go into the road.
- Runners run very closely to the sidewalk, so don't step out on the course to cheer them on.
- Roping a banner or flags to the public property, such as a roadside guardrail or bridge parapet, is prohibited stated by the Road Traffic Law. Hold it straight to avoid hitting athletes.
- Using an unmanned aerial vehicle (e.g., a radio controlled device or drone) is prohibited.



Kanagawa Prefectural Police Department

TO VISITORS



Traffic Control Announcement for THE 100th HAKONE EKIDEN on Jan. 2 (Tue.) and 3 (Wed.), 2024

The Hakone Ekiden is a tradition of the New Year season in Japan. It is held over two days every year on January 2nd and 3rd.

Twenty one teams from universities in Kanto race over five sections from Tokyo to Hakone/Lake Ashinoko, then return over the five sections, for a total of ten sections (about 200 km). The Ekiden is a kind of relay-race marathon, with each runner in the Hakone Ekiden running 20 kilometers. One of the highlights of the Ekiden is how each university creates a strategy based on the characteristics of its runners and the features of the section.

Route 1, the race course in the Hakone Area (from the area near the Hayakawaguchi Exit to the Lake Ashinoko Finish Area) experiences congestion from spectators even in the opposite lane of traffic.

Particularly on Jan.2, the course and surrounding roads are expected to be congested. Coming into contact with the runners or vehicles involved may lead to accidents and is dangerous, so we ask everyone starting around the area for their cooperation with traffic control in the Hakone mountain area.

Traffic will be temporarily restricted when runners are passing through. We ask drivers to avoid these roads during these times. To bypass this, please consider the Hakone Shindo or the Hakone Turnpike toll road (¥730 for a normal car).

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