

Regarding operation of "Kazekko Soya Train"

JR Hokkaido will operate a new sightseeing train, "Kazekko Soya Train" on Soya Line from July to September 2019 by collaborating with JR East and Japan Freight Railway Company.

1. Train car information

- View Coaster Kazekko Train: You can feel the wind from the open-air cars. Seats and tables are made of wood and the light bulbs make you feel the nostalgic warmth.



- Gifts from Hokkaido series cars: Local trains based on the concept, sense of Hokkaido. Their exteriors feature the characteristics of each area and the interiors are made of wood and materials with a wood pattern.
 Northern Hokkaido "Gift from drift ice" Train: Represents the wondrous drift ice and the vast nature of Northern Hokkaido
 Central Hokkaido "Gift from flower" Train: Represents the animals and plants that are associated to Hokkaido
- Train formation: The train consists of JR Hokkaido' s "Gifts from Hokkaido" series cars and "View Coaster Kazekko Train" cars. There are some events that you can experience the "gifts from Hokkaido" on the train.

【Car No.1 Free space】 【Car No.2 Reserved seats】 【Car No.3 Reserved seats】 【Car No.4 Free space】



(Northern Hokkaido "Gift from drift ice" Train)

(View Coaster Kazekko Train)

(Central Hokkaido "Gift from flower" Train)

←Wakkanai

Asahikawa→

2. Operating dates and timetable etc.

- Wakkanai-Otoineppu July 27,28, August 3,4,10,11,12

Train name	Station and timetable						
	Wakkanai	Minami-Wakkanai	Toyotomi	Horonobe	Onoppunai	Teshio-Nakagawa	Otoineppu
Kazekko Soya Train No.2	7:55 dep	8:05 dep	9:14 dep	9:47 dep	10:17 dep	11:14 dep	12:02 arr
Kazekko Soya Train No.1	13:22 dep	14:30 dep	15:25 dep	15:50 dep	16:50 dep	16:55 arr	

○Events

- The regional mascots welcome you at:
 Wakkanai and Teshio-Nakagawa (on all days)
 Toyotomi (on July 28, August 3,4) *Only for No.2
 Horonobe (on August 3, 4)

- Selling local specialties at:
 Teshio-Nakagawa, Otoineppu and Horonobe (on all days) *Only for No.2 at Horonobe
 Toyotomi (on July 28, August 3,4) *Only for No.2



Wakkanai City



Toyotomi Town



Nakagawa Town



Horonobe Town

○Asahikawa-Otoineppu August 17,18,24,25,31, September 1,7,8

Train name	Station and timetable								
Kazekko Soya Train No.3	Asahikawa	Pippu	Shiokari	Wassamu	Kembuchi	Shibetsu	Nayoro	Bifuka	Otoineppu
	7:18 dep	7:53 dep	8:13 dep	9:10 dep	9:46 dep	10:26 dep	11:00 dep	11:40 dep	12:26 arr
Kazekko Soya Train No.4	Otoineppu	Bifuka	Nayoro	Shibetsu	Wassamu	Shiokari	Pippu	Shin-Asahikawa	Asahikawa
	13:00 dep	13:47 dep	14:43 dep	15:21 dep	15:55 dep	16:10 dep	17:07 dep	17:36 dep	17:43 arr

○Events

•The regional mascots welcome you at:

Shibetsu, Bifuka and Pippu (on all days) *Only for No.3 at Bifuka and No.4 at Pippu

Kembuchi (on August 17, 18, 31, September 1, 7, 8)

Asahikawa (on August 17) *Only for No.3

•Selling local specialties at: Wassamu (only for No.3), Shibetsu, Otoineppu, Pippu (only for No.4) and Bifuka (only on No.3)



Shibetsu City



Bifuka Town



Kembuchi Town



Pippu Town



Asahikawa City

○“ Kazekko Soya Train” will be operated with all reserved seating. Reserved seat tickets can be purchased from 10am one month before boarding date at the JR Ticket Counter (Midori-no-madoguchi) and major travel agents in Japan.

○If you take these trains with a Hokkaido Rail Pass, please receive a reserved seat ticket at the JR Hokkaido stations such as New Chitose Airport Station and Sapporo Station. (Available only if there are vacant seats) *JR-EAST Train Reservation cannot be used.

3.Operating section and places of interest along the line

The map shows the route from Asahikawa to Otoineppu. Key locations and photos include:

- Sarobetsu Wetland and Mt. Rishiri:** A wide landscape with mountains in the background.
- Coastal scenery:** A view of the sea and hills.
- Forest along the Teshio River:** A lush green forest with a river.
- Canoe on the Teshio River:** A group of people in colorful kayaks on a river.
- Sunflower field:** A large field of yellow sunflowers.
- The place that Hokkaido was named:** A stone monument with Japanese text.
- Shiokari Pass:** A view of a road through a forest.

4.Other

“Kazekko Soya Train” will be operated with a train nameplate which has the image of local sceneries. We will also prepare the Memorial Ride Certificate which includes the design of the train nameplate.

