

Kami-Ochiai

Dyeing and literature by the river

Distance & Time

4.5 km
Approx. 84 min

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Start at the Otakibashi bus stop located about 1 km southwest of JR Takadanobaba Station. In spring, the banks of the Kandagawa River, near the bus stop, are lined with blooming cherry trees. From the Some-no Sato Futaba-en dyeing workshop, walk through the area known as "Ochiai Bunshimura" (literati village) where many writers once lived. The red train marks the location of Hobby Center Kato, famous for its model railroad collection.

Kami-Ochiai Course

◆ Otakibashi bus stop

① Walk along the Kandagawa River

② Sesoeragi-no Sato Public Garden

③ Some-no Sato Futaba-en
(Shinjuku Mini Museum)

④ Hayashi Fumiko Memorial Hall

⑤ Mejiro Gakuen Remnant
(Shinjuku Mini Museum)

⑥ Hobby Center Kato

⑦ Tetsugakudo Park

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Recommended Tourist Spots

Some-no Sato Futaba-en 染の里 二葉苑

This historical dyeing workshop was opened in 1920. In the gallery, visitors can watch workers making Edo *komon* (a type of kimono) or Edo *sarasa* (printed cotton). Small objects made using these textiles are available for purchase. In dyeing classes, visitors can try making their own tablecloths and handkerchiefs. (advance registration required)



Some-no Sato Futaba-en dyeing workshop

Hayashi Fumiko Memorial Hall 林美美子記念館

Author Hayashi Fumiko lived here from 1941 until her death in 1951. This house has now been converted into a memorial hall that is open to the public. It was in this home, which features the details of a *sukiya*-style of building steeped in Fumiko's unique style, where she wrote her famous novels *Uzushio* (Swirling Eddies), *Bangiku* (Evening Chrysanthemum), and *Ukigumo* (Floating Clouds).



Fumiko's residence open to the public

Tetsugakudo Park 哲学堂公園

This park marks the location where Toyo University founder Inoue Enryō established the Tetsugakudo as a school for philosophical education in 1904. The park features the Shiseido, honoring four philosophers including Confucius and Socrates, and the Rokkondai, honoring six eastern philosophers. It also has tennis courts, baseball fields, and an abundance of cherry trees that paint the whole area with color in spring.



Shiseido honoring philosopher Kant and others