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Exploring Oji Zoo

【特集】もっと話そう [王子動物園]のこと



今度、王子動物園に行ってみない？

動物をじっくり観察する。お弁当持参でピクニック、はく製や骨格標本もある資料館で、動物の不思議に出会う。動物とのふれあいにほっこり。開園75周年を迎える王子動物園で、あなたらしい楽しみ方を見つけてみませんか。

If you have any questions about ward office procedures, financial support for raising children, etc.

Call the Kobe International Community Center (KICC)!

☎ 078-742-872 | (11 languages)



↑ Scan here to visit the website!



Let's Visit Oji Zoo!

Oji Zoo is currently preparing for major renovations. As the zoo celebrates its 75th anniversary, its many unique animals are as lively as ever. Whether you're planning your first visit or returning after a while, it's the perfect time to stop by and enjoy everything the zoo has to offer!



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Online Moving Procedures & Sunday Service Counter

From March through April, moving-related procedures tend to be very busy. To save time, you can take advantage of online procedures or visit your local Sunday service counter.

If you are moving outside of Kobe City, you must submit a moving-out notification to your local Ward Office within 14 days before or after your move. With a MyNumber Card, you can apply online using your smartphone or computer. You can also download the moving-out notification form from Kobe City's website, and submit it by mail.

Doing Ward Office Procedures via
Smartphone & Convenience Store:



Information on Ward Office
Evening Hours:



Information on Ward Office/Branch
Office Sunday Counter:



Wait Time Check:



Required Documents for Moving
Procedures:



Fines for Bicycle Traffic Violations

Beginning April 1, fines will be issued for bicycle-related traffic violations. These rules apply to everyone aged 16 and older, including high school students. Please follow traffic laws and ride your bicycle safely.



- Do not use a smartphone while cycling.



Penalty: 12,000 yen

- Remember to stop at a stop sign, use your bike lights, and do NOT cycle while using earphones.



Penalty: 5,000 yen

- Do not disobey traffic signals and do not cycle outside designated areas.



Penalty: 6,000 yen

Bike Share & Canoe Activities

■ Go for a scenic bike ride in Tsukuhara Satoyama!



Rent a bike at the Tsukuhara Cycling Terminal, just a 30-minute drive from Sannomiya. From there, ride along the scenic Kande Yamada Cycling Road and take in the refreshing spring views, including beautiful cherry blossoms lining the Akashi River.

Dates: Weekends & holidays, Mar. 14-May 31

Location: Tsukuhara Cycling Terminal

Fee: Required

RSVP: via official website (first come, first served)

■ Try Canoeing at Tsukuhara Lake!

Enjoy a unique experience as you paddle across the calm, peaceful waters of Tsukuhara Lake.

Dates: Apr 29, May 2-6, 23-24 (weekends & holidays)

Location: See official website

Fee: Adults ¥2,750 / Children ¥1,650

RSVP: via official website (first come first served)

Inquiries: 080-4826-9926 or 072-923-2612



Mt. Maya Moude Festival



The Maya Moude Festival, part of the Mt. Maya Spring Opening, is a revived celebration of Maya a traditional horse-protection and purification ritual once performed at Mayasan Tenjoji Temple long before the Edo period.

In this event, horses from the Rokkosan Ranch receive a purification blessing at Tenjoji, then join a parade to Kikuseidai Observatory Deck, accompanied by shrine maidens and monks.

Date: Saturday, March 28

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Canceled in case of bad weather)

Location: Mayasan Tenjoji Temple & Kikuseidai

Admission: Free

Inquiries: 078-861-2684

