

Riding the Monorail

Tachikawa Station to NINJAL

These directions assume that your starting point is inside Tachikawa Station near the ticket gates that train passengers pass through.

[1] Exit the Station

Begin by finding the **north exit**. The ticket gates are one level above ground level, and when you exit the station, you will be on an elevated plaza. Turn left and walk west.



looking north from the north exit of Tachikawa Station



looking west across the plaza

[2] Walk to the Monorail Escalator

As you walk west across the elevated plaza, you will see the Mizuho Bank straight ahead and the monorail station on your right.

[3] Take the Escalator up to Tachikawa-Kita Station

There is an escalator (and also a stairway) going up into the monorail station (Tachikawa-Kita Station). Tokyo escalator etiquette is to keep to the left side if you stand still. People who are in a hurry walk on the right side of moving escalators.



monorail station escalator

[4] Buy at Ticket

Look for the ticket vending machines on your left as you walk forward, and buy a ¥100 ticket. If you don't have exact change, put in a ¥500 coin or a bill. When you put your money in, the screen will light up and give you several choices for your ticket price. Push the "100" button. (It is not an actual button, of course; it is just a touch sensitive area on the screen.) Your ticket (and your change) will come out.



[5] Insert Your Ticket into the Ticket Gate



Put your ticket into the slot on the ticket gate. It will come out the other side as you move through the gate. Don't forget to take the ticket back and hold onto it. You will need it when you exit at your destination.

[6] Take the Escalator up to Track 1

The northbound trains stop at Track 1. Take the escalator up to the platform.



[7] Take Any Northbound Train to Takamatsu

Your destination is Takamatsu, the first stop north of Tachikawa-Kita. The trains run every 10 minutes most of the day. All northbound trains go at least as far as Takamatsu, so board the first train that comes.

[8] Get off at Takamatsu



Get off the train at Takamatsu Station and take the stairs down to the ticket gate level. Put your ticket into the slot on the ticket gate. The gate will eat your ticket and say thank you. Take the stairway on the west side of the station down to street level.

[9] Walk to NINJAL

Follow the map at the right and walk to NINJAL.

