

To charter bus operators and travel agencies visiting Shirakawa-go

To protect the daily lives of residents in the World Heritage site of Shirakawa-go, **all tour bus operators are required to comply with proper parking and passenger pick-up and drop-off rules.**

Shirakawa-go is both a World Heritage site and a living community. All visitors are expected to operate with due consideration for local residents, traffic safety, and the surrounding environment.



Operating Hours : 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM

→ Last Entry Time : 4:30 PM



No entry after 4:30 PM, and no passenger pick-up or drop off on the street.

→ All vehicles must vacate the parking lot no later than 5:00 PM.



Staying in the parking area after 5:00 PM is not permitted.

→ Walking around the village after 5:00 PM disrupts residents' daily lives.



Do not pick up or drop off passengers before entering the parking barrier gate or make U-turns at the entrance.

→ Do not obstruct the passage of other vehicles.

- Unauthorized entry into the Sesaragi Park parking lot outside operating hours, as well as passenger pick-up and drop-off outside designated areas (especially on public roads), has been frequently observed and negatively impacts residents' daily lives and traffic safety.
- Do not enter the village outside operating hours.
- Failure to follow these rules causes inconvenience to residents and other visitors.

If inappropriate conduct in the parking lot continues, relevant authorities may share information and conduct inspections of operators to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

Gifu Transport Branch Office, Chubu District Transport Bureau Takayama Police Station, Gifu Prefectural Police

General Incorporated Association, Gifu Bus Association

Shirakawa Village

The World Heritage Shirakawa-go Gassho style Houses Preservation Foundation

Important Information

1. The Saseragi Park parking lot is closed outside operating hours. Entry, waiting, and passenger pick-up and drop-off are not permitted. Early arrivals and schedule adjustments are also prohibited.

Saseragi Park Parking Lot Operating Hours
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2. Do not pick-up or drop-off passengers or wait on National Route 156 near the parking lot or on the access road to the entrance gate.
3. These actions disrupt residents' lives and compromise the safety of pedestrians and other vehicles. As licensed charter bus operators, you are **responsible for ensuring that your operations do not cause inconvenience or disruption**.
4. If these rules are not followed, on-site instructions and warnings will be issued by facility staff. Violations may also be reported to relevant authorities, and legal action may be taken in accordance with applicable laws.

► Excuses such as “we were not aware,” “it was only for a short time,” or “we came from far away” will not be accepted.

The value of the World Heritage site Shirakawa-go is sustained by the “**preserved way of life**” and the “**respectful behavior of its visitors**”.

Your understanding and cooperation as charter bus operators are essential to the sustainable management of tourism in Shirakawa-go.

Saseragi Park Parking Lot, Shirakawa-go (Bus and Large Vehicle Parking) Area Map

