

## **Electric locomotive of Kusakaru Electric Railway (DEKI-12 type)**

This Electric locomotive, which converted a rail car manufactured by The Jeffrey Co. of the U.S in 1920, is called DEKI-12 type. The Jeffrey locomotive was originally used for a coal mine to install a handbrake under normal conditions and an electric brake in case of emergency. In July 1915, the Kusatsu Keiben Railway started its operation, and in 1926, the electrification of a railroad between Karuizawa and Kusatsu (55.5 kilometers) was completed. The electric locomotive DEKI-12, for about 35 years until it was disused on January 31, 1962, was loved as a means of transportation by residents and as a guide for travelers and summer holidaymakers.

It was nicknamed "Kabutomushi" (Beetle) for its long pantograph and L-shaped body.

The pair of wheels here were used for the passenger car pulled by the DEKI-12.

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