

Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council

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Yakushima Mountain Climbing Etiquette



Yakushima Mountain
Environmental Management Council

A Designated World Natural Heritage Site

Welcome to Yakushima

This booklet contains a compilation of etiquette and rules to be observed by visitors when climbing the mountains of Yakushima, a World Natural Heritage Site. Yakushima was the first place in Japan to be included in the World Natural Heritage list. It was designated as a World Natural Heritage Site in December 1993.

We hope you will cooperate by following the etiquette and rules for climbing Yakushima to ensure that this spectacular natural environment will be protected for many years to come as a shared treasure of the entire human race.

All visitors to Yakushima are expected to act in a manner appropriate for World Natural Heritage Sites.

Mt. Miyanoura-dake and Rhododendron yakushmanum

Welcome To Yakushima



Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine



Yaku-sika



Yakushima macaque

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"With Yakushima highly acclaimed as an island of life, we have established a set of rules for its utilization and tourism to ensure that its natural resources that overflow with life can be handed on to subsequent generations as the eternal assets of this sightseeing town."

"An excerpt from "Message from Yakushima," a document distributed throughout the nation during the 20th Anniversary Symposium held on November 23, 2013 in celebration of Yakushima's designation as a natural World Heritage Site

1 Climbing Etiquette and Rules

◇ Treat all animals and plants with care ◇

A large amount of wildlife and plant life indigenous to the island inhabit and grow on Yakushima.

Every plant and every insect helps maintain the abundant ecosystem of Yakushima, as well as its beautiful natural scenery. Do not unauthorizably attempt to catch any wildlife, or pick or damage any plants.

◇ Take your garbage with you ◇

Be conscious of reducing your waste to a minimum, and make sure you take home any waste you produce on the mountain. Do not forget to bring your own garbage bags.

◇ Do not contaminate the mountain water ◇

Using locations other than the toilets for restroom use and washing dishes in waterways will contaminate the mountain water. Make sure you always carry portable toilets for times of emergency, and wipe all soiled dishes with paper. Take the remnants home with you.

◇ Do not light bonfires ◇

Bonfires can cause forest fires. You must not light bonfires under any circumstances.

◇ Do not bring animals to the mountains ◇ (with the exception of service dogs such as guide dogs and hearing dogs)

Failure to observe this may expose the valuable ecosystem to infections, contagious diseases, or other harmful elements. Bringing pets with you may also inconvenience other climbers, so avoid this at all costs.

◇ Do not feed the monkeys, deer, or other wild animals ◇

Wild animals that acquire a taste for human food lose their original habits and enter human settlements and damage crops.

◇ Give priority to ascending climbers on mountain trails ◇

As a rule, you must give precedence to ascending climbers and give them the right of way. However, it is necessary to use your judgment in accordance with the location and conditions.

◇ Do not cause congestion ◇

Paying attention to the climbers in front and behind you. Let groups that are faster than you go ahead to prevent congestion.

◇ Do not step on moss growing on rocks or fallen trees ◇

In order to protect the scenery and prevent devastation to wetlands with large amounts of moss such as marshes and bogs, be careful to avoid stepping off mountain trails.

◇ Use poles with rubber caps ◇ (except when snow has accumulated)

Make sure you put rubber caps to the ends of the poles to prevent damage to mountain trails and to protect the plants.

◇ Do not make loud noises ◇

Listening to the radio or music, and making other such sounds may irritate other climbers and must be avoided.

Bear bells are not required for mountain climbing on Yakushima.

◇ Carefully consider the places where you eat ◇

When stopping to eat, avoid areas that are expected to be crowded as well as scenic photography spots. Give careful consideration to the surrounding nature when choosing where to eat.

◇ Treat all shrines and other sacred places with due respect ◇

The mountains of Yakushima represent places of religious faith, and small shrines are located near the peaks of mountains. Do not forget that you are a guest in these places.

◇ Turn off your engine when parked ◇

To reduce your impact on the environment, do not leave your engine running for long periods of time at trail entrances, car parks, etc. Give consideration to other climbers when parking so that they are not inconvenienced.

◆ Request to Use Designated Toilets ◆ Use Portable Toilets

- All bodily functions are to be carried out in designated toilets or with the use of portable toilets without fail.
- You are advised to do all bodily functions prior to commencing your climb.
- Maintaining toilets on the mountains is an extremely difficult task. Do not throw any clothing, sanitary products, plastic bags, or anything else that cannot be dissolved in water under any circumstances. Doing so will clog the toilet and make the facility unhygienic. Use toilet paper or water-soluble tissue.
- Having a portable toilet with you will prove useful if you suddenly feel unwell or in times of emergency. It will allow you to do bodily functions anywhere without contaminating the environment. This is important especially for those going on long treks or climbing Mt. Miyanoura-dake.
- Portable toilets can be purchased from mountain climbing equipment stores, tourist information centers, souvenir shops, and other such places.
- Used portable toilets may be discarded in the collection boxes located in front of the car park of the Yakusugi Museum and trail entrances. Do not dispose of anything other than used portable toilets in the collection boxes under any circumstances.
- People who plan to stay in a shelter hut must check the locations of the toilets in advance as it is difficult and dangerous to find them at night.
- Toilets are located at the following areas on the mountains of Yakushima. (See the map on pp. 21-22)

Arakawa Trail

Arakawa Trail Entrance, Sandai-sugi Cedar, Okabu Trail Entrance, Takatsuka Shelter Hut, Shin-Takatsuka Shelter Hut

(Portable Toilet Booth/s: Former site of the Kosugidani Office*, Okina-sugi Cedar*, Near the flora protection deck in front of the Daio-sugi Cedar*, Daio-sugi Cedar, Takatsuka Shelter Hut*, Shin-Takatsuka Shelter Hut)

Yodogawa Mountain Trail

Yakusugi Land Entrance, Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance, Yodogawa Shelter Hut

(Portable Toilet Booth/s: Yodogawa Shelter Hut, Hananoego, Mt. Okina-dake)

Kusugawa-Shiratani Trail

Shiratani Unsui-kyo Gorge Entrance, Shiratani Shelter Hut (Portable Toilet Booth/s: Shiratani Shelter Hut, Tsuji-no-Iwaya Rock, junction between Bugyo-sugi Course and Taikoiwa Round-Trip Course)

Other

Shikanosawa Shelter Hut, Ishizuka Shelter Hut (Portable Toilet Booth/s: Shikanosawa Shelter Hut*, Ishizuka Shelter Hut*, Jamon-sugi Cedar)

*Only available from March to November

Please note that the installation period may be delayed due to weather conditions.

Please contribute to the Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund.

The Fund is used to ensure that the beautiful natural and pure-water environments of Yakushima—a natural World Heritage Site—will be protected for many years to come as a shared treasure of the entire human race to be passed on to future generations, and to ensure that we are able to provide a safe and worry-free experience of nature to all climbers.

Day trip (basic amount)

JPY 1,000

Overnight stay on the mountain

JPY 2,000

*Visitors who do not intend to climb the mountain but wish to support us by contributing to the Fund can do so at tourist association information offices and other such locations.

How the Fund is Used

- Maintenance of the mountain toilets and portable toilet booths
- Inspection and minor repairs on the mountain trails and trolley railroad
- Programs and activities related to mountain safety
- Operation for Arakawa route traffic regulations
- Fund-raising administration and other activities related to the conservation of the mountain's environment



<Sample Contribution Certificate>

An environment conservation initiative has been established in cooperation with tourism suppliers so that various benefits are available to people who present their contribution certificates to affiliated stores in Yakushima. For further details on the benefits provided, check the contact numbers listed on our website (<http://yakushima-tozan.com/>) and inquire at the affiliated stores.



Yakushima Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund (website)

How to Contribute

<Those Entering from the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance >

- Please give your contribution in advance at any of the places listed on page 5, or to the officials on standby at the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance.

<Those Entering from the Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine >

- Please give your contribution in advance at any of the places listed on page 5, or at the administration building located at the Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine Entrance.

*Please contribute to the Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund if your goal is to visit the Wilson Stump, Jomon-sugi Cedar, or other locations from the Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine. If you are only intending to walk around the Please give your contribution in advance at any of the places listed on page 5, or at the administration building located at the Shiratani Unsui-kyo Ravine Entrance (Shiratani Administrative Building to the Tsuji-toge Pass), please contribute an amount of JPY 500 to the Forest Environmental Maintenance Fund. You are not required to contribute to the Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund in this case.

<Visitors Who Do Not Intend to Climb the Mountain but Wish to Support Us by Contributing to the Fund>

- You can give your contribution at tourist association information offices (Miyanoura, airport, Anbo) and to the Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council (at the Yakusugi Museum bus stop).
- Transfer to the specified bank account (any amount is accepted)
- *Contact the Tourism Town Planning Section at the Yakushima Town Hall if you wish to pay by this method.

<Those Entering from the Arakawa Trail Entrance>

From March 1 to November 30 of each year, only authorized vehicles are allowed access to the municipal Arakawa route leading to the Arakawa Trail Entrance. During this period, you may enter by riding the Arakawa Tozan bus (shuttle bus) at the bus stop in front of the Yakusugi Museum. Please contribute to the Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund at the same time as purchasing your bus tickets at the following offices.

Please give your contribution when purchasing bus tickets.

Offices for contributions and Arakawa Trail bus tickets

Office	Opening hours	Area code (0997)
Yakushima Tourism Association (Yakushima Town General Center)	8:30-18:00	46-2333
Airport Information Office	9:00-18:00	49-4010
Miyanoura Information Office (Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center)	9:00-17:00	42-1019
Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center	9:00-17:00	42-2900
Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council (at the Yakusugi Museum bus stop)	4:00-19:00	46-3317

*You can also directly inquire with your hotel or other places aside from those listed above if they sell bus tickets.
*Refunds for bus tickets are issued at tourist information centers. (Kindly note that we are unable to return any contributions given to the Mountain Environmental Conservation Fund.)

Visitors using personal vehicles, rental cars, motorcycles, bicycles, or public buses

▶ Transfer to the Arakawa Tozan bus at the bus stop in front of the Yakusugi Museum.

Operation route: Yakusugi Museum bus stop - Arakawa Trail Entrance

Junior high-school students and older	(One-way) JPY 1,700 (Bus fare JPY 700 + Contribution JPY 1,000*) (Round-trip) JPY 2,400 (Bus fare JPY 1,400 + Contribution JPY 1,000*) *Contribution: JPY 1,000 for day trips. JPY 2,000 for overnight stays.
Elementary school students	(One-way) JPY 350 (Bus fare JPY 350) (Round-trip) JPY 700 (Bus fare JPY 700) *Contributions are not required.
Preschoolers	No charge

Please purchase your tickets in advance to relieve congestion and facilitate smooth bus operations. Tickets can be purchased from all tourist association information offices. Those who are unable to do so may buy tickets from the officials on standby at the trail bus boarding areas.

Visitors using charter buses and taxis

▶ Please give your contribution to the Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council (in front of the Yakusugi Museum bus stop) or to the staff on duty at the Arakawa Sansaro (three-way junction). For further details, please contact the relevant bus/taxi operator or ask the driver. JPY 1,000*

*Contribution: JPY 1,000 for day trips. JPY 2,000 for overnight stays.

Inquiries: Yakushima Mountain Environmental Management Council

Tel & Fax: 0997-46-3317

<http://yakushima-tozan.com/>



Information on Bus Operations:

Tanegashima Yakushima Kotsu, Co., Ltd. (Yakushima Office)
Matsubanda Kotsu Bus, Co., Ltd.

0997-46-2221
0997-43-5000

2 Precautions When Climbing

◆ Climber registration forms let us know where you are ◆

Climbers must submit climber registration forms without fail. (Submission via a mountaineering app is also possible.)

Submitting climber registration forms enables searches to run smoothly and increases the chances of you being discovered if you run into difficulties. Plan your climb in alignment with your own physical condition, and if amendments need to be made owing to issues with your strength, the time or the weather, resolve to stop and turn back.

Contact your place of accommodation if you are likely to come off the mountain later than scheduled.



Organizations for Obtaining and Submitting Climber Registration Forms

Organization	Address	Telephone Number
Yakushima Tourism Association (Yakushima Town General Center)	187-1 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-46-2333
Yakushima Police Station	304-42 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-46-2110
Yakushima Town Hall	849-20 Kosedo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-43-5900
Other	The island's police boxes/stations, airport, ports, tourist information centers, ships, Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center, Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center, Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance, Arakawa Trail Entrance, Shiratani Unsuiyko Ravine Entrance	

*The registration form can also be downloaded from the websites of the above organizations.

◆ Check out the mountain trails in advance ◆

Mountain trails may sometimes be in disrepair or unusable. Be prepared by checking out the conditions thoroughly before you proceed.

A round trip between the Arakawa Trail Entrance and Jomon-sugi Cedar, and between the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance and Mt. Miyanoura-dake will take about 9 to 10 hours.

■ Inquiries on mountain trails

Yakushima Tourism Association (Yakushima Town General Center)

☎ 0997-46-2333

Yakushima Ranger Office for Nature Conservation of the ministry of the Environment

☎ 0997-46-2992

◆ Closure of roads leading to mountain trail entrances ◆

Roads leading to mountain trail entrances (Arakawa Trail Entrance, Yakusugi Land Entrance, Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance and Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine Entrance) are closed during abnormal weather conditions (sustained rainfall of 220mm or more for 24 hours, snow accumulation, freezing conditions, etc.). Make sure you check out all road restrictions and the weather condition thoroughly before beginning your climb.

*Kagoshima Prefecture Road Restriction Information

<https://www2.pref.kagoshima.jp/dourokisei/Index#>

◆ Be fully equipped ◆

Mountain **weather can change abruptly** even if it seems fine, so bringing **foul-weather gear** for mountain climbing is a must. Don't forget to bring **emergency cold-weather clothing** (temperatures drop to between -10°C and -15°C in winter) and a tent or pup tent, even when on day trips.

You also need to bring **food** (chocolates, candies, etc.), **a flashlight, a map, a compass, a whistle, and a cellphone** (transceiver). Make sure your clothing includes long sleeves, long pants (short pants may result in injuries), and mountaineering boots (normal shoes may slip, and boots with spikes will damage tree roots).

◆ Make sure you don't get lost ◆

Climbing down along the water stream is extremely dangerous because there are many waterfalls ahead. Do not go down the valley under any circumstances.

Getting lost on the trails depletes physical strength, so avoid moving around unnecessarily. Take a whistle and cellphone with you so you can call for help.

Most people go missing because they lose their way on the trails. Some cellphones can be used in some areas such as the peaks of Mt. Miyanoura-dake, Mt. Nagata-dake, and other major mountains, places where you can see Tanegashima Island, and the trail to the Jomon-sugi Cedar (Okabu Trail). (P14)

*Information on Yakushima mountains and climber registration forms (Kagoshima Prefecture Police website)

<https://www.pref.kagoshima.jp/ja10/police/shinsei/sonota/yousiki-rinku.html>



All costs incurred in conducting search and rescue operations are to be borne by the climbers involved.

◆ Do not leave the mountain trails ◆

There is a risk of getting into difficulties if you leave the mountain trails. Leaving the trails may also result in you stepping on valuable flora, which will have an extremely adverse effect on the ecosystem of the forest.

Beware of falling rocks or branches on the trails and pay close attention to your safety.

◆ Stay calm and act accordingly if you need help in the case of an accident ◆

If you need help while climbing after suddenly falling ill or being involved in an accident, seek the assistance of other people in the area and act accordingly. **Call an ambulance if you are unable to identify the reason for falling ill.** Make sure somebody takes notes on the condition of the person requiring assistance, so that they can be given to the paramedics when they arrive. **Seek the help of a guide with a transceiver or radio if you are having trouble getting reception with your cellphone on the mountains.**

● Calling for help

Kumage Area Fire Department

•Yakushima South Detachment Office 0997-47-2125

•Yakushima North Detachment Office 0997-42-0119

*Calling 119 (area code not needed) from your cellphone will connect you to the relevant fire department. The call will be transferred to the nearest outstation, so when it is answered, 1) state that you are calling from a cellphone; and 2) do not hang up if there is no answer as the call is probably being transferred.

When calling for help, state:

- 1 the place and time of the accident;
- 2 the name, age, gender, weight, and blood type (if necessary) of the injured party; and
- 3 the state of the injury.

Report any changes in condition until the paramedics arrive and take over.

◇ Staying overnight in shelter huts ◇

Shelters huts are used for accommodation purposes on the mountains.

There are **six shelter huts in total, and all of them can be used free of charge.** Note, however, that there are no cooking facilities or telephones as they are **unmanned.**

With the exception of the winter period, the shelters tend to get very crowded during the long holiday period in May and during the summer vacation period. These facilities are meant to be shelter huts for emergencies, so **try to leave space for others** so that as many people as possible can use them.

A round trip between the Arakawa Trail Entrance and Jomon-sugi Cedar, and between the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance and Mt. Miyanoura-dake will take 9 to 10 hours, and is possible on a day trip.

For reference: Calendar of the Best Days for Climbing to the Jomon-sugi Cedar (Ministry of the Environment website)

(<https://www.env.go.jp/park/yakushima/ywhcc/tozan/calendar.html>)



Shelter Huts (See the map on pp. 21-22)

Name	Capacity	Structure	Altitude (m)
Shiratani Hut	40	Reinforced concrete	825
Takatsuka Hut	20	Steel	1,330
Shin-Takatsuka Hut	40	Timber	1,460
Shikanosawa Hut	20	Stone	1,550
Yodogawa Hut	40	Timber	1,380
Ishizuka Hut	14	Concrete blocks	1,600

***Take all uneaten food and litter home with you.**

3 Points to Note at the Arakawa Trail Entrance

◇ Depart by 7:00 AM for the climb to the Jomon-sugi Cedar ◇

A round trip between the Arakawa Trail Entrance and Jomon-sugi Cedar will take 9 to 10 hours. Depart around 5:00 AM to 7:00 AM at the latest.

Stop and return earlier if you are likely to miss the homeward bus.

◇ No public telephones available ◇

There are no public telephones at the entrances to mountain trails. There is also no cellphone reception. However, some cellphones can get reception at the Arakawa Trail Entrance depending on the mobile phone operator. Check this in advance on your operator's website.

◇ Entry of vehicles to the Arakawa Trail Entrance is restricted ◇

Note that entry to private vehicles is restricted from March 1 to November 30. Even outside of the period of restriction, parking in the no-parking zone is strictly prohibited as it will block the passage of large vehicles.



Large vehicles and buses use this road.

You can park in an area about 400m down the road

4 Parking at Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance

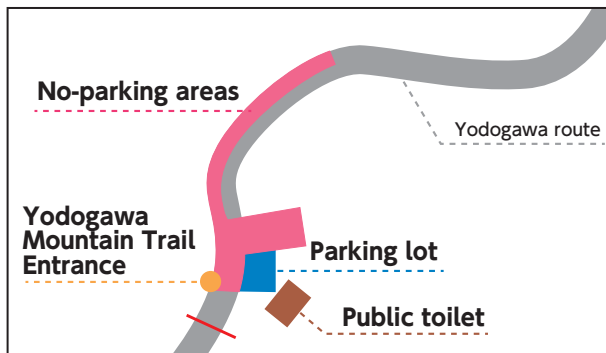
Request regarding parking manners at Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance

People sometimes park on the streets near the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance parking lot, but this hinders the passage of emergency vehicles and buses.

When you come to the Mountain Trail Entrance by car, we kindly ask you to park in the designated parking area whenever possible.

If the parking lot is full and you must park outside the parking lot, please avoid parking in areas that may obstruct the passage of other vehicles, such as curves, and try to park in spots that offer sufficient space.

Please refrain from parking in front of the parking lot, as this space is used for bus lane U-turns.

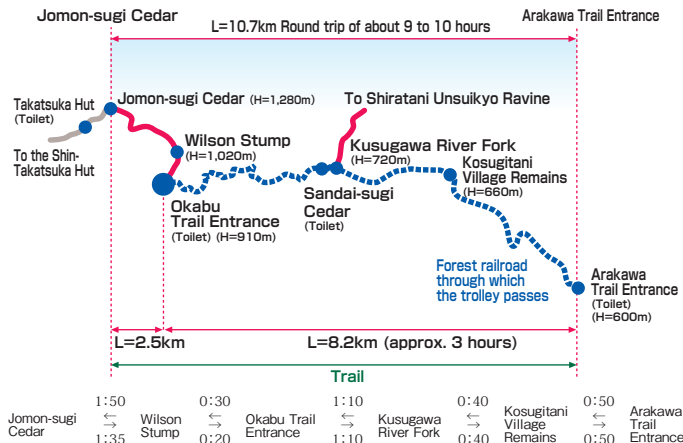


5 Points to Note When Passing Through the Jomon-sugi Trail (Forest Railroad)

A trolley runs between the Arakawa Trail Entrance and the Okabu Trail Entrance, so observe the following when passing through the forest railroad.

- Do not walk side-by-side. (Walk in single file.)
- Take breaks on rest stops, not on the railroad.
- Move immediately to the rest stops or another safe place when the trolley passes.
- The bridges on the trail are not equipped with handrails, so be careful when crossing them, especially during strong winds.
- Do not damage any of the facilities on the railroad (path).
- People walking at a slow pace must let faster walkers have the road to prevent congestion.
- The wooden ties on the forest railroad are slippery and are easily tripped over, so take particular care.

Jomon-sugi Trail



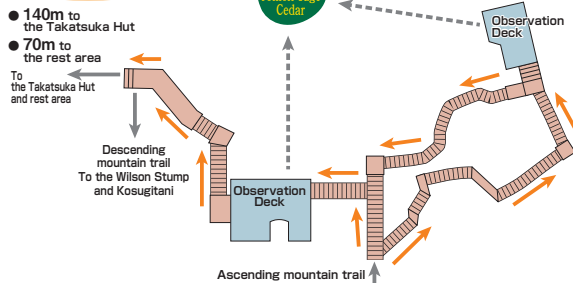
6 Help Protect the Forest and Other Sites

◆ Help Protect the Jomon-sugi Cedar! ◆

The Jomon-sugi Cedar is several thousand years old and is a symbol of Yakushima. Many climbers have walked around it since it was first opened to the public in 1967, which has resulted in a reduction in soil volume and exposure of its roots. This has led to various protective measures such as placing the surrounding area out of bounds and installing observation decks.

- **Do not go beyond the observation decks.**
- **Overnight camping or pitching of tents on the observation decks is prohibited.**
- **Avoid eating on the observation decks. Use the rest area or the Takatsuka Hut instead for this purpose.**
- **You can use the restrooms at the Arakawa Trail Entrance, Kosugitani Mountain Cabin Remains (near the Sandai-sugi Cedar), Okabu Trail Entrance, or Takatsuka Hut.**
- **Follow the instructions of the ushers when using the decks during the Golden Week holiday period and other periods when the area is extremely congested.**
- **Take turns using the photo locations.**

Observation deck zones



◆ Help Protect the Wilson Stump! ◆

The Wilson Stump is the largest of all tree stumps on Yakushima. In recent years, there have been concerns over the deterioration of its surrounding environment owing to inappropriate use by climbers. Please help us protect the Wilson Stump.

- **Do not damage the stump.**
- **Do not climb on the stump.**
- **Do not enter no-entry areas.**
- **Take turns when taking photographs.**

7 Observe the Smoking Rules

Smoking areas have been established to prevent bushfires and ensure that everybody can enjoy the spectacular natural environment of Yakushima on the Jomon-sugi Trail from the Arakawa Trail Entrance through to the Takatsuka Hut. Please refrain from smoking in any other location.

Smoking Areas

- ① Behind the Arakawa Trail Entrance restroom
- ② Behind the Kosugitani pavilion (Behind the famous Yakushima Genetic Resource Conservation Forest Monument)
- ③ Behind the Okabu Trail toilet
- ④ Behind the Takatsuka Hut toilet

Please observe the following when smoking in the designated areas.

- 1 **Bring your own portable ashtray.**
- 2 **Make sure you do not start a bushfire.**
- 3 **Be considerate of other people and the natural environment.**

8 Areas with Cellphone Reception

There is no cellphone reception on the mountains such as the Yodogawa Mountain Trail Entrance.

Areas where cellphone reception is available include the Arakawa Trail Entrance, the Jomon-sugi Cedar decks, the peaks of Mt. Miyanoura-dake, Mt. Nagata-dake, Mt. Kuromi-dake, Mt. Kurio-dake, and Mt. Tachu-dake. Please use your cellphone only in case of emergencies since undue use may spoil the atmosphere of the natural environment for other climbers.

*You may have no reception at all depending on your cellphone model and mobile phone operator. Check this in advance on your operator's website.

Introduction to Official Yakushima Guides

Are you interested in hiring an official Yakushima guide to provide enjoyable support and a safe experience of nature encompassing the mountains, the ocean, and the rivers? You can check out the details on the website accessed from the QR code shown below.

Reservations for hiring official Yakushima guides are made by directly contacting the guide by telephone or e-mail.

<http://www.yakushima-eco.com>



屋久島ガイド協会
Official Guide Association of Yakushima

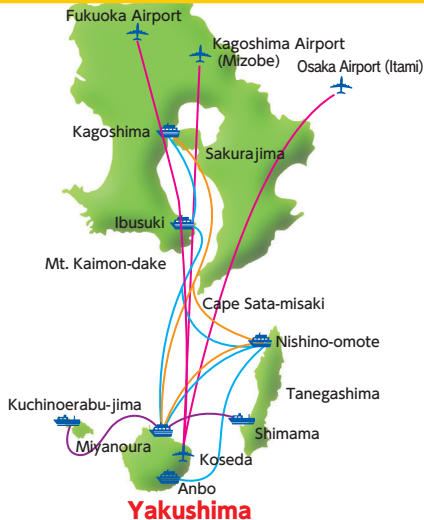
Introduction to the Sato-meguri

The small villages on Yakushima are known collectively as "sato," and guided tours by local guides are currently available in ten of these villages. The guides talk about the history, culture, nature, industry, and other information about the village while actually walking around the place. You can check out the details provided on the Sato Meguri Promotion Council website accessed from the QR code shown below. Reservations are made by telephone, e-mail, or fax.

<https://www.yakushima.jp>



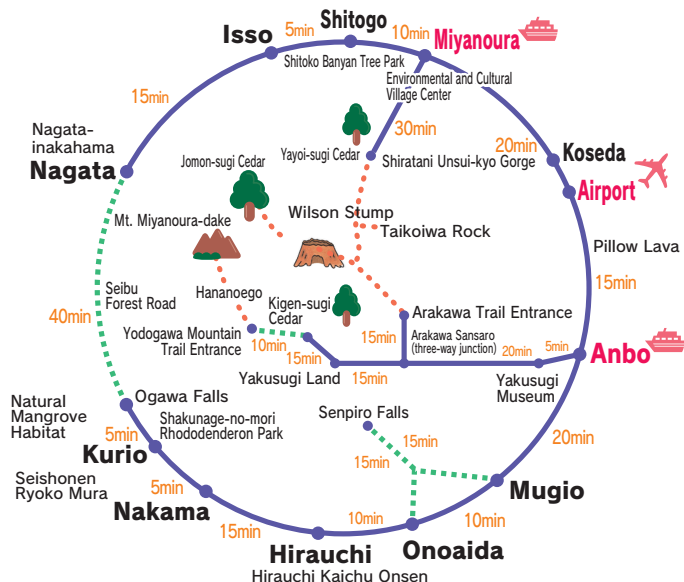
Transport Routes to Yakushima / Time Required on the Island



Examples of Time Required

Type	Display	Time required	Contact information
	By plane		
	Kagoshima (Mizobe) to Yakushima	40 min	Reservation Center ☎0570-025-071
	Osaka (Itami) to Yakushima	1 hr 50 min	
	By Jetfoil	Fukuoka to Yakushima	65 min
		Kagoshima to Miyanooura/Anbo	2 to 3 hr (Varies in accordance with the stops en route)
	By ferry	Kagoshima to Miyanooura	4 hr
		Kagoshima to Miyanooura (via Nishino-omote)	3 hr 40 min (Kagoshima to Nishino-omote)
		(Stops overnight at Nishino-omote Port from Kagoshima)	2 hr (Nishino-omote to Miyanooura)
	Municipal Ferry	Okinoerabu-jima to Shimama	1 hr 35 min (Kuchinoerabu-jima to Miyanooura)
		(via Miyanooura)	1 hr 5 min (Shimama to Miyanooura)
			Yakushima Town Hall (Asset Management Section) ☎0997-43-5900
			Yakushima Distribution Services, Co., Ltd. ☎0997-42-3055

Time Required on the Island



Legend

Type	
	Local bus
	Taxi, etc.
	Walking



Yakushima Town requires trash to be sorted into trash bags (available for a fee) for collection purposes. Only trash that has been sorted will be collected from the collection points (trash stations) alongside the roads. Please help maintain the surrounding environment in a hygienic condition by not littering.

10 Information on Yakushima

Who to Contact When You Need Assistance or are Experiencing Difficulties



Information on sightseeing spots, overnight accommodation, car rentals, taxis, climbing gear and fishing gear rentals, and climbing guides

Organization	Reception Hours	Address	Telephone Number
Yakushima Tourism Association (Secretariat)	Closed Year-End/New Year period 8:30-17:50	187-1 Anbo, Yakushima-cho (Yakushima Town General Center)	☎0997-46-2333
“(Airport Information Office)”	Closed Year-End/New Year period 9:00-17:50	310-1 Kosedá, Yakushima-cho (Next to Yakushima Airport Building)	☎0997-49-4010
“(Miyánoura Information Office)”	Closed every Monday and December 28 to January 3 9:00-17:00	823-1 Miyánoura, Yakushima-cho (Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center)	☎0997-42-1019



Local buses

Organization	Reception Hours	Address	Telephone Number
Tanegashima Yakushima Kotsu, Co., Ltd.	Open 365 days a year 8:30-17:00	87 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-46-2221
Matsubanda Kotsu Bus, Co., Ltd.	Open 365 days a year 9:00-17:00	815-23 Kosedá, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-43-5000



Taxis

Organization	Address	Telephone Number
Anbo Taxi	165-1 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-46-2311
Matsubanda Kotsu Taxi	815-23 Kosedá, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-43-5555
Yakushima Kotsu Taxi	305-5 Miyánoura, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-42-0611



Medical institutions

Organization	Address	Telephone Number
Wada Clinic	217 Miyánoura, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-42-1322
Yakushima Tokushukai Hospital	2467-13 Miyánoura, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-42-2200
Kosedá Minna-no-shinryojo Clinic	849-18 Kosedá, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-43-5100
Nagata Clinic	1247-1 Nagata, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-45-2273
Naka Clinic	410-158 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-46-2131
Yakushima Onoaida Clinic	136-6 Onoaida, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-47-3277
Kurio Clinic	1743 Kurio, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-48-2103
Yakushima Morino Clinic	2395-1 Anbo, Yakushima-cho	☎0997-47-1010

Places for Studying Yakushima's Environment and Culture (See the map on pp. 21-22)

◆Yakushima World Heritage Conservation Center ☎0997-46-2992

A facility of the Ministry of the Environment in Anbo that provides an introduction of the World Natural Heritage Site and the Yakushima National Park. It also provides wide-ranging explanations from the history of the nature of Yakushima up to environmental conservation initiatives, as well as the rules for climbing the mountains.

- Opening Hours: 9:00-17:00 (admission until 16:30)
- Closing Days: Every Saturday from December to February, December 28 to January 3
- Admission Fee: Free

◆Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Village Center ☎0997-42-2900

A facility located near Miyánoura Port where you can learn and study all about Yakushima. Features a permanent exhibition introducing the nature, lifestyles, and culture of Yakushima in an easy-to-understand manner using a large-screen video, panels, models, and other such equipment.

- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00
- Closing Days: Every Monday (except on Mondays falling on a holiday; closed on Tuesday in such a case) (No closing days from April 29 to May 5, and from July 20 to August 31) December 28 to January 1
- Admission Fee: Elementary and junior high school students JPY 270 (JPY 220 for groups of 20 or more), High school and university students JPY 370 (JPY 300 for groups of 20 or more), Adult JPY 530 (JPY 430 for groups of 20 or more) An admission fee is required for the exhibition hall and for watching the large-screen video.



◆Yakushima Environmental and Cultural Learning Center ☎0997-46-2900

A research facility located next to the Yakusugi Museum. Provides environmental studies on the importance of nature and the relationship between nature and people in Yakushima in an easy-to-understand manner. Various environmental study programs including seminars and field studies are available.

- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00
- Closing Days: Every Monday (except on Mondays falling on a holiday; closed on Tuesday in such a case) (Excluding April 29 to May 5, and July 20 to August 31) December 28 to January 3



◆Yakushima Town Yakusugi Museum

☎0997-46-3113

The Yakusugi Museum is located in Anbo. The secret of the 1,660-year-old tree, the mystery surrounding tree stumps, a giant 2-meter chainsaw, a PC challenge quiz on Yakushima, and a graphic reproduction of the enormous Wilson cedar. Introduces everything about Yaku-sugi cedar trees with the use of actual trees, models, and electronic devices.



- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00 (admission until 16:30)
- Closing Days: First Tuesday of the month, December 29 to January 1
- Admission Fee: Elementary and junior high school students JPY 300 (JPY 200 for groups of 20 or more), High school and university students JPY 400 (JPY 300 for groups of 20 or more), Adult JPY 600 (JPY 500 for groups of 20 or more)

◆Yakushima Forest Ecosystem Conservation Center

☎0997-42-0331

Provides information on the forests and forestry on Yakushima with the use of panels and photographs of plants.

- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00
- Closing Days: Weekends and holidays, Year End/New Year period
- Admission Fee: Free

◆Yakusugi Land ☎0997-46-4015

(Management Building)

☎0997-42-3508

(Yakushima Recreation and Forest Conservation Management Committee)

Natural recreational forest at an altitude of 1,000m to 1,300m. An amazing forest containing Yaku-sugi cedars and cut-off cedars left in their natural habitat that enables us to learn about the coexistence between Yaku-sugi cedars and humans, and the mechanisms behind forest regeneration. Five observation courses lasting between 30 minutes and 210 minutes are available.

Contributions are required to enter Yakusugi Land (JPY 500 for high-school students and older), but visitors who also plan to visit the Shiratani Unsuikyo Gorge are entitled to a discount of JPY 200.

◆Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine ☎090-5384-6261

(Management Building)

☎0997-42-3508

(Yakushima Recreation and Forest Conservation Management Committee)

Natural recreational forest at an altitude of 600m to 1,050m. The forest floor is covered in rare ivies and mosses, and you will be entering a world of mysterious profundity in the moss-covered woods. Three observation courses lasting one, three, or four hours are available.

Contributions are required to enter the Shiratani Unsuikyo Gorge (JPY 500 for high-school students and older), but visitors who also plan to visit Yakusugi Land are entitled to a discount of JPY 200.

◆Yakushima Town History and Folklore Museum

☎0997-43-5900
(Yakushima Town Hall)

A folklore museum located next to the Yakushima North Detachment Office. Provides information about the history of Yakushima and people's lifestyles from the Jomon Period through to the modern day using exhibitions of actual artifacts.



- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00
- Closing Days: Every Monday, December 28 to January 4
- Admission Fee: Elementary, junior and senior high school students JPY 50 (JPY 30 for groups of 20 or more), Adult JPY 100 (JPY 70 for groups of 20 or more)

◆Yakushima Umigame-kan

☎0997-47-1800

Provides explanations and exhibitions about the relationship between people's lives and sea turtles, as well as the ecology and environment of sea turtles.

During the egg-laying season, conducts nighttime ecological surveys and provide explanations to visitors about sea turtles.

- Opening Hours: 09:00-17:00
- Closing Days: Every Monday
- Admission Fee: Adult JPY 500, Junior high school student and younger JPY 200, Elementary school student and preschoolers: No charge

◆Yakushima Nature Park

☎0997-42-2727

Contains a wildlife botanical garden featuring rhododendrons and other plants representative of Yakushima, as well as plants that are raised from seeds. Also contains a park that makes the best possible use of the panoramic views of Mt. Nataore-dake covering Mt. Miyanaoura-dake. The Yunokono-yu Onsen hot spring is also located here. (Reservations required)

- Wildlife Botanical Garden: ■ Opening Hours: 8:30-17:00 ■ Closing Days: December 28 to January 4
- Entrance Fee: Adult JPY 300 (JPY 225 for groups of 15 or more) Children JPY 100 (JPY 75 for groups of 15 or more)
- Plants are also available for sale.

Park: Advance reservations are required to use the rest shelter and the outdoor stage. All other facilities are free of charge.

*For reservations: Tourism Town Planning Section, Yakushima Town Hall ☎0997-43-5900
Yunokono-yu Onsen: ☎0997-42-0305 (Advance reservations required)
Fees: Adult (Junior high school student and older) JPY 500, Child JPY 200

Recruiting Members
for the Yakushima
Fan Club

The Foundation is always looking for new members of the fan club. A yearly membership fee of JPY 2,000 is required. All fees collected are used for various activities aimed at the continuous preservation of the nature of Yakushima. We hope you will become a member and support Yakushima.

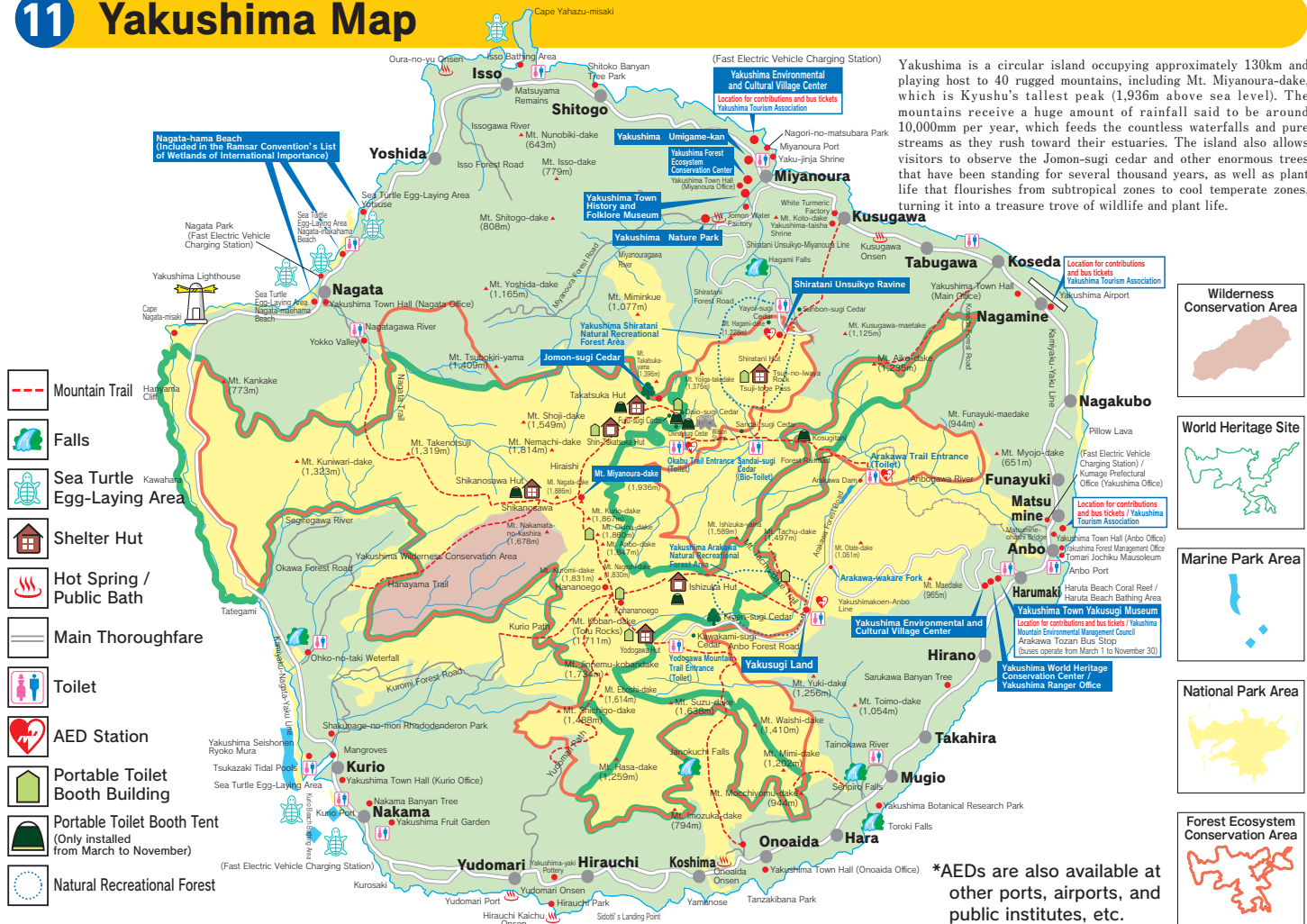


Member
Privileges:

- Subscription the Yakushima Newsletter
- Discount coupons for various facilities
- Complimentary copies of printed material issued by the Foundation

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