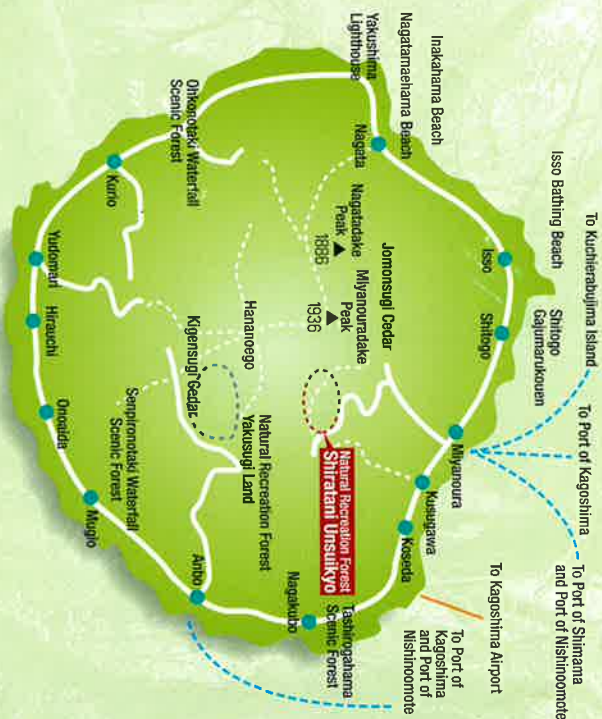


The Home of the Grandeur of Nature

YAKUSHIMA

Yakushima Island
Natural Recreation Forest
(Shirataki District)

SHIRATANI UNSUIKYO



INQUIRIES

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- **Yakushima Tourist Information Association**
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- **Yakushima Forest Environment Conservation Center, Forestry Agency**
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Traveling by ship

- **Jet Foil (Express Boat) "Toppo"** ● **Ferry Yakushima 2**
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- **Jet Foil (Express Boat) "Rocket"** ● **Ferry Taiyo**
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Traveling by air

- **Yakushima Airport Terminal**
Phone: 0997-42-1200

Forest Environmental Enhancement Promotion Fund Contribution

high schoolers and up: 300 yen/person
groups of 15 or larger: 250 yen/person

All of your contribution is being used to enhance the forest environment of the Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forests, i.e. Yakusugi Land and Shiratani Unsuikyo. The forest environment enhancement operations include the following:
preparing brochures and payment receipts for visitors, safety inspection and clearing of the forests, receiving and handling of funds, raising awareness of environmental beautification, organizing the parking lots, cleaning rest rooms, maintenance and repair of the observation trails and facilities, preparation of guideboards, etc.
Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Shiratani Unsuikyo is situated at an altitude of 800 meters above sea level, and its primeval forest of Yakusugi cedar covers an area of 424 hectares, which is readily observable.

It was designated a natural recreation forest in March of 1974, to serve as a forest recreation area accessible to hikers and other visitors. It is located 12 kilometers from Miyaura, and can be reached by car in about 30 minutes. Scheduled bus service also runs from the Port of Miyaura.

Trails include the Yoyosugi Cedar Trail (60 minutes), the Kusugawa Hiking Trail (1 hour, 40 minutes) and the Gensterin (Primeval Forest) Trail (3 hours). A lookout spot along the Kusugawa Hiking Trail affords a splendid view of the combination of cedars and broadleaf evergreens.

The forest floor is covered with rare mosses and ferns, creating an atmosphere not unlike the realm of mystery depicted in the film "Princess Mononoke," cascading through the forest floor past jagged boulders. In early springtime the blossoming Satsuki azaleas and Sakuratsutsuji azaleas turn the area into a natural garden of color.

The path to the summit of Mt. Miyaura runs through Shiratani Unsuikyo. Climbers ascend through Tsujitoge Pass and see the Wilson Stump, the Datousugi Cedar and the Jomonsugi Cedar on their way to the summit.



Genseirin (Primeval Forest)

Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forest (Shiratan District) Shiratanunsuikyo Guide Map

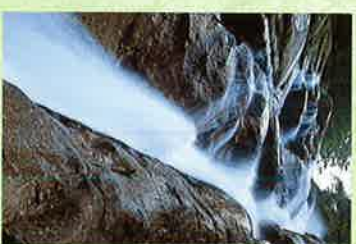
BECOME ONE WITH NATURE ON THE TRAIL

Precaution while strolling
At Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forest, maintenance efforts are taken to preserve the natural status of the forest as much as possible, which may cause dangers such as slip drop, over-turning and falling deadwood. Please take good caution by watching your head and step while strolling.

- Yayoi Hiking Course (1 hour)
- Kusugawa Hiking Course
- Forest of Princess Mononoke Course (2 hours)
- Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course (4 hours)
- Genseirin (Primeval Forest) Course (3 hours)
- Sanbon-ashisugi Round Trip Course (1 hour)
- Genseirin (Primeval Forest) and Taikoiwa Rock Course (5 hours)

Trails ⑥ to ⑯ are mountain-climbing paths.
(Please pay attention to your equipment and physical strength.)

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Hiryu-otoshi



Satsuki-tsurihashi Suspension Bridge



Nidai-onsugi Cedar



Bugyosugi Cedar



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