

Yakushima  
Natural Recreation Forest  
Shiratani area



A World Natural Heritage site,  
**Yakushima**  
**Shiratani**  
**Unsuikyo**  
**Ravine**



Yakushima Recreation and Forest  
Conservation Management Committee



\*The letters A to E on the maps are locations for the contact information listed below.

**Emergency phone numbers**

○ **Police Emergency Number - 110**

(Just dial 110 on either a cell phone or a landline to connect with the police.)  
\*It is recommended that you have your GPS turned on to help police locate you, in case of emergency.

○ **Emergency Ambulance Service - TEL 0997-42-0119**

(Yakushima North Station of Kumage District Community Fire Fighting Association)

**Contact information**

- A** Yakushima Recreation and Forest Conservation Management Committee (8:00-17:00)  
1593 Miyanoura Yakushima-cho Kumage-gun Kagoshima TEL/FAX : 0997-42-3508  
Email : yakureku@major.ocn.ne.jp Website : http://y-rekumori.com/
- B** Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine Administration Building (8:30-16:30)  
Mt. Miyanoura area in National Forest  
Miyanoura Yakushima-cho Kumage-gun Kagoshima TEL : 090-9615-8862
- C** Yakushima Town Office Tourism & Community Development Section (8:30-17:15)  
849-20 Koseda Yakushima-cho Kumage-gun Kagoshima TEL : 0997-43-5900 FAX : 0997-43-5905
- D** Yakushima Tourism Association (8:30-18:00)  
Located in Yakushima-cho Sogo Center, 187-1 Anbo, TEL : 0997-46-2333 FAX : 0997-46-2225  
Yakushima-cho, Kumage-gun, Kagoshima
- E** Yakushima Forest Ecosystem Conservation Center of the Forestry Agency (8:30-17:15)  
1577-1 Miyanoura Yakushima-cho Kumage-gun Kagoshima TEL : 0997-42-0331 FAX : 0997-42-0333

**Forest Environmental Enhancement  
Promotion Fund / Admission Donation**

- Admission Donation**
- High school students and up  
- 800 yen per person
  - Group rates (20 or more people)  
- 600 yen per person

Forest Environmental Enhancement Promotion Fund/Admission Donations are used for maintaining and repairing trails, maintenance of facilities, and administration of Yakushima Natural Recreation Forests (Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine and Yakusugi Land).  
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

**Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine**  
**Yakushima Natural Recreation Forest (Shiratani area)**

Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine is a nature park situated at an elevation of 600 to 1,050 meters covering an area of 424 hectares.

Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine is only 10 km from Miyanoura, about 25 minutes by car. There are route buses from Miyanoura Port.

A favored feature of this park is its hiking trails. There are several trails you can choose from according to the level of difficulties and course times: Yayoisugi cedar course (about 1 hour 10 minutes), Bugyosugi cedar course (about 3 hours), and Taikoiwa rock round trip course (including part of the Kusugawa walking path, about 4 hours).

In the Moss Covered Forest alongside the Kusugawa Mountain Trail, you will be drawn into a mysterious and beautiful world that inspired the setting of the film "Princess Mononoke."

Furthermore, a route to Mt. Miyanoura, the highest mountain in Kyushu, by way of Tsujitoge Pass, Wilson Stump, Daiousugi Cedar, and Jomonsugi Cedar is accessible within the park.

**Major yakusugi cedar trees  
in Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine**

Name	Height (m)	Trunk Circumference (m)	Elevation (m)	Course
Yayoisugi Cedar (fallen tree)	Fell due to a 2024 typhoon		719	Yayoisugi Cedar Course
Nidaiosugi Cedar	30.5	5.2	730	Yayoisugi Cedar Course Bugyosugi Cedar Course
Sanbon-ashisugi Cedar	25.9	3.9	793	Bugyosugi Cedar Course
Sanbon-yarisugi Cedar	23.2	2.7	830	Bugyosugi Cedar Course
Bugyosugi Cedar	23.3	8.4	829	Bugyosugi Cedar Course
Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine Kugurisugi Cedar	13.7	3.9	833	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course
Nanahosugi Cedar	35.8	8.3	836	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course
Bukesugi Cedar	19.6	3.3	912	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course
Kugesugi Cedar	23.6	3.3	912	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course
Kaminarionji	24.4	6.4	984	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course
Megamisugi Cedar	18.5	7.6	996	Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course

\*Data from 2022 and 2023 surveys of Giant and Famous Yakusugi Cedar Trees by Kyushu Regional Forest Office, Forestry Agency of Japan

**If possible, we would like you  
to use disposable toilets.**

Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine uses several restroom systems. In recent years, the toilets at Shiratani Hut have seen an increase in usage, which has become an environmental burden. Also, the maintenance of the toilets is getting too costly. To reduce these burdens, we have introduced a disposable toilet system. Disposable-toilet packages can be purchased at the reception counter.

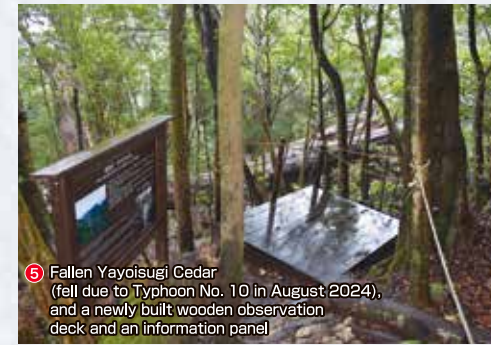
A container for used disposable-toilet packages is located next to a gazebo in front of the administration building. Please throw your used disposable-toilet packages away in the disposable-toilet container.

We greatly appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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# Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine Guide Map

- Yayoisugi Cedar Course (about 2km or an hour and 10minute hike)
  - Bugyosugi Cedar Course (about 4km or a 3hour hike)  
(\*The route from point ⑦ to point ⑩ is a physically difficult hike with lots of ups and downs and will take about 2 hours.)
  - Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course (about 5,6 km or a 4 hour hike)  
(※Round trip from the entrance to Moss Covered Forest takes about 2 and a half hours.)
- Please take note that the trail from after Satsuki Suspension Bridge to ⑫ is particularly steep, as well as Tujitoge Pass to Taikoiwa Rock (⑮-⑯) and the return trip (⑮-⑭).
  - Note that number ⑥-⑯ are mountain trails. Please check your equipment and know your physical condition for your climb.
  - The numbers in red indicate the elevations and the numbers in blue indicate the approximate distances.



⑤ Fallen Yayoisugi Cedar (fell due to Typhoon No. 10 in August 2024), and a newly built wooden observation deck and an information panel



②~⑤ Kikonsugi Cedar



⑯ Cherry blossom seen from Taikoiwa Rock in spring



Rhododendron Tashiroi blooms during April



Japanese Rowan blooms from April to May



Symlococaceae blooms from April to May



Satsuki Azalea blooms during June



⑬~⑭ Moss Covered Forest



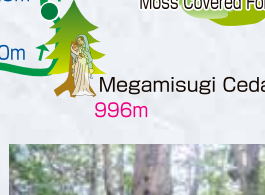
Tsujinowaya



②~③ Ikoino Oiwa Rock with Satsuki Azalea in summer



Shiratani Hut



Moss Covered Forest



⑪~⑬ Kugurisugi Cedar



① Beautiful colors of Stewartia in autumn



⑯~⑰ Snow covered Megamisugi Cedar in winter



⑬~⑭ Taikoiwa Rock Round Trip Course (Kusugawa Mountain Trail)



⑩~⑪ Bugyosugi Cedar Course



- ▲ Disposable-toilet booths on the trail in the park
- At point ⑩ (tent type booth)
  - Next to point ⑬ (wooden booth)
  - Next to Tujinowaya, past point ⑮ (tent type booth)
- Container for used disposable-toilet packages



## Things to keep in mind when hiking

- Please stay on the mountain trails.
- Please do not stray off the trails. Plants and tree roots can be damaged from your treading on them.
- Yakushima Natural Recreation Forest is maintained to be as natural and untouched as possible. Be aware of natural hazards such as falling branches and trail conditions. Be alert and take extra care when walking on the trails.
- After a heavy rain, the creeks will be swollen and very dangerous. For your safety we recommend waiting until creeks are safe to cross.
- Course times indicated on the map are based on the average time an adult will need to finish the course. Please give yourself plenty of time to enjoy your hike.
- We recommend an early start to avoid being on the trail in the dark, as the sun sets earlier in the mountains, especially in winter.