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# Yakusugi Land

Everlasting Nature Yakushima Island

Yakushima Natural Recreation Forest
Arakawa Area

**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—Tel: 110**
(no additional area code is necessary for both regular and mobile phones)

◯**Ambulance Service—Tel: 0997-42-0119**
(Yakushima Minami Station of Kumage District Community Fire Fighting Association)

## Contact information

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**B Yakusugi Land Administration Building** (8:30 to 16:30)
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**C Commerce and Tourism Section of Yakushima Town Office** (8:30 to 17:15)
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**D Yakushima Tourism Association** (8:30 to 18:00)
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## Forest Environmental Enhancement Promotion Fund/Admission Fee

Entrance Donation Fee

- **High school students and up...500 yen per person**
  *You may get a discount by using the Yakusugi Land 200-yen discount ticket on your Shiratani Unsuikyo Revine admission ticket.
- **Group rates(15 or more people)...400 yen per person**
  *Yakushugi Land 200-yen discount tickets are not applicable for groups.

Forest Environmental Enhancement Promotion Fund/admission fees 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.

**Thank you for your cooperation and support.**

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# Yakusugi Land

## [Yakushima Natural Recreation Forest(Arakawa Area)]

Yakusugi Land spreading over an area of 270 hectares and at altitudes around 1000 to 1300 meters, is located 15 kilometers from Anbo. Because of its beautiful nature and virgin forest with many yakusugi cedar trees and easy access, it was designated as a Natural Recreation Forest along with Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine in Shiratani area in March of 1974. There are five trail courses to choose from according to the level of difficulties and lengths, including the celestial forest course established in April 2018. Many distinguished and unique yakusugi cedar trees with individual names such as Buddhasugi can be seen throughout Yakusugi Land. Yakusugi Land with its picturesque streams flowing through a lush flora of green thick moss and plants embodies the essence of a Yakusugi forest. You may experience up-close the cyclic mechanism of the forest and come to know its history and people.

## Major Yakusugi cedar trees in Yakusugi Land

| Name | Trunk Circumference (m) | Height (m) | Presumed age(years) | Altitude (m) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buddhasugi Cedar | 8.0 | 21.5 | 1,800 | 1,010 |
| Tenchusugi Cedar | 8.2 | 33.8 | 1,500 | 1,030 |
| Hahakosugi Cedar (Mother) | 9.0 | 31.1 | | 1,030 |
| Hahakosugi Cedar (Child) | 6.3 | 29.5 | 2,600 | 1,030 |
| Mistunesugi Cedar | 9.3 | 26.1 | 1,100 | 1,030 |
| Odasugi Cedar | 8.2 | 28.6 | 2,500 | 1,060 |

## Major Yakusugi cedar trees near Yakusugi Land

| Name | Trunk Circumference (m) | Height (m) | Presumed age (years) | Information |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Kigensugi Cedar | 8.1 | 19.5 | 3,000 | Roadside about 5.7 km away from the Yakusugi Land (about 20 minutes drive) |
| Kawakamisugi Cedar | 8.9 | 27.0 | 2,000 | Roadside about 700 m away from Kigen-sugi Cedar (about 5 minutes drive from Kigen-sugi Cedar) |

## Species of trees and wildlife

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| Animals | Yaku-monkey (Macaca fuscata yakui); Yaku-deer (Cervus Nippon yakushimae) |
| Plants | Yakusugi cedar, Hemlock trees (Tsuga sieboldii), Firs (Abies firma), Wheel tree (trochodendron aralioides), Stewartia monadelpha, Caster aralia (Kalopanax pictus), Symplocos myrtacea, Rhododendron yakushimanum, Rhododendron tashiroi, Satsuki azalea, Rhododendron keiskei |

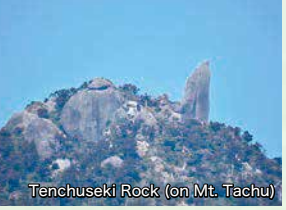
# Yakusugi Land Guide Map

Yakushima Natural Recreation Forest

## Arakawa Area

The 30- and 50- minute hiking courses are well maintained. (Parts of the courses are wooden walkways and parts are paved in stone.)
The 80-, 150-, and 210-minute courses are mountain trails. Please check your equipment and know your physical condition for your climb.

- ···30-minute course (about 0.8km)
- ···50-minute course (about 1.2km)
- ···80-minute course (about 2.0km)
- ···150-minute course (about 3.0km)
- ···210-minute course (about 4.4km)


Tenchuseki Rock (on Mt. Tachu)

Tachudake 1497m
(Mt.Tachu)

about 2km

Tenmon-no-mori Forest

about 0.7km

Jamonsugi Cedar (fallen tree)

210-minute course

Disposable-toilet booth

360m

450m

150-minute course

Higechoro

Kohanayama Path

Tenchubashi Bridge

150-minute course

Hahakosugi Cedar

Tenchusugi Cedar

Hahakosugi Cedar

300m

Mitsune sugi Cedar

280m

Kokenohashi Bridge

180m

to Hananoego Marsh
(two-day trip)

Tsutsujigawara
(a riverbed)

120m

90m

80-minute course

Tsutsujigawara

80-minute course

Sawatsubashi Bridge
(suspension bridge)

300m

Buddhasugi Cedar

170m

50-minute course

Buddhasugi Cedar

Arakawabashi Bridge
(suspension bridge)

Arakawa Path

180m

50m

Buddhasugi Path

220m

Sennensugi Cedar

330m

Sennensugi Path

30-minute course

stump regeneration

80m

Futagosugi Cedar

Kugurisugi Cedar

Rinsenbashi Bridge

330m

Seiryobashi Bridge
(suspension bridge)

Fureainomichi Path

Parking Lot 2

Parking Lot 3

To Kigensugi Cedar
about 5.7 km

To Anbo

Administration Building

Shinsen

Kuguritsuga Hemlock

Entrance

Tokimekinomichi Path

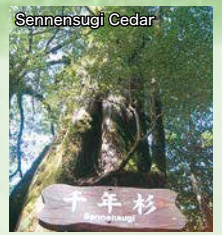
Parking Lot

Exit

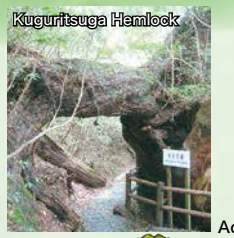
150-minute course

Higechoro

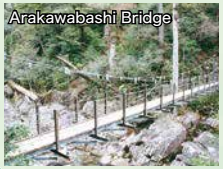
30-minute course


Sennensugi Cedar

30-minute course


Kuguritsuga Hemlock

80-minute course


Arakawabashi Bridge

210-minute course

Tenmon-no-mori Forest

### Shinsen, rest house with a small gift shop

The rest house was built to blend in with the surrounding environment. There is a gift shop on the ground floor where you can buy original Yakusugi handcrafts. Food is not sold, but some drinks are available for purchase. Upstairs one can relax and enjoy the panoramic view of Mt. Tachu and the surrounding forest.

### Kohanayama Path

It is a course where one can see to start with many yakusugi cedar trees and enjoy a forest of giant trees at your own pace. The forest has fully recovered from the logging during the Edo period and has transfigured into a beautiful kosugi cedar forest where many distinguished yakusugi cedar trees such as Tenchusugi, Hahakosugi, and Mitsunesugi cedars can be seen up close. In addition, on this course at point 15, a junction, the path forks off to a trail leading to Tenmon-no-mori Forest and ends at Mt. Tachu. At the summit of Mt. Tachu you will see a pillar of stone rising towards the heavens.

### Fureainomichi Path

Fureainomichi Path is a maintained 30-minute hiking course. Many stumps, remnants of loggings that took place about 300 years ago, can still be seen along the trail. It is a popular course where one can experience the richness of nature and history of the forest.

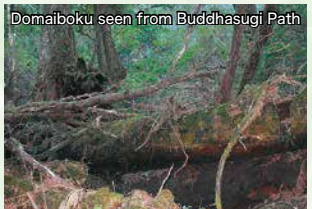
### Things to keep in mind when hiking

1. Please stay on the mountain trails.
2. Please do not stray off the trails. Plants and tree roots can be damaged from your treading on them.
3. 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
4. We strongly recommend you not using your mobile phones while walking on the trails. It is essential that you keep your mind on the trail. It may be very dangerous.
5. Course times indicated on the map are based on the average time an adult will need to finish a course. Please give yourself plenty of time to enjoy your hike.
6. In the mountains, especially during winter, daylight will pass quickly so please be aware of your time.

A symphony of Yakushima's nature interwoven with its past

### 210-minute course (Tenmon-no-mori Course)

Tenmon-no-mori Course was opened in April 2018. This course incorporates the 150-minute course with an extension from Jamonsugi Cedar to Tenmonnomori Forest, about 1.4 km round trip making the entire course 210-minutes long. You can see many yakusugi cedar trees and a forest covered with deep green moss.
Tenmonnomori Forest is one of the five fixed designated forests for academic research and information gathering on Yakushima.


Domaiboku seen from Buddhasugi Path

### Domaiboku (remnants of trees)

During the Edo era, Yakusugi cedar trees were logged and processed into flat boards and used as roof shingles. Only parts of trees that could be easily processed were selected. The remaining unusable parts were discarded and because of its high content of resin, it remained without decaying. These remnants of Yakusugi cedar trees are called "domaiboku".

30-minute course

Kugurisugi Cedar