

The Kuju Range is a National Park!



Designation : 1934
Area : 72,678ha(Aso area 54,368ha Kuju area 18,310ha)

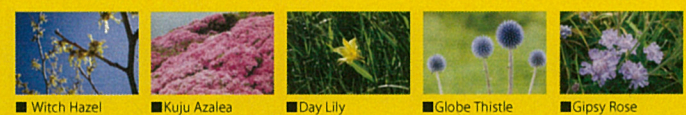
Aso Kuju National Park is situated almost in the middle of mainland Kyushu. It is characterized by Aso's caldera, one of the largest ones in the world (its circumference is about 100km). It also has the geographical features of volcanic mountains ranging in the northeastern part, a volcanic landform composed of Mt. Yufudake and Mt. Tsurumidake, and vast grasslands stretching at the foot of the mountains.



The Kuju Range has Mt. Nakadake, which is the highest mountain on mainland Kyushu, and eight other peaks over 1,700 m. These mountains are colored with Kyushu azaleas in early summer and with red leaves in autumn. Also, two marshes registered under the Ramsar Convention, Bogatsuru Marsh and Tadewara Marsh, are located among these mountains. They are rich in a diversity of flora and fauna of both wetland and grassland.



[Kuju Flower calender]



[Public Transportation]



Route① JR Bungo/Nakamura St. ~ Kuju Trailhead (Chojabaru)
Hita Bus(2016.10.1) Kokonoe Community Bus(2016.10.1~)

Route② Kuju Trailhead (Chojabaru) ~ Makinoto Pass
Kamenoi Bus Kyusyu Odan Bus
Hita Bus(2016.10.1) Kokonoe Community Bus(2016.10.1~)

※ Hita Bus line and Kamenoi Bus line stop from December to February

Ask each Bus company for further information
● Hita Bus TEL : 0973-72-0528
● Kamenoi Bus TEL : 0977-23-0141
● Kyusyu Odan Bus TEL : 096-354-4845
● Kokonoe Community Bus TEL : 0973-76-3807

※ You Can check the locations of bus stops on the map of the backside.

■ Taxi
● Each Trailhead in Handa Plateau
Kokonoe Miyama Taxi TEL: 0973-76-2121
Hato Taxi TEL: 0973-79-2510

● Each Trailhead in Kuju Plateau
Kuju Kuju Kanko Taxi TEL: 0974-76-1101
Taketa Godo Taxi TEL: 0974-76-0071

■ Emergency contact details
when you are in trouble
● Injury 119 Please call only in emergency
● Distress 110
● National Park Information Office
Chojabaru Visitor Center TEL : 0973-79-2154

Kuju tourist information Kokonoe Tourism Association : 0973-73-5505
Kuju kogen tourism Association : 0974-76-1610

Understand and keep ! 10 rules and manners in Kuju

① Registration!

Make sure to submit the mountain climbing registration form. This is used for a search if an accident occurs. Do not make a plan impossible for your schedule.



② No Light Outfit!

Sturdy boots and clothes suitable for mountain climbing will protect you from injury. Bring plenty of water. A map and a compass are indispensable. Do not trust mobile phone too much.



③ Go Bathroom Before Climbing

The bathrooms in the mountain cannot clear filthy water so efficiently. Human waste directly affects nature. Try not to go to the bathroom in the mountain. Please relieve yourself before departure.



④ No Pets!

Bringing your pet with you in the mountain may cause the mutual infection with wildlife. Also your pet may bother the other climbers who do not like animals.



⑤ Stocks and Rubber Caps!

You must attach rubber caps with your stocks. Without them, the sharp tips of the stocks will poke plants and hurt them. Please make sure if your stocks have caps before leaving.



⑥ Walk on the Trails

Walking outside of the trails means hurting plants and putting trails into disorder. Please restrain your selfish behavior.



⑦ Do not hurt wildlife!

The Kuju Range is a national park. It is prohibited to pick plants, catch animals or hurt them. Once the nature is destroyed, we can never bring them back as it is.



⑧ Take your trash back home

There is no trash can in the mountain. Who will pick the trash you throw away? Please leave mountains with your trash and take them back home.



⑨ Handle with care of the fire

The forest fire is often brought about by a climber's casual carelessness, such as throwing a cigarette away or pulling a cooking stove down. Please be careful when handling the fire.



⑩ No auto-camp in the parking

In the public parking, it is prohibited to stay overnight, cook, or do the laundry. Please enjoy camping in the permitted area.

