



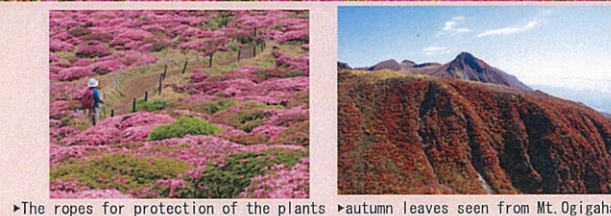
Flowers in Kuju spring to early summer

05 Mt. Ogi gahana 1,698m



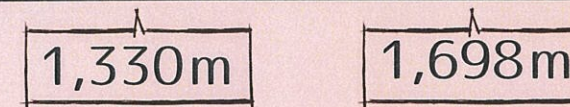
Finally we get to the top of Mt.Ogigahana! The pink carpet of Miyamakirishima is spreading before your eyes. In autumn, the colorful leaves paint the mountain in different colors beautifully. Mt. Ogigahana has a charm to entertain us in different ways seasonally.

* The ropes are extended along the trail in order to protect the vegetation from the people. Please do not go beyond the ropes.



Let's try the popular trail in Kuju!
One way:one and a half hours

Makinoto Pass~Mt.Ogigahana



The Kuju range is a popular destination for hikers. It has the highest mountain in the mainland Kyushu named Mt. Nakadake and other mountains higher than 1,700m. Here, we are introducing the trail starting from Makinoto Pass leading to Mt.Ogigahana. This course is easy to follow even for beginners and has a lot of spots to see.

In Kuju, the early summer (from the late May to the middle of June) is the best season to see the blossoms of Miyamakirishima. Mt.Ogigahana, as well as Mt.Hiji and Mt.Taisen, is one of the popular spots for the blossoms. It takes more than four hours one way to hike from Chojabaru trailhead to Mt.Hiji or Mt.Taisen. To Mt.Ogigahana, however, takes only one and a half hours one way from Makinoto trailhead. If you have little confidence in your physical strength but want to see the blossoms, it is the ideal destination for you. It is breath-taking to see the mountain top covered with the pink blossoms. In autumn, you can see colorful autumn leaves there.

Autumn leaves (late Oct.~first Nov.)



Check! Rainwear
Be sure to bring a pair of rainwear in hiking regardless of the weather condition. They will protect you from getting wet, the strong wind and low temperature. They are the must items in the mountain where the weather condition is unstable. Lay up for a rainy day!

Fresh Green(May)

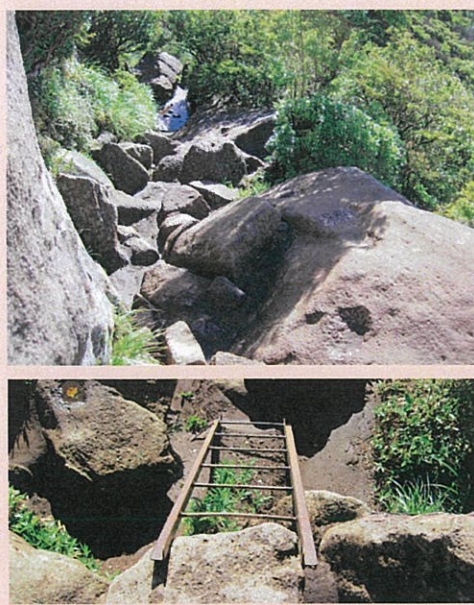


Silver Frost (Dec. to Feb.)



The top of Mt.Kutsukake is very rocky. You can use the latter to go down the rocks and proceed to the ridge route. Be careful not to slip down. This place used to be the entrance to the sacred place when the mountain religion was flourished. At that time, people took off their dirty shoes or slippers here and hang them on the trees. Changing into the clean shoes, they went forward into the worshipped mountain. Mt. Kutsukake shows us the different scenery according to the season. In which season would you like to visit here?

03 Mt.Kutsuykake



01 Makinoto Pass trailhead 1,330m

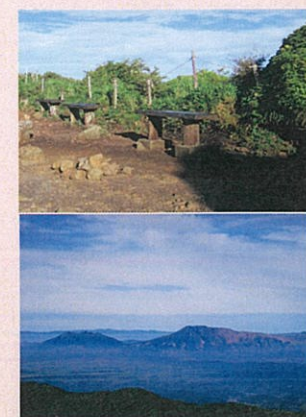


It has a large parking lot holding 161 vehicles, a shop, and a restroom. You can buy a hiking map here. Go to the restroom before starting your hike. It may be nice to have a good rest here when you come back from the mountain.

02 The first lookout in Makinoto



Hiking up the steep paved hill for about 10 minutes, you will reach the first lookout with a pavillion. You can take a rest enjoying the scenery from here. Handa plateau and Tadewara marsh can be seen below your eyes.



Hiking up further for about 15 minutes, the second lookout is waiting for you. On a fine day, Aso 5 mountains can be seen from here.