



Best 5 spots to enjoy Miyamakirishima



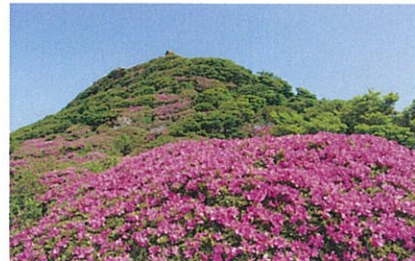
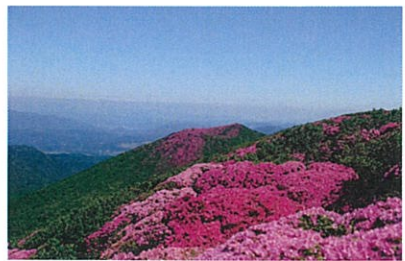
03 【Mt. Hiji (1643.0m)】

The most famous spot of Miyamakirishima in Kuju is Mt. Hiji. All the way to the top, Miyamakirishima spread luxuriously before your eyes. Needless to say, the view from the top is overwhelming. In addition to the pink carpet covering the mountain slopes, Mt. Mimata rises majestically in front of your eyes and Bogatsuru in shiny fresh green spreads below. This fantastic view must heal your body and soul. It takes about four hours from Chojabaru trailhead to reach the top. From Oike Pond trailhead, it takes about three hours via steep hill.



04 【Mt. Taisen (1786.3m)】

Only Miyamakirishima on Mt. Taisen is designated as a National Natural Monument among many Miyamakirishima spots in Kuju. It cannot be denied that the view of Miyamakirishima in full bloom there is beyond description. A mass of blossoms blooming along the trail from Bogatsuru marsh through the forest is inviting you to the top. From the top, you can see the mountainsides painted pink in every direction, which delights your eyes. It takes about four hours from Chojabaru, via Amagaike and Bogatsuru to the top.



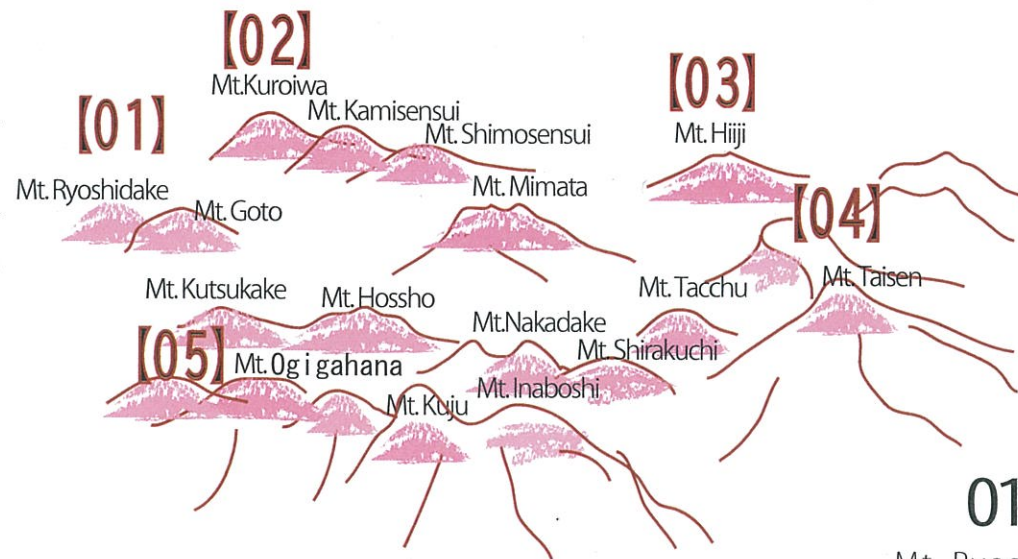
05 【Mt. Ogigahana (1698m)】

It takes only about an hour and a half to reach the top from Makinoto trailhead. On its northern hill, Miyamakirishima become full bloom the latest in Kuju. Both side of the trail to the top is full of Miyamakirishima and Tsukushidodan (Longilobus). Seen from the top, it looks as if a huge pink fan were spreading before your eyes thanks to the shape of the mountain. This magnificent view fascinates you equally as well as Mt. Hiji.



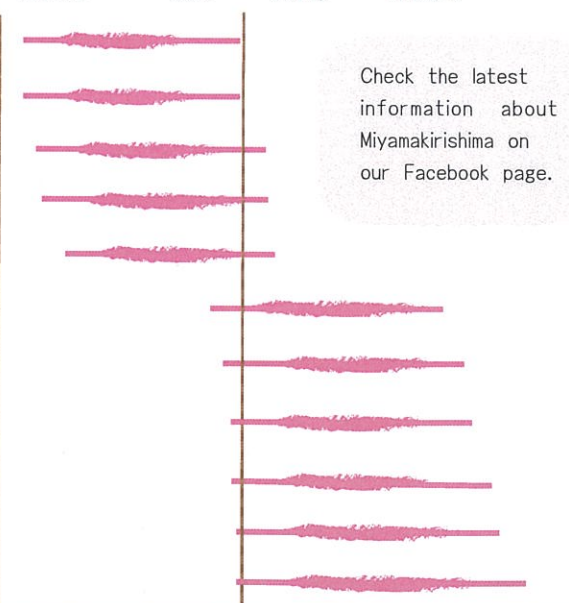
02 【Mt. Kuroiwa (1502.5m)】

A steep hill is waiting for you at the first part, but it takes only about 30 minutes to reach the top from Makinoto Pass. It has a flat grassland by the top. You can have lunch there surrounded by Miyamakirishima scattered there. From Mt. Kurodake, you can hike to Mt. Kamisensui. A lot of blossoms along the trail makes your hike more delightful. You can see Mt. Hossho and Mt. Mimata on your right, and Chojabaru below. It takes about one and a half hours to reach Mt. Kamisensui. You can climb down to Chojabaru, hiking through Shimosensui via Mt. Kamisensui.



- (01) Mt. Ryoshidake (1423.1m)
- Mt. Kamisensui (1447m)
- Mt. Tacchu (1464.5m)
- Mt. Yubiyama (1449m)
- (02) Mt. Kuroiwa (1502.5m)
- (03) Mt. Hiji (1643.0)
- Mt. Mimata (1744.3m)
- Mt. Hossho (1762m)
- Mt. Kujū (1786.5m)
- (04) Mt. Taisen (1786.3m)
- (05) Mt. Ogigahana (1698m)

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Miyamakirishima, a carpet of pink blossoms, is waiting for you!

The season of Miyamakirishima (Rhododendron kiusianum) sets in around the middle of May. First, the blossoms begin to bloom at low altitude. In June, they come to be in full bloom at altitude of 1700m. The blossoms paint the mountains pink, which attract many hikers.

Unfortunately, we sometimes witness very disappointing sights in this season: the hikers boldly take pictures in the restricted areas ignoring the ropes extended around them to conserve the vegetation. We sincerely ask each one of you to cherish the nature in Kuju so that everyone can appreciate Miyamakirishima pleasantly.

Here, the staff of Chojabaru Visitor Center would like to introduce you "the best 5 spots for Miyamakirishima". It is hard to predict the best timing of the full bloom, however, we provide the latest information of Miyamakirishima from the middle of May. Please check the latest information on our website, Facebook, or on the phone.

01 【Mt. Ryoshidake (1423.1m)】

Mt. Ryoshidake allows anybody -from children to those who are not confident in their physical strength- to enjoy both hiking and viewing Miyamakirishima. There is no huge mass of the blossoms there, but some big Miyamakirishima bushes are scattered around, which makes us feel like walking in a botanical garden. On a fine day, Aso mountains can be seen from the top. It takes only about an hour to reach the top from the trailhead. This mountain can be said to be a hidden spot with a great view. When you have time, you can extend your hike as far as Mt. Goto-san.

