

Kirishima-Kinkowan National Park
Kirishima Geopark
KIRISHIMA TREKKING
MAP



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Ebinodake
Ebinodake volcano (1305m)

The shorter, sloping mountain south of the Ebino Plateau is Mt. Ebinodake. The volcanic crater of Mt. Ebinodake is approximately 1km wide and can be clearly seen from the Mt. Karakunidade hiking trail. The trail up Mt. Ebinodake follows the edge of the volcanic crater and takes approximately one hour to complete. From the observation deck on the trail, one can enjoy a 360 panoramic view of the Ebino plateau to the north and Mt. Sakurajima upon Kinko Bay to the south. Due to its relatively old age, one of Mt. Ebinodake's defining features are its thick forests which are green in the spring and turns into a lovely red in the autumn.

Kurinodake
Kurinodake volcano (1102m)

Mt.Kurinodake is one of the oldest volcanoes in the Kirishima Mountain Range. One of the three hiking trails on the mountain begins Japan's longest sleeper stairs approximately 200m from the Kirishima Open Air Museum. As one hikes past the oak and maple forests, one can enjoy a panoramic view of Mt.Karakunidade, Mt.Sakurajima and Kinko Bay.

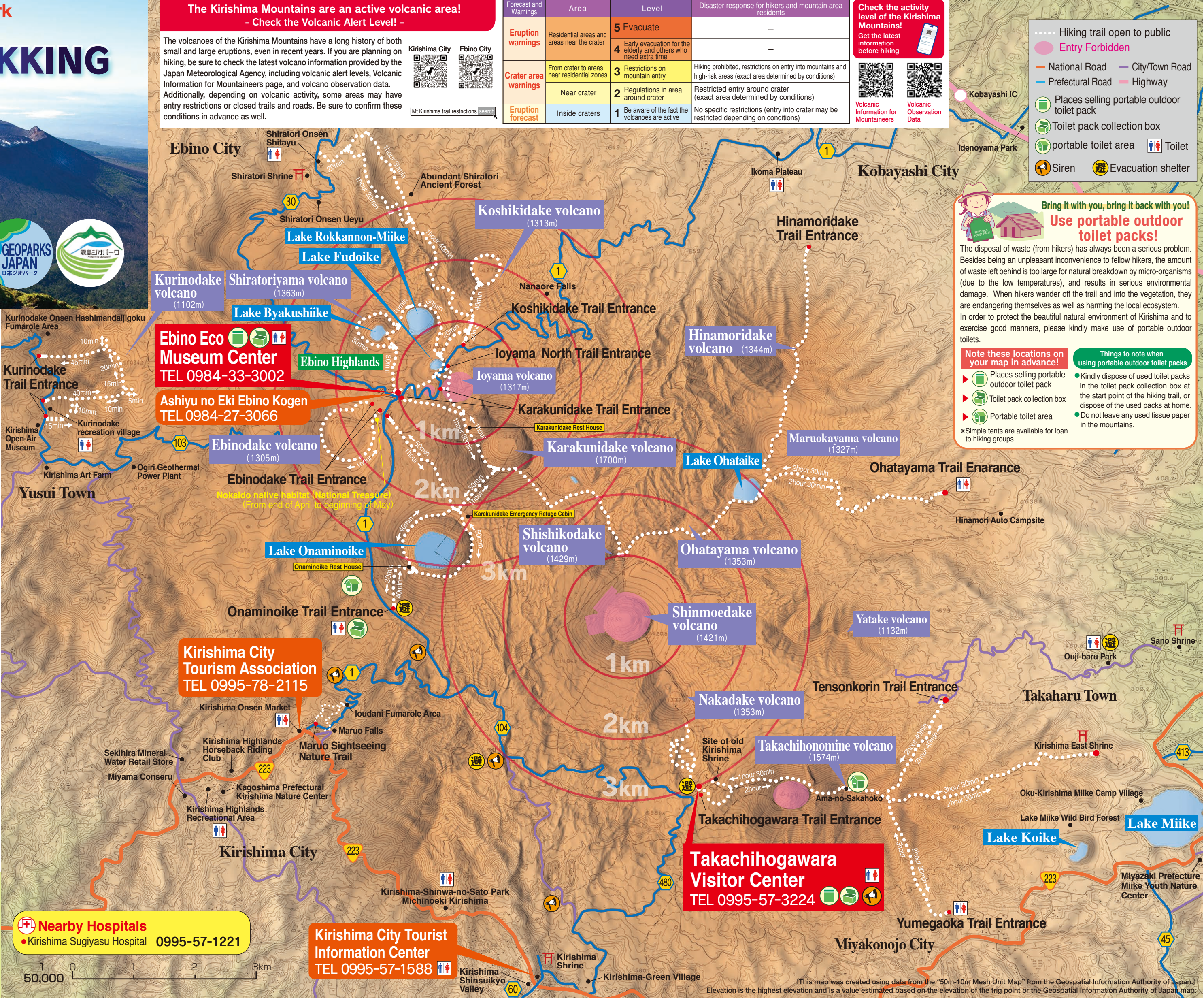


Information

Operates Daily		Kirishima Sightseeing Bus Route Map and Timetable	
Contact us:Kagoshima Kotsu(Kokubu Office)☎0995-45-6733			
Maruo ↔ Ebino Kougen(plateau) ↔ Takachihogawara			
Maruo②	8:30 10:30 12:30	Takachihogawara	15:30
Maruo onsen(hot spring)	8:31 10:31 12:31	Yunono onsen(hot spring)	15:42
Io dani (valley)	8:35 10:35 12:35	Shinyu jigyoiso(office)	15:46
Kirishima Iwasaki Hotel	8:38 10:38 12:38	Shinyu onsen(hot spring)	15:47
Shinyu onsen iriguchi (hot spring entrance)	8:45 10:45 12:45	Shinyu onsen iriguchi (hot spring entrance)	15:48
Shinyu tenboda(observaton deck)	8:46 10:46 12:46	Shinyu tenboda(observaton deck)	15:49
Onami no ike tozanguchi (pond trail entrance)	8:50 10:50 12:50	Onami no ike tozanguchi (pond trail entrance)	15:53
Shintoko tenboda(observaton deck)	8:53 10:53 12:53	Shintoko tenboda(observaton deck)	15:56
Tsutsujigaoka	8:55 10:55 12:55	Tsutsujigaoka	15:58
Ebino Kogen(plateau)arr	8:56 10:56 12:56	Ebino Kogen(plateau)arr	15:59
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Tsutsujigaoka	9:01 11:01 13:01	Tsutsujigaoka	16:01
Shintoko tenboda(observaton deck)	9:03 11:03 13:03	Shintoko tenboda(observaton deck)	16:03
Onami no ike tozanguchi (pond trail entrance)	9:06 11:06 13:06	Onami no ike tozanguchi (pond trail entrance)	16:06
Shinyu tenboda(observaton deck)	9:10 11:10 13:10	Shinyu tenboda(observaton deck)	16:10
Shinyu onsen iriguchi (hot spring entrance)	9:11 11:11 13:11	Shinyu onsen iriguchi (hot spring entrance)	16:11
Shinyu onsen(hot spring)	9:12 11:12 13:12	Kirishima Iwasaki Hotel	16:18
Shinyu jigyoiso(office)	9:13 11:13 13:13	Io dani (valley)	16:21
Yunono onsen(hot spring)	9:17 11:17 13:17	Maruo onsen(hot spring)	16:25
Takachihogawara	9:29 11:29 13:29	Maruo②	16:26
Yunono onsen(hot spring)	13:41		
Shinyu jigyoiso(office)	13:45		
Shinyu onsen(hot spring)	13:46		
Shinyu onsen iriguchi (hot spring entrance)	13:47		
Kirishima Iwasaki Hotel	13:54		
Io dani (valley)	13:57		
Maruo onsen(hot spring)	14:01		
Maruo②	14:02		

Time table QR code (City HP)

Please check the Kirishima City website for the latest timetable.



For an Enjoyable Trekking Experience

Etiquette:

- Take all trash with you - no littering.
- To protect vegetation and to avoid getting lost, make sure not to stray off marked hiking trails. Always yield to hikers ascending up the trail.
- Open fires are prohibited! Use fire equipment (e.g. fire pits and other braziers) responsibly!
- Leave no trace - take care to leave nature the way you found it. It is illegal to forage, hunt, or otherwise harm plants or animals.

Things to bear in mind / Mannerisms

Safety:

- Check for updates on trail conditions, weather, volcanic activity, and so on before your hike.
- Hiking is at your own risk. Before climbing, submit a mountain climbing registration form, and make sure to plan for flexibility.
- Wear suitable hiking clothes and carry essential items (such as a map, hat, gloves, emergency whistle, food and drink, compass, phone, portable toilet bags, etc.) before trekking. Also, depending on the weather, don't forget to bring protective gear for rain and cold!

*Some areas do not have mobile phone signal reception

Visit the "Field Manners" Guide on Hiking Etiquette, Ebino Eco Museum Center

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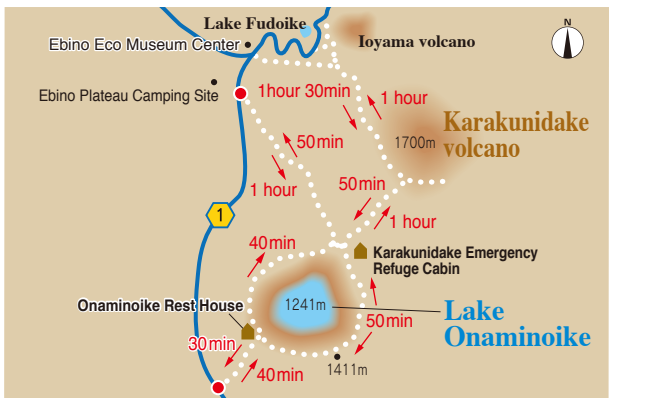
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The Lakes Nature Trail
Shiratoriyama
Shiratoriyama volcano (1363m)
Koshikidake
Koshikidake volcano (1313m)
This two-hour course begins near the Ebino Eco Museum and continues clockwise past the three volcanic crater lakes, Lake Byakushiike (Byakushiike), Lake Rokkannon-Miike, and Lake Fudoike (Fudo-ike). From the summit of Mt. Shiratoriyama, one can enjoy the view of Mt. Sakurajima (to the south), and Mt. Karakunidade. The area has a large variety of plant-life and is covered by Miyama-Kirishima Azalea and greenery in the summer, and autumn colors in the fall. It takes approximately 60 minutes to hike up Mt. Koshikidake from the forked road north of Lake Fudoike. Inside the volcanic crater of Mt. Koshikidake, there is a plain of Susuki grass and a low-rise wetland moor (relatively rare in southern Kyushu) where the carnivorous Sundew plant grows. The trail will become steeper and narrower towards the summit, so please exercise caution when hiking.



Onami-no-Ike
Lake Onaminoike (1411m)
Karakunidade
Karakunidade volcano (1700m)

There are many trails that can take one up the tallest mountain in the Kirishima Mountain Range, Mt. Karakunidade. One of these trails circles Lake Onaminoike one of the highest crater lakes in Japan. The area is surrounded by beautiful scenery and offers the most opportunities to enjoy the many facets of the area. It takes approximately 40 minutes to get the Lake Onaminoike rest station from the starting point where one can enjoy a picturesque view of Lake Onaminoike below with the majestic Mt. Karakunidade as a backdrop. The circular trail leading to Mt. Karakunidade splits from the rest station. As both routes are roughly equidistant from the summit, one may choose to climb Mt. Karakunidade via one route descend via the other. One will come across an emergency refuge cabin on their descent from the Lake Onaminoike crater. Going past the refuge cabin will take one straight to the summit of Mt. Karakunidade.



Takachiho-no-Mine
Takachihonimine volcano (1574m)

The Takachihonimine ridge is the place where the legend of the "Tenson Korin" (Descent of the Heavenly Child). Whether it is due to its rich history or its distinct appearance, the Takachihonimine ridge is undoubtedly the main peak of the Kirishima Mountain Range. The trail begins near the Takachihogawara Visitor Center and goes through a Torii gate (Japanese shrine gate) past the Furumiyama-Ato (site of old Kirishima Shrine) and the Ohachi(or Mihachi) volcano before taking one atop the Takachihonimine ridge. The trail becomes rather steep as it emerges from the forested area. As one ascends the brown slope, one will eventually reach Ohachi Peak's crater, otherwise known as Umano-Se, or the Horseback. The trail on The Horseback is narrow and one should exercise caution during strong winds or thick fog. From the Horseback, the trail descends into The Saddleback before continuing up to the summit of the Takachihonimine Ridge. On the summit, one can find the Ama-no-Sakahoko from the Tenson Korin legend. There are many steep slopes on the way to the summit of Takachihonimine Ridge, so please exercise caution as the trail may be slippery. Falling rocks may also prove hazardous.

