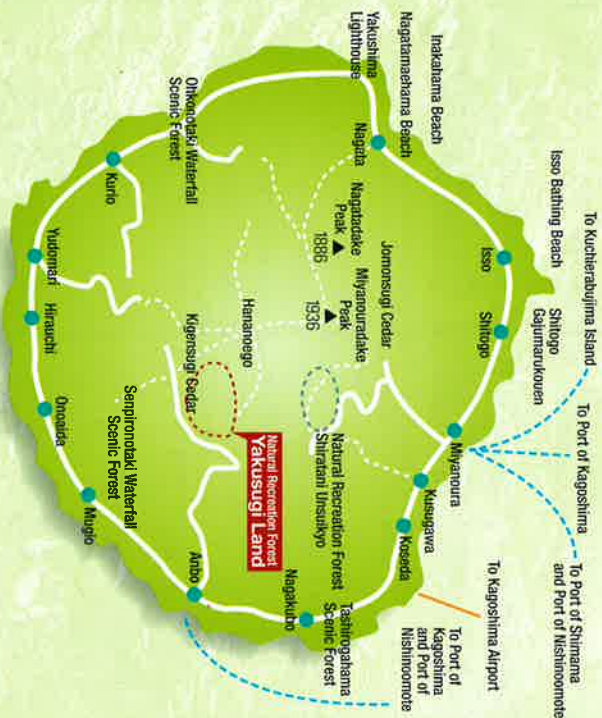


**NATURAL BEAUTY OF YAKUSHIMA**  
Let's Work Together to Keep It That Way

**YAKUSHIMA ISLAND**  
**NATURAL RECREATION FOREST**  
(ARAKAWA DISTRICT)

# YAKUSUGI LAND

**Conservation & Stewardship Council**  
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## Forest Environmental Enhancement Promotion Fund Contribution

high schoolers and up: 300 yen/person  
groups of 15 or larger: 250 yen/person

All of your contribution is being used to enhance the forest environment of the Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forests, i.e. Yakusugi Land and Shiratani Unsuikyo. The forest environment enhancement operations include the following:  
preparing brochures and payment receipts for visitors, safety inspection and cleaning of the forests, receiving and handling of funds, raising awareness of environmental beautification, organizing the parking lots, cleaning rest rooms, maintenance and repair of the observation trails and facilities, preparation of guideboards, etc.  
Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## YAKUSUGI LAND - YAKUSHIMA ISLAND NATURAL RECREATION FOREST (ARAKAWA DISTRICT)

Yakusugi Land is located about 16 km from Anbo, at a site 1,000-1,300 meters above sea level. There visitors can see and enjoy this primeval forest which includes thousands of years old Yakusugi cedar trees. The total land area of 270.33 hectares offers visitors four hiking trails, ranging from a 30-minutes trail to a 150-minutes trail. These trails go past the 1,300-years-old Butsudasugi Cedar and other large trees. Hikers can also see stumps and remains of tameshigiri (tree sampling) that date from Japan's feudal clan era, and they can enjoy forest bathing along the sight of fresh-flowing forest streams. This moss-covered forest makes up the Yakusugi wilderness on Yakushima Island.

Visitors who choose the 150-minutes hiking trail can take a side-path up to the top of Tachudake Peak. Total climbing time from the entrance to Yakusugi Land is about two-hours.

Located on the side of the road about 6 km from the Yakusugi Land entrance is the Kigensugi Cedar, which is believed to be some 3,000 years old. It is the largest and the oldest of all the cedars that are readily accessible. For a visitor it evokes images of very ancient times in the life of our land.

### Major Yakusugi Cedars in Yakusugi Land

Name	Circumference at breast height (m)	Tree Height (m)	Estimated Age (years)
Kigensugi	8.1	19.5	3,000
Hahakosugi	9.0	31.1	2,600
Mother and child cedar	6.3	29.5	2,600
Odasugi	8.2	28.6	2,500
Butsudasugi	8.0	21.5	1,800
Tenchusugi	8.2	33.8	1,500
Mitsusugi	9.3	26.1	1,100

### Species and Conditions of Trees and Wildlife

Types	Species name
Trees	Yakusugi cedar ( <i>Cryptomeria</i> spp.: cedar), tsuga ( <i>Tsuga</i> spp.: hemlock), momi (Abies spp.: fir), himeshinara ( <i>Stewartia</i> spp.: stewartia), harigiri ( <i>Kalopanax</i> spp.) and shirodamo ( <i>Neolitsea</i> spp.)
Mammals	Yakuzuru ( <i>Macaca</i> spp.: monkey), yakushika ( <i>Cervus</i> spp.: deer)
Birds	Yakukomadori( <i>Fringilla</i> spp.: robin), yakushinaekakiko( <i>Turdus</i> spp.: thrush), yakushinakakesu ( <i>Garrulus</i> spp.: jay), yakushimeyanagara ( <i>Parus</i> spp.: titmouse), yakushinakotaki ( <i>Muscicapa</i> spp.: flycatcher), shimamejio ( <i>Zosterops</i> spp.: white-eye)
Insects	Yakushinamiidorshiimi ( <i>Neozephyrus</i> spp.: butterfly), kabutomushi ( <i>Allomyrina</i> spp.: beetle), kuwagata ( <i>Lucanus</i> spp.: stag beetle)
Plants	Yakushinashikunage ( <i>Rhododendron</i> spp.), sakuratsusugi ( <i>Rhododendron</i> spp.), marubatsusugi ( <i>Rhododendron</i> spp.), yakushimaehine ( <i>Calanthe</i> spp.), yakushimakanan ( <i>Cymbidium</i> spp.)

# Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forest Yakusugi Land Guide Map

The 30-minutes and 50-minutes hiking courses are paved with wood or stones. Visitors can hike to Butsudasugi Cedar with regular shoes.

- 30 minutes course
  - 50 minutes course
  - 80 minutes course
  - 150 minutes course
- The 80-minutes and 150-minutes courses are mountain-climbing paths. (Please be aware of your equipment and physical strength!)



Tachudake Peak



Tachudake Peak

Approx. 2.7km



Forest of Tenmon (Astronomy)

Jamonsugi Cedar (fallen tree)



Hige-choro Cedar



Mitsunesugi Cedar



Hahakosugi Cedar



Sawatsurahashi Bridge



Sennensugi Cedar

To Anbo



**"SHINSEN" TRAIL STORE AND REST HOUSE**  
The trail store and rest house were constructed in consideration of the environment around yakusugi land, sells cedar craft goods and also provides rest room facilities. "Shinsen" is powered entirely by clean and inexhaustible solar energy.



## KOHANA HIKING TRAIL

Visitors who would like a slightly more demanding trail might want to try the Kohana Hiking Trail, which offers the second richest stock of Yakusugi cedars following the Hanayama primeval forest. This includes the 2,600 years old Hahakosugi Cedar and the 2,500 years old Odaasugi Cedar, which visitors pass on the way to the rocky crags of Tachudake Peak.

## Precaution while strolling

At Yakushima Island Natural Recreation Forest, maintenance efforts are taken to preserve the natural status of the forest as much as possible, which may cause dangers such as slip drop, over-turning and falling deadwood. Please take good caution by watching your head and step while strolling.



Tsuksugigawara



Hahakosugi Cedar



Futagosugi Cedar



Kugurutsugi Cedar



Butsudasugi Cedar

## FUREAINOMICHI TRAIL

The trail takes 30 minutes to go around and is readily enjoyable. There are old stumps from 250-300 years ago, as well as remains of tameshigiri (tree sampling), and yakusugi cedar of over thousand years old, all suggesting a history museum of yakusugi cedar.