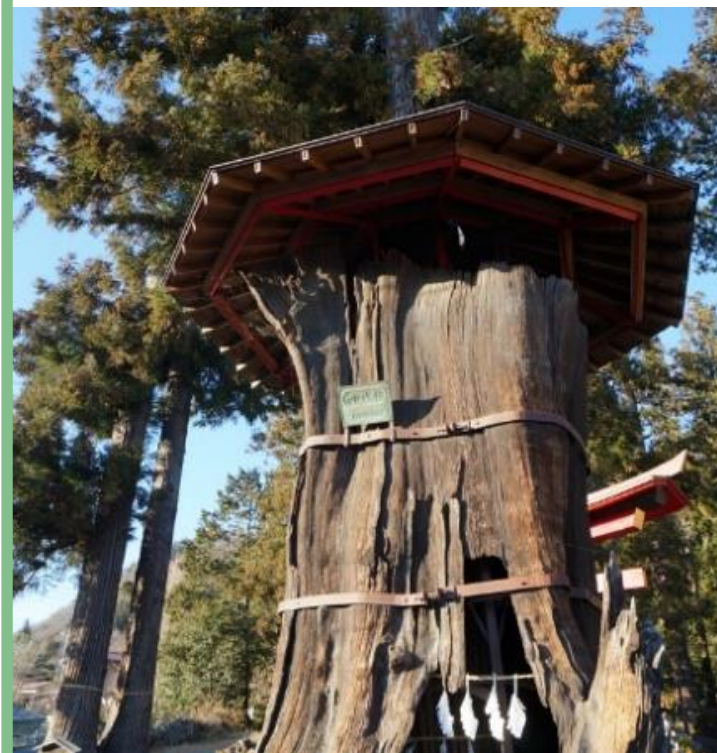


Discover Your Favorite Giant Trees!

Joshin'etsukogen National Park

Driving through
“Japanische Romantische Strasse”



A scenic road called “Japanische Romantische Strasse (Japan Romantic Road)”, connecting Ueda City (Nagano Pref.) and Nikko City (Tochigi Pref.) is full of nature and highlights. Along the way, there exist attractions such as a scenic beauty formed by lava flow called “Onioshidashi” and “Shiraito no Taki (Shiraito Falls)”, measuring 3m high and 70m wide. It is recommendable to stay overnight at hot springs along the way. Since some trees are difficult to access by public transportation, it is highly recommended to travel by cars.

【Access】

► By Car

10 min from Tsukiyono IC (Kan-Etsu EXPWY) to ① or 40 min from Usui-Karuizawa IC (Joshin-Etsu EXPWY) to ⑥

► By Train

Rent a car from either station

- Jomo-Kogen Sta. (Joetsu Shinkansen) or
- Karuizawa Sta. (Hokuriku Shinkansen)

1

A sacred Zelkova

Japanese Zelkova
(*Zelkova serrata*)

Trunk girth 742cm
Height 26m
Est. Age 600 years



A giant Japanese Zelkova stands in a Suguro Hachiman Shrine, where art of shooting arrows on horseback (called “Yabusame”) was performed together with adjacent shrines, until the end of 19th century. As a sacred tree, it has watched over history of the shrine.

2

Beautiful “Yellow Carpet”

Ginkgo
(*Ginkgo biloba*)

Trunk girth 947cm
Height 27m
Est. Age over 1,000 years



More than 10 aerial roots are hanging down from the stem. In autumn, you can enjoy a beautiful scenery made of yellow fallen leaves, often illustrated as a “yellow carpet.” Please watch out when you drive through narrow parts of the road.

3

A giant beanstalk along the road

Honey Locust
(*Gleditsia japonica*)

Trunk girth 532cm
Height 12m
Est. Age over 600years



This Honey Locust was planted to chase away evil, and has been taken care of by the landowner. The fruits of Honey Locust contain “Saponins” that produces a foam when dissolved in water, and used to be utilized to wash horses.

4

Cedar in a cedar!?

Japanese Cedar
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth 975cm
Height 8m
Est. Age Unknown



Outer cedar, said to be planted by one of ancient deities “Yamatotakeru-no-Mikoto,” is already dead, but still taken care of by the parishioners of Tottou Shrine. Inner, new cedar is still growing in the hollow of the outer one.

5

A cane of high priest

Japanese Cedar
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth 752cm
Height 36m
Est. Age over 1,100 years



This cedar is said to be grown from a cane (walking stick) of high priest called “Kobo Daishi.” Branched are hanging down to reach the ground, and thus, often is called “upside down cedar”.

6

A sacred tree over Gunma and Nagano

Shinanoki
(*Tilia japonica*)

Trunk girth 570cm
Height 15m
Est. Age 850 years



Kumanokoutai Shrine lies on the border of Gunma Pref. and Nagano Pref., and this Shinanoki is growing on the Nagano Pref. As a sacred tree, it is believed to receive a good fortune when people walk around it.

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Start

Jomo-Kogen Sta.

It takes roughly 5 hours by car. If you wish to visit along the way at must-see spots such as "Onioshidashi", a natural lava garden or "Shiraito Falls", allow 6 hours.

How about a break at the Roadside station "Yamba Furusato-kan" has a free foot spa.



1 A sacred Zelkova
Japanese Zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*)
Trunk girth 742cm
Height 26m
Est. Age 600 years
Address Sugurohachiman Shrune, Minakami Town, Tone-gun, Gunma Prefecture
Lat. 36.6754612 Lon. 138.9767108

2 Beautiful "Yellow Carpet"
Ginkgo (*Ginkgo biloba*)
Trunk girth 947cm
Height 27m
Est. Age over 1,000 years
Address Syouda shrine, Idonouemachi 923, Numata City, Gunma Prefecture
Lat. 36.6634133 Lon. 139.0290866

3 A giant beanstalk along the road
Honey Locust (*Gleditsia japonica*)
Trunk girth 532cm
Height 12m
Est. Age over 600years
Address Ichishiro 372, Nakanojyo Town, Agatsuma-gun, Gunma Prefecture
Lat. 36.569824 Lon. 138.8840664

6 A sacred tree over Gunma and Nagano
Shinanoki (*Tilia japonica*)
Trunk girth 570cm
Height 15m
Est. Age over 850 years
Address Kumanokoutai Shrine, Tougemachi 2, KaruizawaTown, Kitasaku-Gun, Nagano prefecture
Lat. 36.3692422 Lon. 138.6570143

5 A cane of high priest
Japanese Cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*)
Trunk girth 752cm
Height 36m
Est. Age over 1,100 years
Address Kumano Shrine, Kadogai 499, Tsumagoi Village, Agatsuma-gun, Gunma prefecture
Lat. 36.5526176 Lon. 138.5161506

4 Cedar in a cedar?
Japanese Cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*)
Trunk girth 975cm
Height 8m
Est. Age Unknown
Address Tozu shrine, Yakura 899, Higashiagatsumacho, Agatsuma-gun, Gunma Prefecture
Lat. 36.5516955 Lon. 138.7866517

