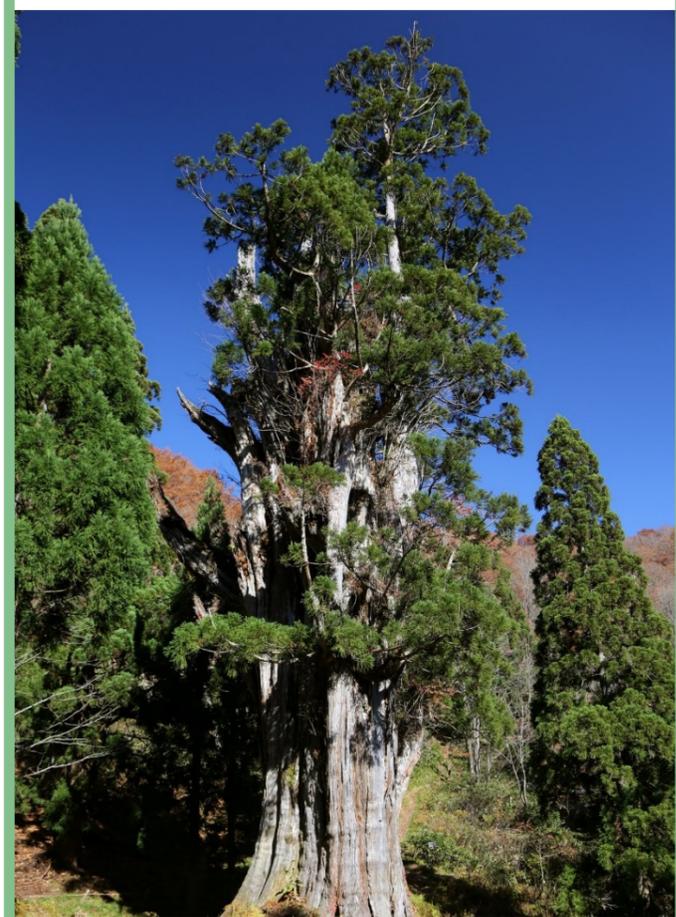


Discover Your Favorite Giant Trees!

# Hakusan National Park

A trip to experience Mt. Hakusan  
Worship through Mino-Zenjodo



Known as one of Japan's three most famous sacred mountains alongside Mt. Fuji and Tateyama, Hakusan has been worshipped as a sacred mountain. The trails to the summit called Zenjodo were made by monks, and the trails from Echizen (Fukui), Kaga (Ishikawa), and Mino (Gifu) were called the Echizen-Zenjodo, Kaga-Zenjodo, and Mino-Zenjodo, respectively.

### 【 Access 】

- ▶ By car
  - 20 min. from Shirotorinishi IC (Tokai-Hokuriku EXPWY)
  - 15 min. from Takasu IC (Tokai-Hokuriku EXPWY)
- ▶ By train
  - Hakusan-nagataki Sta. (Nagaragawa Railway)

1

Where Mino-Zenjodo begins

Japanese Cedar  
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth	773cm/560cm
Height	33m/36m
Est. Age	600 years/Unknown



Nagataki Hakusan-jinja Shrine used to be the starting point of Mino-Zenjodo, where people left their horses before heading to Hakusan. Two giant Cedars welcome you as you walk through the approach to the shrine.

2

Feel the history of Mino-Zenjodo

Japanese Horse Chestnut  
(*Aesculus turbinata*)

Trunk girth	600cm
Height	28m
Est. Age	Unknown



Along the Mino-Zenjodo, there stand a giant Japanese Horse Chestnut. You can see some ruins of stone steps and walls here. You may get some imagination of the ancient age when Hakusan worship was at its prime.

3

Guarding the approach

Japanese Cedar  
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth	1,504cm
Height	52m
Est. Age	Unknown



Hakusan Chukyo-jinja Shrine used to be the starting point of Mino-Zenjodo, like Nagataki Hakusan-jinja shrine. You can see giant Cedars as if they guard approach to the shrine. The one behind the hall of prayer is the largest, with 8.2m of trunk girth and 52m high.

4

Coins at the roots of the tree?

Japanese Cedar  
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth	1,207cm
Height	35m
Est. Age	Unknown



This giant cedar is considered to be a result of 4 cedars merged, each of them with roughly 6m of trunk girth. There is a legend that coins, paid by people who stayed at the temple, were buried at the roots of the tree.

5

Cane of Taicho Daishi

Japanese Cedar  
(*Cryptomeria japonica*)

Trunk girth	1,375cm
Height	28m
Est. Age	1800 years



There is a legend that Taicho Daishi, an Echizen priest who opened up Hakusan, left his cane, and it grew to this Cedar. This beautiful, divine Cedar requires 12 people to surround its trunk!

## 【Nature of Hakusan】

Abundant in nature, you can see Beech-dominated forests below 1,600m above sea level, and above it, more than 250 species of alpine and sub-alpine plants! As one of the highest levels of naturalness in Japan, the park has been designated as a Biosphere Reserve in accordance with the UNESCO Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB).

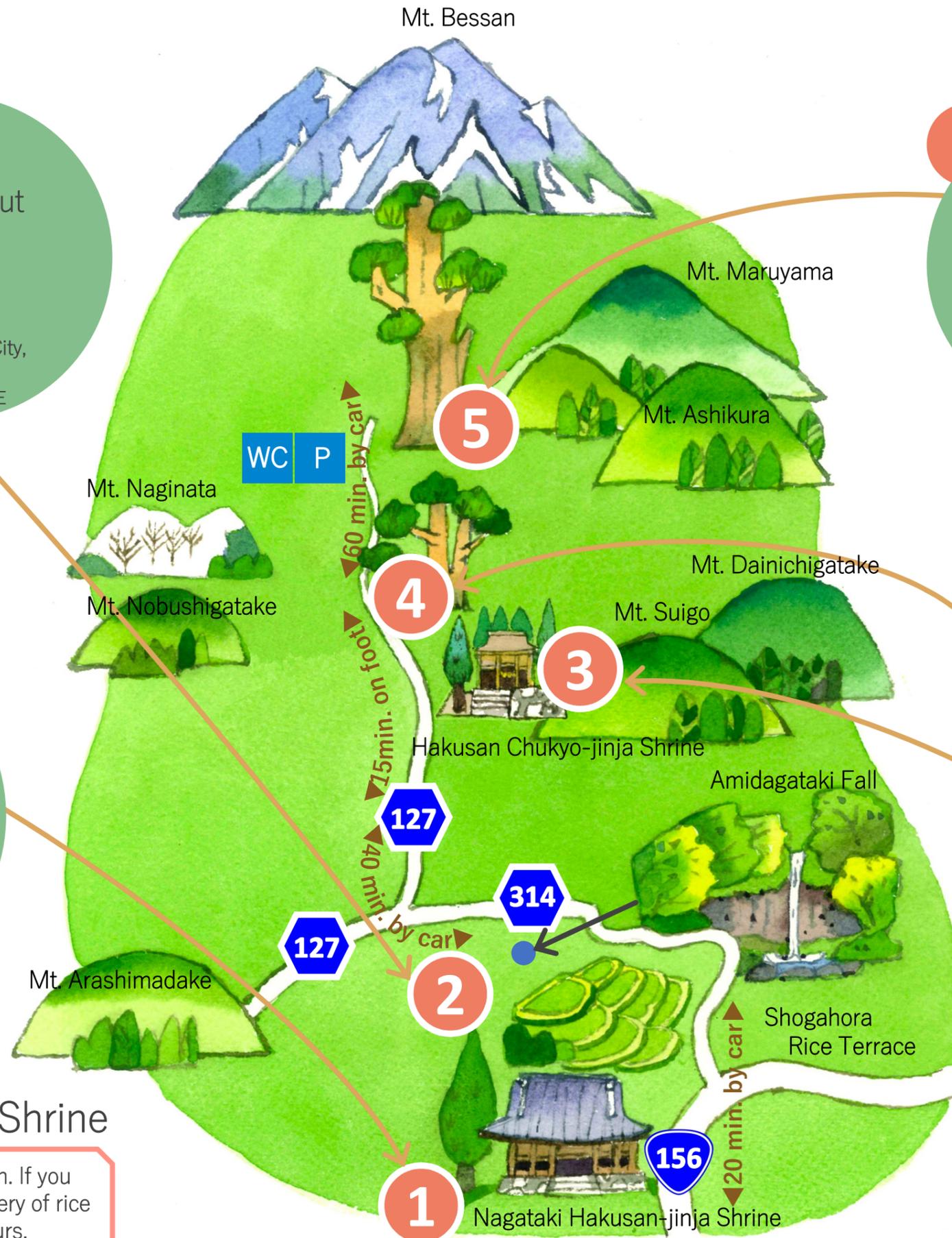


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Beautiful rice terraces on the way to ②!

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Est. Age	600 years/Unknown
Address	Nagatakihakusan Shrine, 138 Shirotoricho Nagataki, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture
Lat.	35.920746, Lon. 136.830703E

**4** Coins at the roots of the tree?  
 Japanese Cedar  
*(Cryptomeria japonica)*

Trunk girth	1,207cm
Height	35m
Est. Age	Unknown
Address	Shirotoricho Itoshiro, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture
Lat.	35.994138N, Lon. 136.769489E

**3** Guarding the approach  
 Japanese Cedar  
*(Cryptomeria japonica)*

Trunk girth	1,504cm
Height	52m
Est. Age	Unknown
Address	Hakusan-chukyo Shrine, Shirotoricho Itoshiro 3-48, Gujo City, Gifu Prefecture
Lat.	35.992104N, Lon. 136.768614E

**Start**  
 Nagataki hakusan-jinja Shrine

It requires roughly 3.5 hours to go through. If you would like to visit shrines, enjoy the scenery of rice fields or waterfalls, you better allow 5 hours.