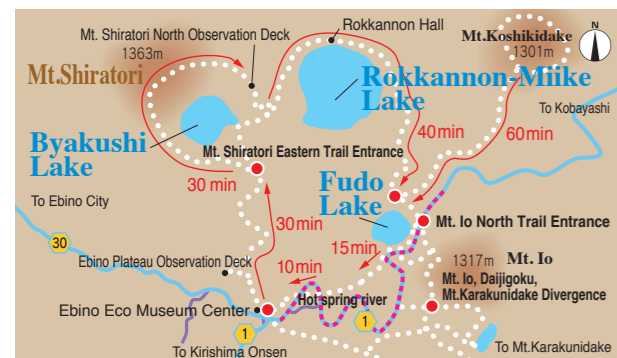


Kirishima Kinko Bay National Park KIRISHIMA TREKKING MAP



The Lakes Nature Trail Shiratoriyama Mt. Shiratori (1363m) Koshikidake Mt. Koshikidake (1301m)

This two hour course begins near the Ebino Eco Museum and continues clockwise past the three volcanic crater lakes, Byakushi Lake (Byakushi-Ike), Rokkannon-Miike Lake, and Fudo Lake(Fudo-Ike). This steep path leads to the summit of Mt. Shiratori, where one can enjoy the view of a 600m diameter crater, Mt. Sakurajima (to the south), and Mt. Karakunidake. The area has a large variety of plant-life and is covered by Miyama Kirishima Azalea and greenery in the early summer, and autumn colors in the fall. It takes approximately 60 minutes to hike up Mt. Koshikidake from the forked road north of Fudo Lake. Inside the volcanic crater of Mt. Koshikidake, there is a plain of Sasaki 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.

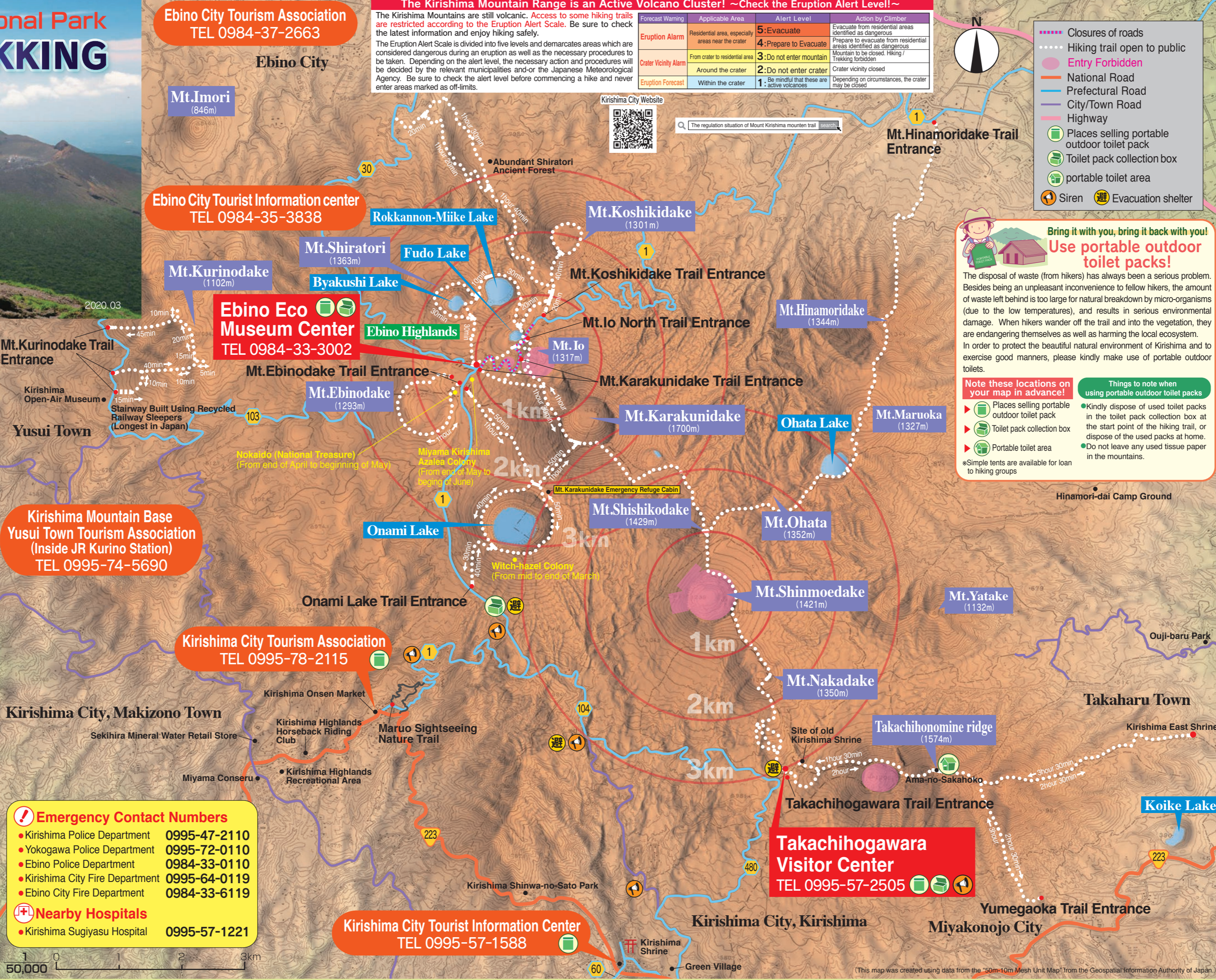


Kurinodake Mt. Kurinodake (1102m)

Mt. Kurinodake is one of the oldest volcanoes in the Kirishima Mountain Range. One of the three hiking trails on the mountain begins 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. Karakunidake and Mt. Sakurajima above the waters of Kinko Bay.

Information

Operates Daily Kirishima Sightseeing Bus Route Map and Timetable



Ebino City Tourism Association
TEL 0984-37-2663

Ebino City Tourist Information center
TEL 0984-35-3838

Ebino Eco Museum Center
TEL 0984-33-3002

Kirishima Mountain Base Yusui Town Tourism Association (Inside JR Kurino Station)
TEL 0995-74-5690

Kirishima City Tourism Association
TEL 0995-78-2115

Emergency Contact Numbers

- Kirishima Police Department 0995-47-2110
- Yokogawa Police Department 0995-72-0110
- Ebino Police Department 0984-33-0110
- Kirishima City Fire Department 0995-64-0119
- Ebino City Fire Department 0984-33-6119

Nearby Hospitals

- Kirishima Sugiyasu Hospital 0995-57-1221

The Kirishima Mountain Range is an Active Volcano Cluster! ~Check the Eruption Alert Level!~

Forecast Warning	Applicable Area	Alert Level	Action by Climber
Eruption Alarm	Residential area, especially areas near the crater	5: Evacuate	Evacuate from residential areas identified as dangerous
Crater Vicinity Alarm	From crater to residential area	4: Prepare to Evacuate	Prepare to evacuate from residential areas identified as dangerous
Eruption Forecast	Around the crater	3: Do not enter mountain	Mountain to be closed. Hiking / Trekking forbidden
	Within the crater	2: Do not enter crater	Crater vicinity closed
		1: Be mindful that these are active volcanoes	Depending on circumstances, the crater may be closed

- Closures of roads
- Hiking trail open to public
- Entry Forbidden
- National Road
- Prefectural Road
- City/Town Road
- Highway
- Places selling portable outdoor toilet pack
- Toilet pack collection box
- portable toilet area
- Siren
- Evacuation shelter

Bring it with you, bring it back with you!
Use portable outdoor toilet packs!

The disposal of waste (from hikers) has always been a serious problem. Besides being an unpleasant inconvenience to fellow hikers, the amount of waste left behind is too large for natural breakdown by micro-organisms (due to the low temperatures), and results in serious environmental damage. When hikers wander off the trail and into the vegetation, they are endangering themselves as well as harming the local ecosystem. In order to protect the beautiful natural environment of Kirishima and to exercise good manners, please kindly make use of portable outdoor toilets.

Note these locations on your map in advance!

- Places selling portable outdoor toilet pack
- Toilet pack collection box
- Portable toilet area

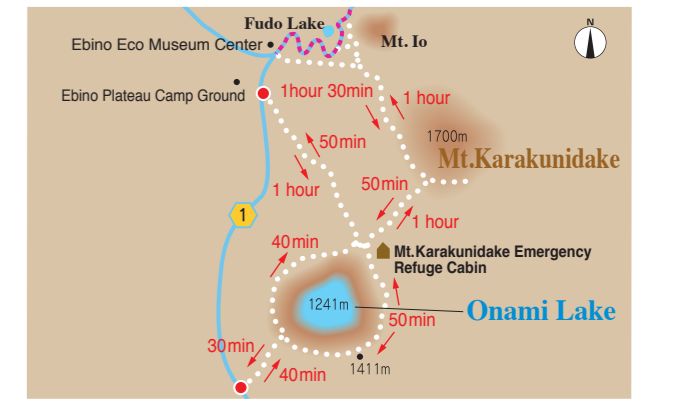
Things to note when using portable outdoor toilet packs

- Kindly dispose of used toilet packs in the toilet pack collection box at the start point of the hiking trail, or dispose of the used packs at home.
- Do not leave any used tissue paper in the mountains.

● Simple tents are available for loan to hiking groups

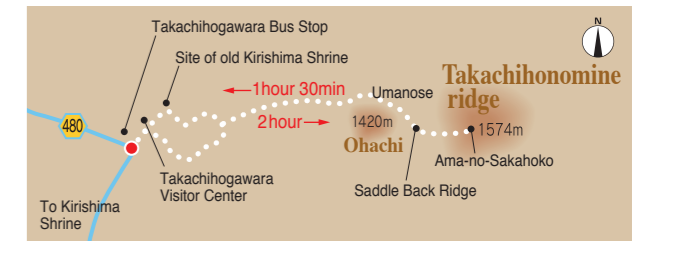
Onami-no-Ike
Onami Lake (1411m)
Karakunidake
Mt. Karakunidake (1700m)

There are many trails that can take one up the tallest mountain in the Kirishima Mountain Range, Mt. Karakunidake. One of these trails circles Onami Lake, 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 to the Onami lake rest station from the starting point. From the nearby rock formation, one can enjoy a picturesque view of Onami Lake below with the majestic Mt. Karakunidake as a backdrop. The circular trail leading to Mt. Karakunidake splits from the rest station. As both routes are roughly equidistant from the summit, one may choose to climb Mt. Karakunidake via one route and descend via the other. One will come across an emergency refuge cabin on their descent from the Onami Lake crater. Going past the refuge cabin will take one straight to the summit of Mt. Karakunidake.



Takachiho-no-Mine
Takachihonomine ridge (1574m)

The Takachihonomine ridge is the place where the gods descended to the earth in the legend of the "Tenson Korin" (Descent of the Heavenly Child). Whether it is due to its rich history or its distinct appearance, the Takachihonomine 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 Furumiya-Ato (site of old Kirishima Shrine) and the Ohachi (or Mihachi) volcano before taking one atop the Takachihonomine 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 Uma-no-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 Takachihonomine 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 Takachihonomine Ridge, so please exercise caution as the trail may be slippery. *Falling rocks may also prove hazardous



Ebinodake Mt. Ebinodake (1293m)

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. Karakunidake 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.

- Enquiries (English language assistance is available)**
- Takachihogawara Visitor Center 0995-57-2505
 - Nature Parks Foundation Ebino Branch (Ebino Eco Museum Center) 0984-33-3002
 - Kirishima City Tourism Association 0995-78-2115
 - Ebino City Tourism and Commerce Division 0984-35-1114
 - Ebino City Tourism Association 0984-37-2663
 - Kirishima City Tourist Information Center 0995-57-1588
 - Kirishima City Tourism PR Div 0995-45-5111
- Enquiries (Enlistment of Hiking Guides)**
- Kirishima City tour guide liaison council (inside Kirishima City Tourism Association) 0995-78-2115

For an Enjoyable Trekking Experience

- ~Things to bear in mind / Mannerisms~**
- Remember to check the conditions of the intended hiking trail and plan with ample room for sudden changes.
 - Use the washroom at the start point. While hiking, use portable toilets when necessary.
 - Be sure to bring your rubbish back with you. Do not leave anything in the mountains.
 - Smoking is strictly prohibited during hiking.
 - Give way to the ascending hikers.
 - For safety reasons, do not wander off trails or descend into the valleys or craters.
 - To minimize erosion of the trails, cap the tip of your hiking sticks.
 - Do not pluck flowers, catch animals or feed the deer. Leave nature as it is.
- ~Trekking Outfit and Gear~**
- Wear light, non-restricting outfit and carry items such as food rations, whistle, torchlight, topographic maps, compass, mobile phone, radio, portable outdoor toilet packs, etc., in your backpack.
 - The weather on the mountains may change quickly and unexpectedly, and it can get quite cold in the morning and at night, so be sure to prepare rain gear (waterproof wear) and warm clothing.
 - ***Some areas do not have mobile phone signal reception**

Things to note for hikers

- The Kirishima Mountain Range is an active volcano cluster. Do not enter areas marked as off-limits. Areas not marked as off-limits may also be affected by volcanic activity, so please read and understand the following before starting your hike.**
- Notice!**
- Every individual is responsible for him/herself when hiking.
 - Please bring along a radio, mobile phone, compass etc. and constantly check for updates on wind direction, weather etc.
 - When you feel any abnormalities such as earthquakes or rumbling, abandon hike and descend the mountain in a quick and calm manner.
 - Please ensure that you have read the information and notices below (at the bottom of this brochure).
 - Please submit a climbing notification before climbing the mountains.
 - Please bring a helmet with you when you hike.

Siren ~Sounding of the siren alarm during an emergency~

In order to help reduce, or even prevent damage and injuries from any possible disasters, five sirens are installed in the vicinity of Mt. Shinmoedake to give early warnings to residents, tourists, accommodation facilities, etc. within 5km of Mt. Shinmoedake's volcanic crater. During an emergency, such as a volcanic eruption, where cinders, pyroclastic flows, and volcanic mudslides may endanger the lives of the surrounding population, the siren will be sounded to signal an evacuation.

*** Even if you do not hear the siren, use your own judgment and head to safety if at any time you feel you are in danger.**

*** The siren has an audible range of approximately 2.5km.**

