

Izu Peninsula Geopark has been designated as a UNESCO Global Geopark!
Minami-Izu Area
GEOPARK FOOTPATH

Distance About **7.4km**
 Time Required About **2hr 45min**

GEOPARK FOOTPATH MAP

Kisami » Ryugu Sea Cave » Cape Tarai Path » Yumigahama Beach

Plants that Grow Naturally on the Path



Hamabo
 (Hibiscus hamabo)
 It is a deciduous shrub that grows by rivers and the sea, and it belongs to the Malvaceae family. From mid-July to August, it blooms light yellow flowers.



Hamayu
 (Crinum Lily)
 It is called hamayu because its white flowers hang down like cotton (yu means "cotton"). The best time to see it is from late July to August. Its natural habitat in Toji is designated as a natural treasure by Shizuoka Prefecture.



Yabutsubaki
 (Wild Camellia)
 It belongs to the camellia family. From February to April, it produces red or white five-petaled blossoms of about 5cm. You can see wild camellias at the Camellia Garden on Cape Tarai.

Hachiman-jinja Shrine

The isu-noki in the precincts is a very large tree which is rare in the northernmost point of Japan, and it is a Natural Monument.

The Plant Community of Hibiscus hamabo at the Mouth of the Ogamogawa River

A boardwalk passes through a plant community of Hibiscus hamabo. Summer is the best season to see the flowers.



Start

Turn left at the Toji-Iriguchi traffic signal.

Cross Asahibashi Bridge and go along the path on the west bank of the Ogamogawa River



Kisami Ohama Beach

This beautiful white sand beach is popular among surfers and foreign tourists.

Toji Sand Skiing Ground

Sleighs can be rented on site to enjoy sliding down the sand hill.

Crinum Lilies Area

The crinum lily, a Natural Monument designated by Shizuoka Prefecture, grows plentifully in this area.

Abundant beach morning glory and kobomugi grow here.

Ryugu Sea Cave

Looking down from the top of the cave, a heart-shaped hole can be seen.

Take the right fork at the information board for the Cape Tarai Path.

* The road along the seashore is a no-through road, so be careful.

Roughly bored stone tunnel

Tunnel to go to Cape Tarai.

Legend

- Geosite
- Toilet
- Scenic Point
- Parking Lot
- Bus Stop
- Vending Machine
- Day Spa
- Signpost
- Information Board
- Caution
- Footpath

Elevation

- 200m
- 130m
- 100m
- 50m
- 25m
- 10m
- 5m
- 0m

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There is a forest of ubamegashi, typical tree on the coast.

The path narrows from this point.

Roadblock

Mikazuki Sea Cave

Ongokujima Island



"shorter way"

"easier path"



Avoid this route in stormy weather.

Various plants, such as hamahainezu, isogiku, ashitaba, and hama-azami, grow in a small grassland in Cape Tarai.

There are groves of various shrubs including the tobira, ubamegashi, obayashabushi, and kakuremino.

The Camellia Garden

Over 1,000 wild camellias are planted. Feb. and Mar. are the best time to see them.

A rest area with a bench.

Mikazuki Sea Cave and Ongokujima Island

From Cape Tarai, you can see the crescent-shaped sea cave to the east. Legend says that Minamoto-no-Yoritomo, who had been exiled to Izu, played on Ongokujima Island.

Jizaimaru Memorial Monument

A memorial monument for a ship named Jizaimaru which sank due to war damage in 1945. The monument was built by the former captain of the ship.

Yumigahama Beach

This arched beach is a swimming beach with beautiful white sand.

Municipal Hot Spring "Minato-yu"

Goal

Kyukamura

Yumigahama

Onohama Beach

Teishi Port

In November, tsuwabuki and isogiku are in full bloom, and from March to April hamadaikon is in full bloom.

A beach with pebbles. Good to observe marine creatures and plants in summer.

The Observation Deck of Cape Tarai

It commands a majestic view of the ocean. There is nothing to block the wind, so be careful when the wind is strong.

Scenic point where you can go down to the sea

You can also enjoy sea kayaking on the shore along the route.

There are a lot of landforms which you can only see from the ocean, such as a mystical cave, a beautiful beach, and overhanging cliffs. Why don't you experience the views by sea kayaking?



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 Information Center for Experiencing Nature and Outdoor Activities in Shimoda, Izu: Shimon

For more information, visit the following website.
<http://seamon.info/item/sea-kayak/>

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Things to Enjoy on the Route

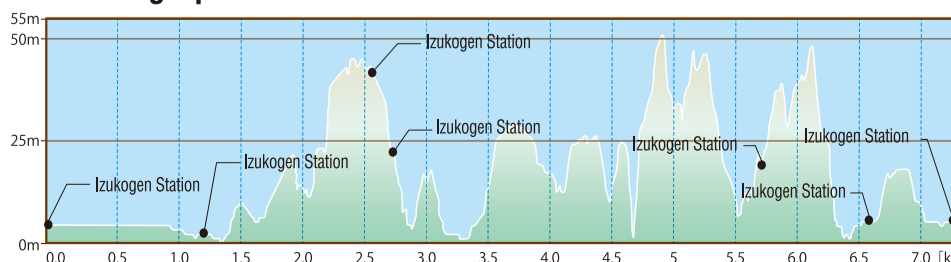
Take the bus at Izukyu-Shimoda Station, which is the gateway to the Minami-Izu area, and get off at the Kisami bus stop. Walk on the boardwalk in the woods of Hibiscus hamabo along the Ogamogawa River, and you will reach the estuary and a white sand beach named Kisami Ohama Beach. Along the shore from Ohama Beach to Yumigahama Beach, you will see sheer cliffs and unusually shaped rocks that a submarine volcano created. Also, Ryugu Sea Cave, which is popular among couples, and the site of sacred rituals held in the Nara period await you.

Minami-Izu Area

Distance	About 7.4km	Time Required	About 2 hr and 45 min
Difference in Elevation	The lowest elevation: 0m	The highest elevation: 52m	Difference in elevation: 52m
Route	Tokai Bus Kisami bus stop	Ohama Beach	Toji Sand Skiing Ground
	Ryugu Sea Cave	Cape Tarai	Onohama Beach
	1.3km (20 min)	1.4km (25 min)	0.2km (5 min)
	3.0km (70 min)	0.8km (30 min)	0.7km (15 min)
			Yumigahama (Tokai Bus Kyukamura bus stop)

*The distance and time may vary.

Elevation graph of the Minami-Izu area route



Access

To starting point

Tokai Bus Kisami Bus Stop
 10 min from Izukyu-Shimoda Station by bus (the number of operations: about 40/day, 2-3/hr, 7:00am-9:00pm)

From ending point

Tokai Bus Kyukamura Bus Stop
 23 min to Izukyu-Shimoda Station by bus (the number of operations: about 15/day, 1-2/hr, 7:31am-5:41pm)

A video about the Minami-Izu area course has been uploaded on the website.



The video shows the geosites and places to see in the course. Please watch it to learn about the Geopark Footpath.

https://youtu.be/0E33xyp_ycw

