

# SHIGA KOGEN MAP




## Walking Paths

### 1 Yokote-yama Panorama View Walk

Distance: 1.5km  
Time: 1h  
Elevation gain: 307m  
(Trail Access Point)

A flat summit walking path with easy chairlift and "sky-lator" access, offering panoramic views and a possible glimpse of Mount Fuji on clear days.



### 2 Sunshine & Mizunashi-Ike Walk

Distance: 3.9km  
Time: 1.5h  
Elevation gain: 100m  
(Trail Access Point)


The path around Biwa-ike Pond is paved to accommodate wheelchair users, although some sections may be challenging to steep slopes. This area is low-lying, making it hot in summer. Spring and autumn are recommended for their greenery and foliage.



### 3 Asahi-yama Walk

Distance: 6km  
Time: 2h  
Elevation gain: 100m  
(Trail Access Point)

A quick 30mins walk from the base to the summit offers limited views from the top, but panoramic views of Biwa-ike Pond as you stroll from the gazebo towards the pond. It's surrounded by a beautiful birch forest for a pleasant walk.



### 4 Okushiga White Birch Garden Loop Walk

Distance: 3.7km  
Time: 1h20m  
Elevation gain: 50m  
(Trail Access Point)

This trail starts at the end of Pension Street and runs through a beech and birch forest. A small Shirakaba-ike pond at the end offers a serene resting spot.



## Nature Discovery Trails

### 7 Babbling Brook Wooden Paths

Distance: 1.8km  
Time: 1h  
Elevation gain: 60m  
(Trail Access Point)

This wooden walkway is along the Zako-gawa river through several marshes, and you will appreciate flowers blooming from the early spring. This is a Japanese char native species protection area and you will see these fishes swimming in the river.



### 9 Shimizu New Trail

Distance: 1.1km  
Time: 40 mins  
Elevation gain: 40m  
(Trail Access Point)

This course connects the Kemeguri Trail and the Nature Discovery Trail. From S19 you can go to primaeval forests toward Kido-ike Pond and Hasu-ike Pond via Shinshu University Shiga Nature Education Garden.



### 11 Magatama Hill Loop Trail

Distance: 2.8km  
Time: 2h  
Elevation gain: 165m  
(Trail Access Point)


This trail on a slope created by Shiga-yama's lava flows has many ups and downs, abundant giant rocks and trees, and unique attractions like luminescent moss and wind caves typical of lava plateaus.



### 5 Ohkura New Trail

Distance: 2.7km  
Time: 1h15m  
Elevation gain: 160m  
(Trail Access Point)

The trail winds through a tranquil beech forest and ski slopes, with parts transforming into flower meadows in early spring and late autumn. Since the trail is confusing, a detailed map is needed.



### 8 Ikemeguri Trail

Distance: 9.6km  
Time: 3.5h  
Elevation gain: 360m  
(Trail Access Point)

This is the most iconic trail in Shiga Kogen, featuring the vibrant Onuma-ike Pond and Shijuhachi-ike Wetland with its forty eight small ponds, winding through well-maintained subalpine forests for a pleasant walk.



### 10 Nature Discovery Trail

Distance: 4.1km  
Time: 2h  
Elevation gain: 160m  
(Trail Access Point)

This short trail offers a variety of landscapes including six ponds, four wetlands, virgin forests, highlands, boardwalks, and ski slopes. For a one-way trip, consider using the public bus.



### 12 Sanju-san Kannon Historic Trail

Distance: 5.6km  
Time: 1.25h, 1.35h  
Elevation gain: 640m  
(Trail Access Point)


This trail, once part of a bustling ancient road, still carefully preserves thirty three (Sanju-san) Kannon statues placed to ensure travellers' safety. The downhill path is recommended due to significant elevation changes.



### 6 Giant Shinanoki Tree Walk

Distance: 2km  
Time: 55mins  
Elevation gain: 70m  
(Trail Access Point)

There is a large Japanese Inden tree that was designated as a special natural treasure. This is one of the biggest trees in Japan, estimated at 800 years old, about 23m in height, and a root circumference of about 10m.



### Japanese Macaque

At Snow Monkey Park, visitors can observe wild monkeys bathing in hot springs. It is a 30-min walk from the Snow Monkey Park bus stop.



### Autumn Foliage Information



## Mountain Trails

Shiga Kogen features six mountains that exceed 2000 meters, all of which can be enjoyed as day trips. Be sure to prepare sufficient food and drink, and allow plenty of time to enjoy the experience.

### 13 Shiga-yama Trail

Distance: 12.6km  
Time: 5.5h  
Elevation gain: 300m  
(Trail Access Point)

On a mountain scarred by vast lava flows, you can see ponds formed from craters. From near the summit of Ura-Shiga-yama, views extend over Onuma-ike Pond, Moto-ike Pond, and Shijuhachi-ike Wetland.



### 14 Yakebitai-yama Trail

Distance: 7km  
Time: 2h10m  
Elevation gain: 400m  
(Trail Access Point)

This trail primarily crosses ski slopes, offering expansive views as you climb. At the summit, the Chigo-ike Pond and a broad wetland are surrounded by trees, with wooden paths for walking.



### 15 Iwasuge-yama Trail

Distance: 9.5km  
Time: 7.5h  
Elevation gain: 700m  
(Trail Access Point)


Trailhead choice affects the hike's feel and duration. The last 600m to the summit is a steep scree slope. There's a shelter at the top, but only a portable toilet booth.



### 16 Kasa-ga-take Trail

Distance: 7km  
Time: 4h  
Elevation gain: 350m  
(Trail Access Point)

The trail leads through the forest to the Togeno Chaya tea house (closed). Beyond, it ascends steep stairs and a bit of climbing over large rocks, but the view from the top is exceptional.



### 17 Hachi-yama/Yokote-yama Trail

Distance: 6.5km  
Time: 3h  
Elevation gain: 625m  
(Trail Access Point)

The trail from Shijuhachi-ike Wetland to Yokote-yama's summit is surrounded by forests and bamboo grass. After heavy rain, puddles can form easily, so caution is needed.



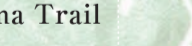
### 18 Akaishi-yama Trail

Distance: 11.5km  
Time: 6h  
Difference: 549m  
(Trail Access Point)


Most of the mountain is forested, but the summit offers expansive views of Onuma-ike Pond below. Caution is needed near the summit's large rocks, as they overlook a cliff.




### 19 Onuma-ike Pond



### 20 Ura-Shiga-yama




### 21 Shiga-yama Mountain



### 22 Onuma-ike Pond




### 23 Akaishi-yama Mountain




### 24 Onuma-ike Pond




### 25 Onuma-ike Pond



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### Experience the trails of Shiga Kogen via Google Street View.



### Legend

The required time of each course is approximate. Rest time is not included.

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- Prefectural and General Roads
- Information
- Public Toilet
- Parking Lot
- Bus Stop
- Police Box
- Post Office/ATM
- Chair Lift
- Scenic Gondola
- Sky-Lator
- View Point
- Osen/Hot Spring
- Tennis Court
- Cycling
- SUP
- Fishing Zone
- No Fishing Zone
- Boating
- Campsite

ike (いけ) pond  
Yama (やま) mountain  
Kawa (かわ) river  
Iwa (いわ) rock  
Onsen (おんせん) hot spring

Iriguchi (いりぐち) entrance  
Hiroba (ひろば) open space  
Hashi/Bashi (はし/ばし) bridge  
Oka (おか) hill  
Tozan (とざん) mountaineering