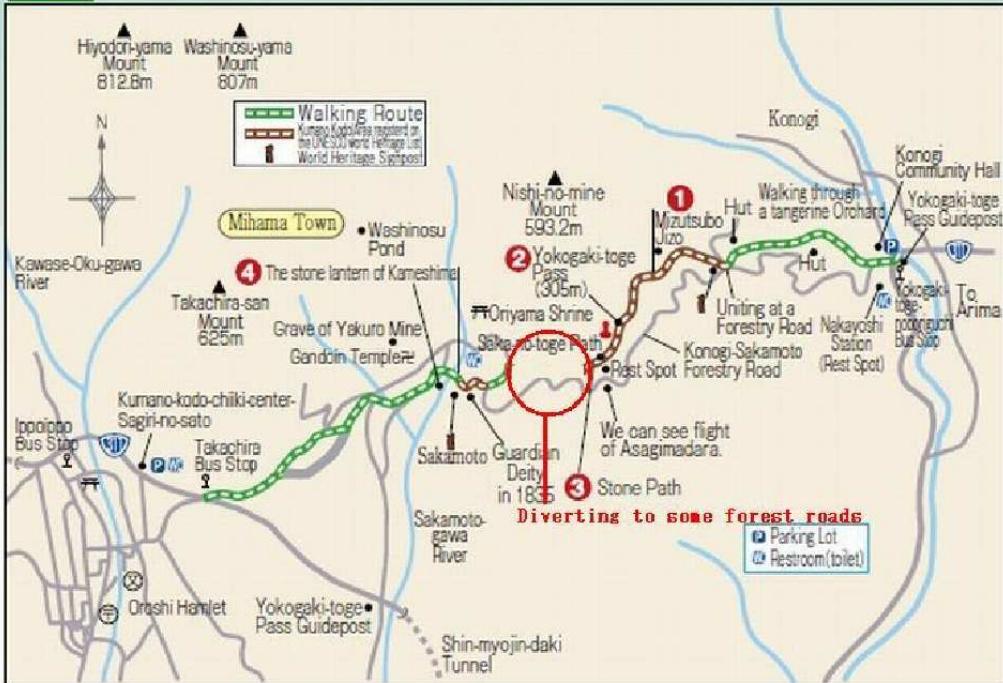


19 Yokogaki-toge Pass



Distance / Approx. 5.4Km from Yokogaki-toge-notoriguchi Bus Stop to Takachira Bus Stop
Walking time / 2hrs. and 10mins.
Level / ★★
The Course / The Kumano ancient pilgrimage route from Ise forks at Hanano Iwaya Shrine. The fork that goes along the beach to Shingu is called Hamakaido and the fork which leads to Hongu is called Hongudo. This route on the Hongudo which goes over Yokogaki Pass is well paved with the Konogi Rhyolite stone characteristic to this area.



① Just next to Mizutubo guardian statue is a spring which magically sprung forth when the famous Koboishi poked a hole in the ground with his walking stick here. Koboishi is Kukai's posthumous name. He is well known as the founder of Mt. Koya and there are many stories around Japan like this one about how he made a spring simply by poking a hole in the ground.



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② There is a clear view to the east and the sea of Kumano can be seen on a clear day.



Stone path paved with Konogi Rhyolite

③ Tectonic activity caused the magma to harden with ripples producing Konogi Rhyolite, a type of stone unique to this area. Wild flowers add color to the stone path through all of the seasons.



The stone lantern of Kameshima

④ In the middle of terraced rice field stands a big rock called Kameshima (turtle island). It is 5 meters high and 25m in circumference. There is a stone lantern built on the top of it.