

1 Kayanotaira Kogen Highlands

This vast highlands area covers 1,450 hectares at an elevation of 1400–1700m just to the north of Shiga Kogen at the center of Joshin'etsu-kogen National Park. The area is covered in virgin beech forest, renowned as the most beautiful in Japan with trees more than 300 years old. The area offers an abundance of alpine plants such as *mizubasho* skunk cabbage and the *nikko kisuge* day lilies that cover the Kitadobu wetlands from early to late July. Facilities include walking trails, rest areas, a lodge, pre-pitched tents, and campsites.



Information Center Early Jun.–Early Nov. / 08:30–17:00 **Kogen Lodge** Early Jun.–Early Nov. **Campground** Early Jun.–Early Nov.

2 Satonoie

This old farmhouse now serves as a facility introducing the agrarian lifestyle of the past. Events held at Satonoie include storytelling sessions where narrators recite folk tales and dinners that recreate the region's traditional fare.



Hours 09:00–17:00 from Apr. to Oct., 09:00–16:00 from Nov. to Mar. **Closed** Wednesdays and for the year-end and New Year's holiday / **Admission** Free **FAX** 0269-82-3100 **Web** www.geocities.jp/satonoie2000 (Japanese only)

3 Maguse Onsen Hot Springs

The incredible panoramic view makes this a popular destination for overseas traveling looking to experience the best of the Japanese open-air bath. There are separate baths for men and women and no prohibition on tattoos. Meals such as local soba (buckwheat noodles) are available in the lounge area.



Hours 08:00–21:00 (enter by 20:30) **Closed** Wednesdays, with the exception of 4 May, 10 and 17 Aug., 23 Nov. and 28 Dec. 2016 and 4 Jan. 2017. (May vary by season) **Bath Fee** 500 yen for adults, 200 yen for children **TEL** 0269-82-4028 **Web** http://www.maguseonsen.jp (Japanese only)

4 Ryukoji Shimizu Spring

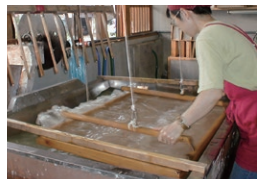
The waters of this spring, available at no charge even though counted among the best 100 in Japan, attract many visitors who bring their own containers to fill. A temple is said to have once occupied the site, but none of its buildings remain today.



Note: There are no set hours.

5 Uchiyama Handmade Paper Workshop

Shoji (sliding doors or windows made of a latticed wooden frame covered with translucent paper) have long been used in Japanese homes, and here you can experience making *uchiyo washi*, the traditional handmade paper of Kijimadaira long known as an exceptional *shoji* paper. You can make original items of your own such as postcards, business cards, and fans. Items made by professionals are also on display and available for sale.



Hours 09:00–17:00 **Closed** Wednesdays and for the year-end and New Year's holiday **Admission** Free **TEL** 0269-82-4151 **Papermaking Fee** 800 yen for three postcards, etc. **Web** www.kamisukiya.com (Japanese only)



6 Kijimadaira Yababiko no Oka Koen Park



Centered around an English garden, the park has 30,000 flowering plants in roughly 1,000 varieties, including 260 types of Dahlia that bloom during the Dahlia Festival from early August through late October. Families will enjoy the great lawn and huge playground.

Open Early Apr.–Early Nov. **Hours** 09:00–17:00 **Admission** 210 yen for adults (junior high and up), 110 yen for elementary school students **TEL** 0269-82-4664 **Web** yababiko.kijimadaira-kanko.jp (Japanese only)

7 Niko-niko Farm



This farm offers a wide range of agricultural experiences. There are rabbits, goats, and other animals to pet, opportunities to make soba noodles and harvest vegetables, and barbecue space for grilling fresh-picked vegetables and meats.

Open Late Apr.–Early Nov. **Hours** 09:00–17:00 **Admission** Free **TEL** 0269-82-4336 **Web** yababiko.kijimadaira-kanko.jp (Japanese only)

8 Kijimadaira Ski Ground



Known for its panoramic views and powder snow, this ski area offers seven lifts and 13 trails ranging from expert runs that top out at an incline of 42 degrees to broad slopes that are perfect for families. There is even an 800m sledding course, one of the longest in Japan.

Open Late Dec.–Early Mar. **Hours** 09:00–17:00 **Lift Tickets** Free for children up to 6th grade, ¥3,600 for a one-day pass, etc. **TEL** 0269-82-3434 **Web** kijimadaira.info (Japanese only)

9 Kijimadaira Tourist Information Center / Produce Stand / "Tarudaki" Soba Shop



Located along the way to the Kijimadaira Ski Ground, the Kayanotaira Kogen Highlands, and Niko-niko Farm, this multipurpose facility incorporates an information center, a produce stand offering fresh vegetables and other local produce, and a popular restaurant specializing in the soba noodles for which the village is known.

Tourist Information Center 09:00–17:30 **Open** year-round **TEL** 0269-82-2800 **"Tarudaki" Soba Shop** 11:00 until the noodles are gone **Closed** Wednesdays **TEL** 0269-82-3955 **Produce Stand** 09:00–17:00 **Closed** 1 Jan. **TEL** 0269-82-4710 **Web** kanko-kijimadaira.com (Japanese only)

10 Farmus Kijimadaira



Housed in a building that received one of Japan's most prestigious awards for architecture, Farmus Kijimadaira is a popular "roadside station" with a restaurant that uses local ingredients, a café, and a market that sells fresh farm produce.

Hours 09:00–18:00 **Closed** Wednesdays **TEL** 0269-62-2201 **Web** www.farmus.jp (Japanese only)

11 Tarukawa Farmers' Market



This market sells fresh vegetables and rice from local farmers, the *oyaki* dumplings that the area is famous for, and sake and *shochu* spirits made from excellent local sake rice. The high quality of the items available makes this a popular shopping spot for locals as well as tourists.

Hours 08:30–18:00 from Apr. to Nov., 09:30–17:00 from Dec. to Mar. **Closed** Wednesdays from Jan. to Mar. and from 31 Dec. to 4 Jan. **TEL** 0269-63-3620