

## Japan's Forests with Breathtaking Views: Selections from the Tourist Destinations in National Forest

Forests have provided both mankind – and indeed all living things – with safety, sustenance and security for an eternity. The lush greenery and gentle breeze of the forest is surely enough to rekindle nature's vigor in any soul.

With more than 70% of Japan landmass covered in abundant greenery, the Forestry Agency is working to create "Recreation Forests" to inspire as many as possible to rediscover the wonder of nature. The best forests to visit have been carefully selected and compiled as "Japan's Forests with Breathtaking Views."

### Know before You Visit: General rules for visitors

- 1 Help protect wild animals and plants. When you bring your pets, please mind your manners and give consideration to the surrounding environment.
- 2 Damaging trees or stealing any forest product is penalized by law. Even collecting plants covering the ground of forest are prohibited within protection forests designated by law.
- 3 Do not enter the area beyond walking trails, or public squares. Please follow the rules for each Recreation Forest such as no camping outside the designated area.
- 4 Do not enter the area with 'No Entry' or 'Keep Out' sign.
- 5 When making a stop for rest or any other purposes, please look around and confirm that the area is safe without any risk of being hit by falling branches or rocks.
- 6 Enjoy mountaineering on your own responsibility. Please ensure that you submit your plan for mountaineering to a police station in the area as well as to your family members, your friends or colleagues after checking out climate and other necessary information for mountaineering and fully being equipped. Please also fill in 'the Name List of Climbers and Visitors', which is placed at the mountain entrance.
- 7 Do not enter forests under bad weather conditions.
- 8 Do not dispose of any leftover food in the forest. Please take your garbage home with you.
- 9 Smoking is permitted only in special areas. Make sure to extinguish any fires, e.g. after smoking cigarettes.
- 10 Mountain paths are potentially dangerous to walk. Do not use smartphone while walking. When taking photos, please remain fully aware of your surroundings and do not bother other visitors in any way.
- 11 If you wish to use an unmanned aerial vehicle (drone), you need to submit prior written notice to District Forest Office. Please contact the nearest Regional Forest Office or District Forest Office of national forest beforehand.

### Takidani-Onaru-yama Recreation Forest Access Map



### Access

By public transport:

- JR Kishin Line Hon-Tatsuno Station → Taxi: about 13 km
- JR Himeji Station → (JR Kishin Line: 22 minutes) → Hon-Tatsuno Station

By car:

- About 20 minutes northwest from San-ya Expressway Tatsuno IC

### Takidani-Onaru-yama Recreation Forest

Address : Nakagaichi, Issai Town, Tatsuno City, Hyogo Prefecture

Management office contact details:  
Hyogo District Forest Office  
FAX : 0790-62-4790

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Forestry Agency, MAFF

The Official Recreation Forests Website of the Forestry Agency  
[http://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/e/national\\_forest/recreation\\_forest/index.html](http://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/e/national_forest/recreation_forest/index.html)

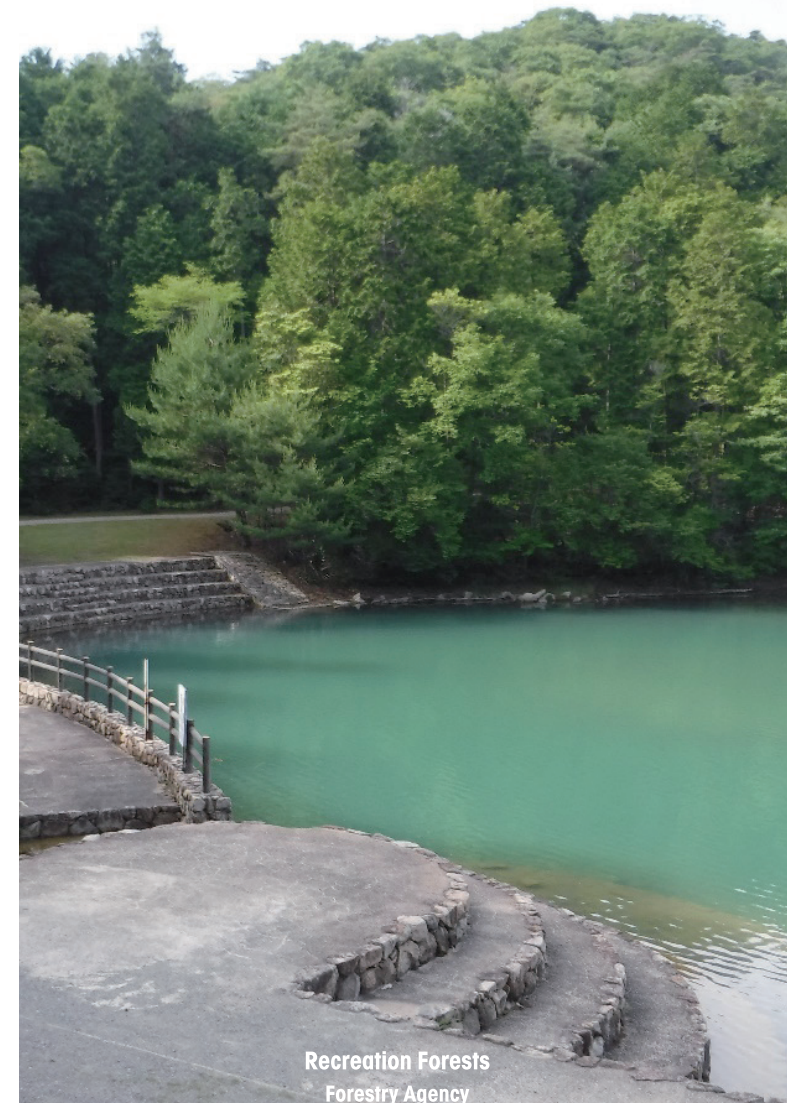


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# Youth adventure forest

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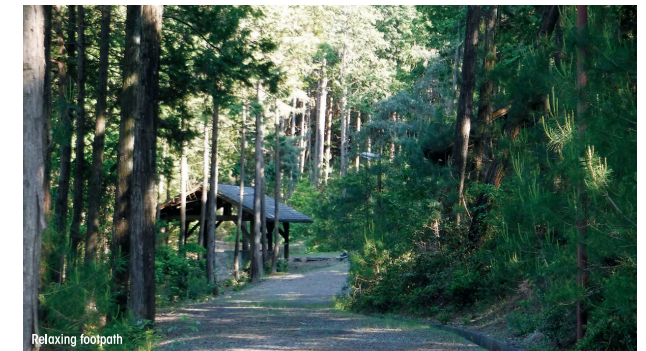
### Climate, flora and fauna

The climate is temperate, with a planted forest mainly consisting of Sugi (Japanese cedar (*Cryptomeria japonica*)) and Hinoki (Japanese cypress (*Chamaecyparis obtuse*)) and a natural forest mainly consisting of Akamatsu, Japanese red pine (*Pinus densiflora*) and Konara (*Quercus serrata*) in nearly equal proportions.



### Attractions

The mixed forest contrasts beautifully with the ponds within it. In addition, the road that accesses the forest from the city area is closed at night, so campers can enjoy a quiet, peaceful environment. Hikers can also trek along the ridge line of the surrounding mountains along the Kinki Nature Trail that runs through the forest.



### Geographical / topographical features

This forest is located approximately 5 km to the northwest of central Tatsuno City. It is composed of gentle hills with an overall elevation difference of about 400 m.



### Historical / cultural features

This area had been known as a natural stronghold from ancient times, and the Yamato Imperial Court ordered the construction of a fort here in the 7th century CE. The ruins of Kinoyama Castle can be found at the northwestern end of the Recreation Forest. A mountain castle was first built on the site during the Nara period (8th century CE) which was supplanted by a medieval mountain castle during the Muromachi period (around the mid-14th to late 16th centuries CE). In addition, an interior shrine of Isekisan Shrine, established more than 2000 years ago, stands adjacent to the Recreation Forest, to the northwest of the ruins of Kinoyama Castle.



### Information

▪ Elevation(m)	100-520
▪ Area (ha)	598.68
▪ Entrance fee	Free
▪ Operating seasons	Accessible 24 hours a day (However, the Municipal Road Shobu Dani Line is closed to traffic from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)
▪ Accommodation options	[Outside the forest] Accommodations are available in the Tatsuno city area.
▪ Car parking capacity / parking charges	Free parking for about 4 ordinary passenger vehicles at the Recreation Forest, and free parking for about 15 vehicles adjacent to the national forest