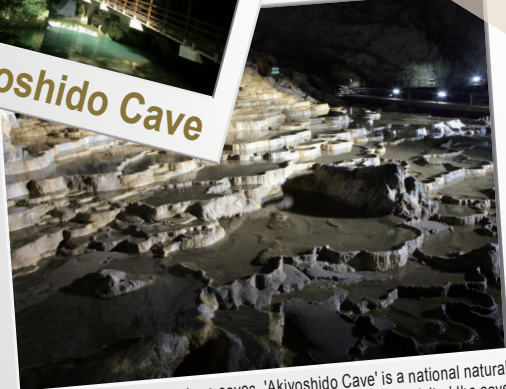


Akiyoshidai Plateau



Akiyoshidai is Japan's largest karst plateau, and is designated as a quasi-national park (4,502 ha) and national natural monument (1,384 ha). The limestone that forms its majestic landscape was created about 350 million years ago as coral reefs in the southern sea, which over many years formed the karst plateau that we see today. It is a wonderful place to go for a drive to enjoy the view of the mysterious natural sight.

Akiyoshido Cave



One of Japan's best limestone caves, 'Akiyoshido Cave' is a national natural monument. In 1926, Emperor Showa, then the Crown Prince, visited the cave and named it. The sightseeing course within the cave is about 1km (whole length of the cave being 11.2 km), and the difference in height from the front entrance to the entrance to Kurotani is about 40 meters. Since the temperature inside is at a steady 17 Celsius throughout the four seasons, it is comfortable inside as it is cool in the summer and warm in the winter. There are many notable sights within the cave, including the Hyakumaizara and the Koganebashira. Enjoy viewing this mysterious space created by underground water.

Akiyoshido Cave admission charges

Revised October 1, 2025

Category	Adult	High School Student	Junior High School Student	Elementary School Student
Individual	¥1,600	¥1,600	¥1,300	¥850
Group	20~99	¥1,350	¥1,100	¥950
	100~199	¥1,300	¥1,000	¥900
	Over 200	¥1,250	¥950	¥850

Prices may vary during peak and off-peak seasons (individual customers only).

ACCESS

- Drive from Ogorihagi Road
「Akiyoshidai IC」about 5 min

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OPEN HOUR

March -November	8:30 ~ 16:30 Closes at 18:30 Entry from Front Entrance ends at 17:30
December -February	8:30 ~ 16:30 Closes at 17:30



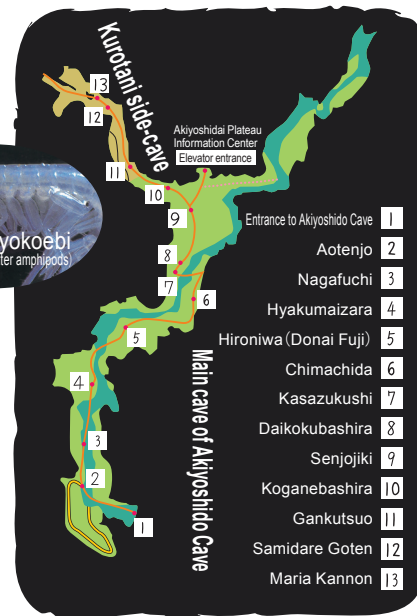
Tube-nosed bat

Creatures that inhabit the cave

When you look closely, you will find small creatures, about 1 to 10cm long, on the ceiling and walls, and in the water of the cave. Since many of the creatures in the cave have survived adapting to the cave's particular environment, they have made significant morphological and ecological changes. Most of them are marked by degenerated eyes and pale bodies. Many organisms that live in caves inhabit the cave, including *Sinella Akiyoshi* and *Akiyoshi Pseudoscorpione*.



Shikoku-yokoebi
(Shikoku freshwater amphipods)



- Entrance to Akiyoshido Cave
- Aotenjo
- Nagafuchi
- Hyakumaizara
- Hironiwa (Donai Fuji)
- Chimachida
- Kasazukushi
- Daikokubashira
- Senjojiki
- Koganebashira
- Gankutsuo
- Samidare Goten
- Maria Kannon



Miné-Akiyoshidai Karst Plateau Geopark offers geotours conducted by certified geoguides. Geotours that can be booked on the day are available for both Akiyoshidai and Akiyoshido Cave. Why not experience the excitement of seeing these with a geoguide?



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Akiyoshidai Plateau

Quasi-National Park
Special Natural Monument



AKIYOSHIDAI / AKIYOSHIDO



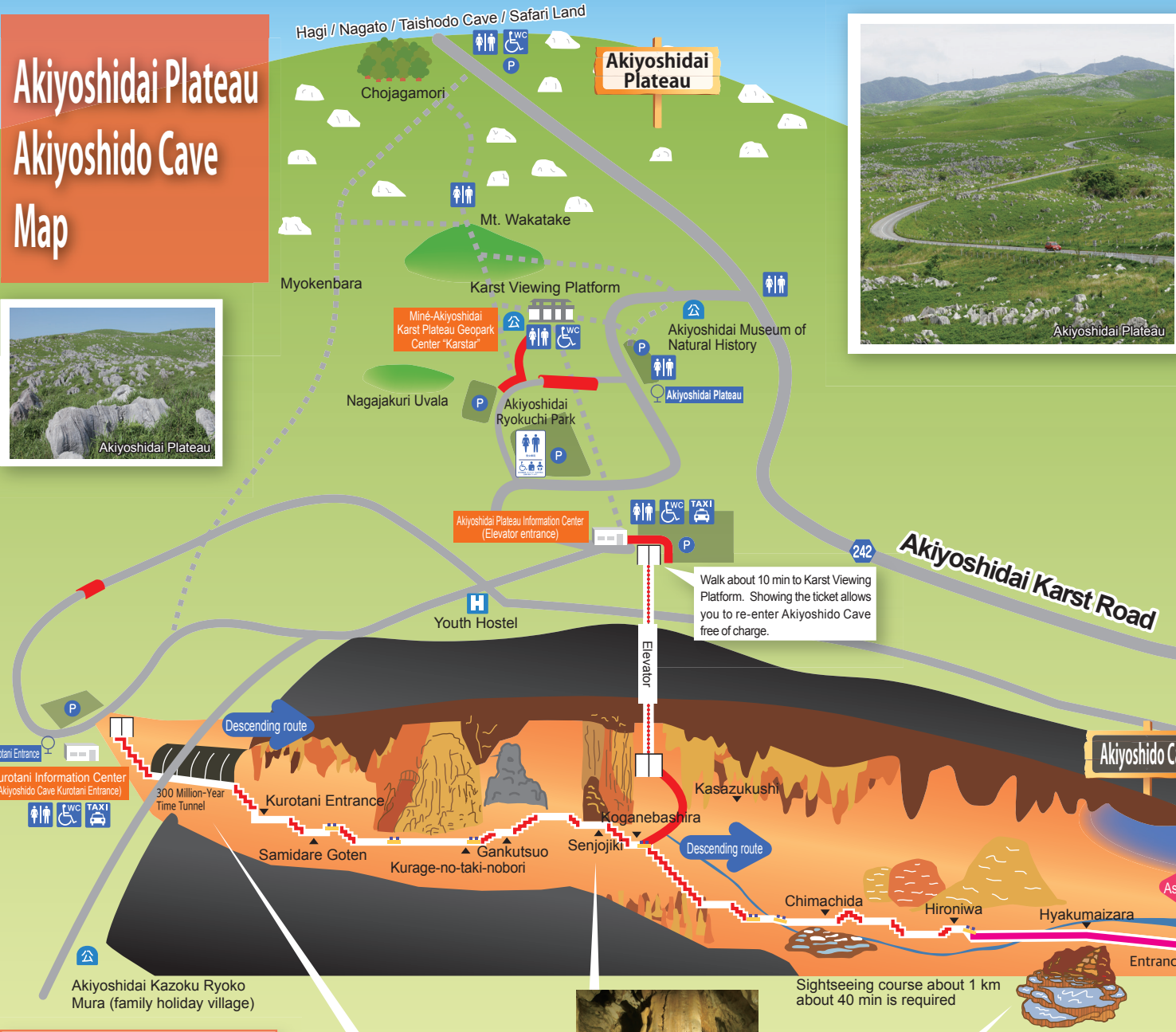
Akiyoshido Cave

Special Natural Monument

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Akiyoshidai Plateau Akiyoshido Cave Map



Walk about 10 min to Karst Viewing Platform. Showing the ticket allows you to re-enter Akiyoshido Cave free of charge.



Guide to the Adventure Route

The route takes you up the cave from the left side of the Aotenjo area near the front entrance. Put the admission charge in the box and enter with a flashlight. Though the distance is short, you can experience the feeling of an exciting adventure, as you go up ladders and pass through limestone stalactites. It is open to the paying public as long as the water level in the cave is not too high.

Adventure route admission

Akiyoshido Cave admission + ¥300 for both adults and children. Flashlights are available to rent. The route takes about 20 minutes to explore.

Legend

	Public restrooms		Parking		City operated parking lot (¥500 per entry)
	Parking for the disabled		Bus stop		Public facility
	Restroom for the disabled		Taxi stand		Accommodation
	Wheelchair rental		Electric car rapid charger		Stairs
	Multi-purpose restroom		Area accessible by wheelchair (accompanied by carer)		Small steps
	Hospital		School		Tunnel
	Steep incline		Promenade		Shrine
	Gasoline station		Traffic lights		
	National Route 435		Prefectural road 242		

Advice for wheelchair users

Accompanied by a carer, you can view up to Hyakumaizara from the front entrance of the cave (about 300m). Please proceed carefully as the slope from the entrance is quite steep.

