



Yambaru National Park



Okinawa rail,
Kunigami Village,
Kunigami District,
Okinawa Prefecture



1 Iju (family: Theaceae), Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture 2 Hikagehego ferns, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture 3 Okinawa woodpecker, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture
4 Cape Hedo, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture 5 Ada Shinugu, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture 6 Roadkill prevention sign, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture
7 Shioya Bay (from Mutabaru Observatory), Ogimi Village, Okinawa Prefecture 8 Hiji Waterfall, Kunigami Village, Okinawa Prefecture

Yambaru National Park -Recommended Activities-

Activity
01

Enjoy a guided walk along the national park's Mt. Yonaha hiking trail, Hiji Waterfall promenade, Yambaru Discovery Forest and Kunigami Forest Park's therapy road.



Kunigami Forest Therapy



FIT **GROUP**

The forests of Kunigami are full of life and nature's energy, instantly transporting you to another world. A walk amidst Kunigami's abundant trees restores is said to be great for the immune system and tangibly relieves the stress and fatigue of everyday life. Feel the power of the forest on a healing walk.

Season Year-round **Time required** 180-240 min

Fee Adults (age 12 and over): 4,800 yen, children (ages 6 to 11): 1,200 yen

*An additional interpreter's fee may be required. Please inquire for details.

Inquiries (General Incorporated Associations) Kunigami Village Tourism Association

Phone 0980-41-2420

E-mail kunigami-de-kanko@kunigami-kanko.com

Activity
02

Feed your soul with a spiritual tour of Daisekirinzan, located in the sacred area of Ashimui.



Discover Okinawa's Spiritual Side



FIT

Visit the land of the Okinawan Ryukyu Kaibyaku Shinwa creation myth, with stops at Daisekirinzan, an important place of worship; and locations mentioned in local folklore. Go beyond the usual route, and experience prayers that have continued from old and Okinawa's profound history of nature worship.

Season Year-round

Time required 120 min

Fee Adults (age 15 and over): 4,000 yen, children: 2,500 yen

Inquiries Daisekirinzan

Phone 0980-41-8117

E-mail katurou@gyokusendo.co.jp

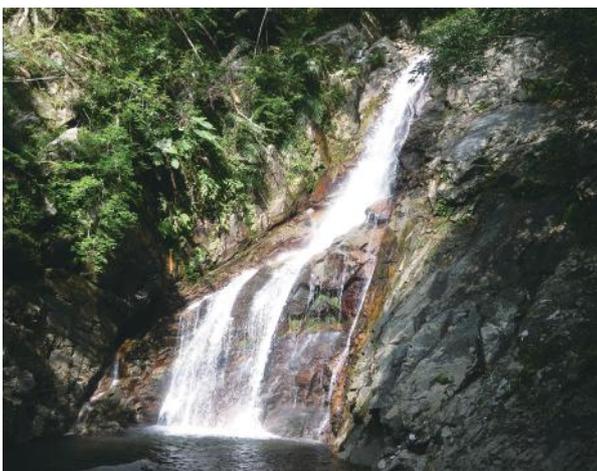
U R L <https://www.sekirinzan.com/en/>

Activity
03

Trek to Hiji Waterfall, which boasts mainland Okinawa's highest drop, and observe vegetation characteristic of subtropical regions, including flying spider-monkey tree ferns and *irukanda* plants, along the way.



Hike Hiji Waterfall



FIT **GROUP**

Hike to Hiji Waterfall for the chance to see endemic species designated as Natural Monuments, including the *honto-akahige*, a variety of Ryukyu robin. From the 50-meter-long suspension bridge at the hike's midway point, admire the view over the Hiji River. Downstream where the flow is calmer, a river-play area provides fun for the whole family. Spend the night at the campground, open year-round, but bring your own tent and supplies, as there is no rental equipment or food available at the camp. Cooking and eating areas and washrooms are shared, and coin-operated showers are available for your comfort.

Season Year-round **Time required** 90 min **Fee** Adults (age 12 and over): 500 yen, children (ages 6 to 11): 300 yen

*Groups (10 people or more): adults: 450 yen, children: 270 yen

Inquiries Hiji Otaki Campground, Kunigami Village

Tourist Product Center **Phone** 0980-41-3636 **E-mail**

otaki@yuiyui-k.jp **U R L** <https://www.yuiyui-k.jp>

Activity
04

Enjoy Yambaru to the utmost with a walk along a nature trail where you can observe the flora and fauna of the subtropics.

Guided tour of Yambaru Discovery Forest



FIT GROUP



Dive deep into the natural world of Yambaru with a guided walk through a forest where ferns, a feature of the subtropics, grow thickly. Your guide will provide easy-to-understand explanations of the flora and fauna that you see and of the life history of the forest. Along the way, you'll cross a suspension bridge, and come across ponds and, of course, flora and fauna to observe in their various environments.

Season Year-round
Time required 120 min
Fee Adults (age 12 and over): 3,080 yen, children (age 11 and under): 2,035 yen
Inquiries Yambaru Discovery Forest
Phone 0980-41-7979
E-mail info@atabii.jp
U R L http://atabii.jp

Activity
05

Admire the star-strewn night sky of Yambaru beyond the reach of city lights and their detrimental effects on stargazing.

Churaboshi stargazing



FIT



Marvel at the heavens through a 350-millimeter telescope at Yambaru's mountaintop astronomical observatory. The location of the observatory allows you to see even the smallest stars.

Season Year-round
Time required 25 min
Fee Adults (age 12 and over): 3,000 yen, children (age 11 and under): 1,500 yen
Inquiries OKUMA PRIVATE BERCH&RESORT
Phone 0980-41-2222
E-mail ecotourism@okumaresort.com
U R L https://okumaresort.com/en/

Activity
06

Explore the largest mangrove forest of Okinawa's main island by canoe. The hirugi mangrove trees of Gesashi Bay support a wide variety of living creatures which can be observed from aboard a kayak.

Explore the largest mangrove forest of Okinawa's main island, a designated Natural Monument, by canoe



FIT GROUP



Hop in a canoe and explore Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest, the largest mangrove forest on the Okinawan mainland, and see the many creatures that call the forest home up-close.

Season Year-round
Time required 90-120 min
Fee Adults (age 12 and over): 5,000 yen, children (age 11 and under): 4,000 yen
Inquiries Higashi Village Fureai Hirugi Park
Phone 0980-51-2433
E-mail info@hirugipark.com
U R L https://hirugipark.com/

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Activity
07

Make yourself comfortable and discover Yambaru in 360 degrees at the dome theater.

Yambaru Forest Visitor Center dome theater



FIT **GROUP**

Kids and adults alike will have fun learning about Yambaru with the help of Bunagaya, a forest sprite who provides commentary on the area. As this is an indoor activity, it can be enjoyed regardless of the weather.



Season Year-round
Time required 25 min
Fee Adults (age 12 and over): 300 yen,
 children (ages 6 to 11): 100 yen
Inquiries Ogimi Village Tourism Association
Phone 0980-50-5707
E-mail info@ogimi-kanko.com
U R L <http://ogimi-kanko.com/>



Season All seasons

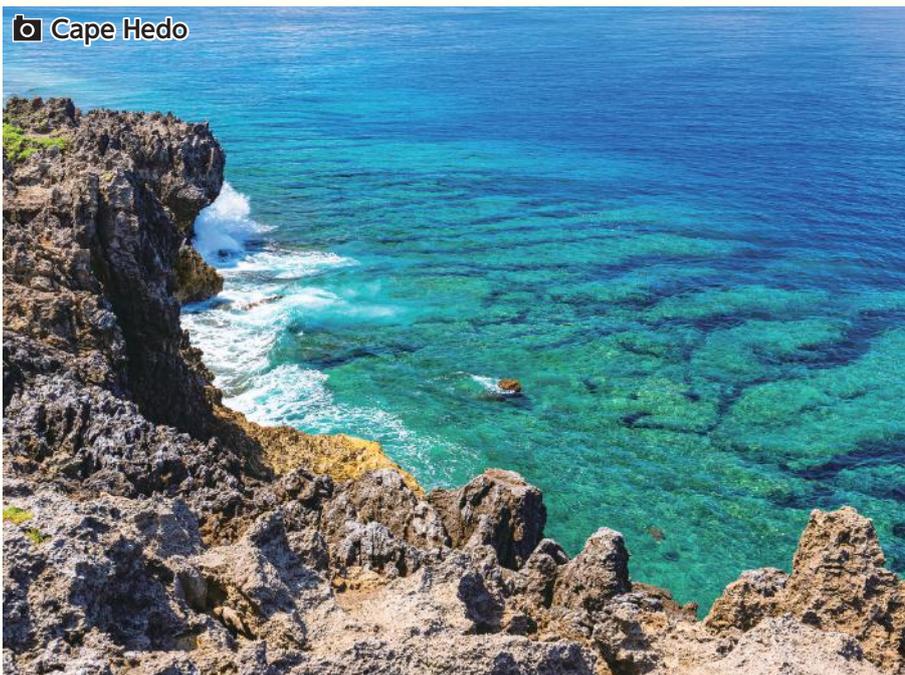
Duration of stay Day-trip

Enjoy Spectacular Views of Yambaru's Coast on a One-day Trip

Notes

Admire the limestone coast that is one of the distinct features of Yambaru. Enjoy the natural environment and scenery of the limestone, which even in Yambaru is largely only found in one area.





Observe stuffed versions of creatures living in Yambaru and learn about the area's natural environment by viewing DVDs.



Rare even within Yambaru National Park, the distribution of limestone is limited to a small number of areas. Here, you can enjoy the scenery and natural environment unique to limestone.

This is the northernmost tip of mainland Okinawa. The view from Cape Hedo is exceptional and includes coastal scenery, Mt. Hedodake and Yoron Island, the southernmost point of Kyushu's Kagoshima Prefecture.

Day1

- Naha  or  (Rental car) 120min \
- 11:00a.m. **Yambaru Wildlife Conservation Center: Ufugi Nature Museum**
 or  (Rental car) 15min \
- 11:55a.m. Kunigami Village Area Restaurant 45min \
- 1:15p.m.  **Activity 02 Daisekirinzan Spiritual Tour (120min)**
〈This is the land described in the Ryukyu creation myth. Here, you can experience Okinawa's profound nature worship.〉
-  or  (Rental car) 10min \
- 3:25p.m.  **Cape Hedo (30min)**
 or  (Rental car) 150min \
- 6:25p.m. Naha

Season All seasons

Duration of stay 1 night, 2 days

A Short Trip to Discover the Natural Beauty of Yambaru National Park

Notes

Observe the Okinawa rail, a bird found only in Yambaru, and learn about its habitat. Experience the natural wonders of Yambaru while surrounded by the habitat of Okinawa rails and the many other rare animals that call Yambaru home.





Inspect taxidermy versions of Yambaru's endemic animals and learn about the area's natural environment watching DVDs.



Observe Okinawa rails and listen to commentary on the bird's life cycle and habitat.

Activity 07 Ogimi Yambaru no Mori Visitor Center



Watch videos on the nature and culture of Yambaru in the visitor center's dome theater.

Activity 06 Canoe Tour of the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest



Explore Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest, a designated National Natural Monument, by canoe. Enjoy touring the mangrove, one of the features of Yambaru National Park.

Day1	10:00a.m.	Naha or (Rental car) <u>120min</u> \
	12:00p.m.	Activity 07 Ogimi Yambaru no Mori Visitor Center (60min) <In the visitor center's dome theater, you can watch videos on the nature and culture of Yambaru.> or (Rental car) <u>20min</u> \
	1:30p.m.	Yambaru Wildlife Conservation Center: Ufugi Nature Museum (40min) or (Rental car) <u>40min</u> \
	2:40p.m.	Okinawa Rail Learning Center (40min) or (Rental car) <u>10min</u> \
	3:30p.m.	Kunigami Environmental Education Center: Yambaru Discovery Forest <This accommodation facility is located in the middle of Yambaru National Park. Spend your stay surrounded by the natural environment of Yambaru, and even catch sight of Okinawa rails on the facility's grounds.> Kunigami Environmental Education Center: Yambaru Discovery Forest [Accommodation]
Day2	6:00a.m.	Activity 04 Guided tour of Yambaru Discovery Forest (120min) <Walk the boardwalk on the accommodation facility's grounds for a chance to observe animals that call Yambaru home.> or (Rental car) <u>150min</u> \
	10:30a.m.	Activity 06 Canoe Tour of the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest(120min) <This canoe tour takes you through the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest, a designated National Natural Monument. Observe the mangrove forest, one of Yambaru National Park's main features.> or (Rental car) <u>30min</u> \
	1:00p.m.	Higashi Village Area Restaurant Lunch (60min) or (Rental car) <u>120min</u> \
	4:00p.m.	Naha

Season All seasons

Duration of stay 2 nights, 3 days

A 2-night, 3-day All-Encompassing Tour of the Natural Wonders of Yambaru National Park

Notes

Learn about the Okinawa rail, a bird only found in Yambaru, and its natural environment; tour the Okinawan mainland's largest mangrove forest by canoe; and enjoy an evening of nighttime wildlife observation.

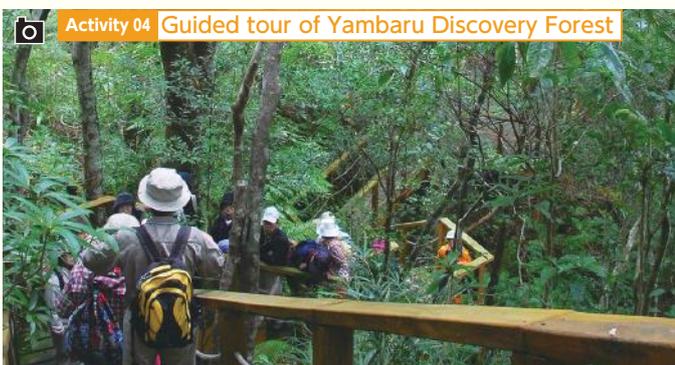




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Observe Okinawa rails and enjoy commentary on the bird's life cycle and habitat.



Activity 04 Guided tour of Yambaru Discovery Forest

Walk the boardwalk on the accommodation facility's grounds for a chance to observe animals that call Yambaru home.

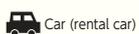


Activity 06 Canoe Tour of the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest

Explore Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest, a designated National Natural Monument, by canoe. Enjoy touring the mangrove, one of the main features of Yambaru National Park.

Day1	10:00a.m. Naha or (Rental car) 120min ↘
	12:00p.m. Activity 07 Ogimi Yambaru no Mori Visitor Center (120min) (Learn about the natural environment and culture of Yambaru through videos shown in the visitor center's dome theater.) or (Rental car) 25min ↘
	1:25p.m. Yambaru Wildlife Conservation Center: Ufugi Nature Museum (40min) (Observe the habitat of animals endemic to Yambaru and learn about Yambaru's natural environment by viewing DVDs.) or (Rental car) 40min ↘
	2:25p.m. Okinawa Rail Learning Center (120min) (Observe Okinawa rails and listen to commentary on the species, including on their life cycle and habitat.) or (Rental car) 10min ↘
	3:35p.m. Kunigami Environmental Education Center: Yambaru Discovery Forest (This accommodation facility is located in the heart of Yambaru National Park. During your stay, you'll have a chance to observe endemic wildlife, including Okinawa rails, while surrounded by the natural environment of Yambaru.) ————— ↘ Kunigami Environmental Education Center: Yambaru Discovery Forest [Accommodation]
Day2	6:00a.m. Activity 04 Guided tour of Yambaru Discovery Forest (120min) (Walk the boardwalk on the accommodation facility's grounds for a chance to observe animals that call Yambaru home.) or (Rental car) 180min ↘
	11:00a.m. Activity 06 Canoe Tour of the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest (120min) (This canoe tour takes you through the Gesashi Bay Mangrove Forest, a designated National Natural Monument. Explore the mangrove forest, one of Yambaru National Park's main features.) or (Rental car) 30min ↘
	1:30p.m. Higashi Village Area Restaurant Lunch (60min) or (Rental car) 90min ↘
	4:00p.m. Okuma Private Beach and Resort (210min) (This is the only facility in Yambaru equipped with a private beach. Interested parties can sign up for a nature tour of the area around the hotel led by a guide affiliated with the hotel.) ————— ↘
	7:30p.m. Activity 01 Kunigami Forest Therapy (90min) ————— ↘ Okuma Private Beach and Resort [Accommodation]
Day3	10:00a.m. Okuma Private Beach and Resort or (Rental car) 15min ↘
	10:15a.m. Roadside Station Yui Yui Kunigami (45min) (At the largest roadside station in Yambaru, you'll find local specialties and souvenirs you won't find elsewhere. You'll also have a chance to examine rare taxidermy of animals designated as important cultural properties, and items used by locals in their daily lives.) or (Rental car) 120min ↘
	1:30p.m. Naha

Legend for itinerary symbols



The subtropical forests of Yambaru nurture a diverse array of life, where humans live at one with nature

Yambaru National Park, rich in biodiversity, was registered as a national park in 2016.

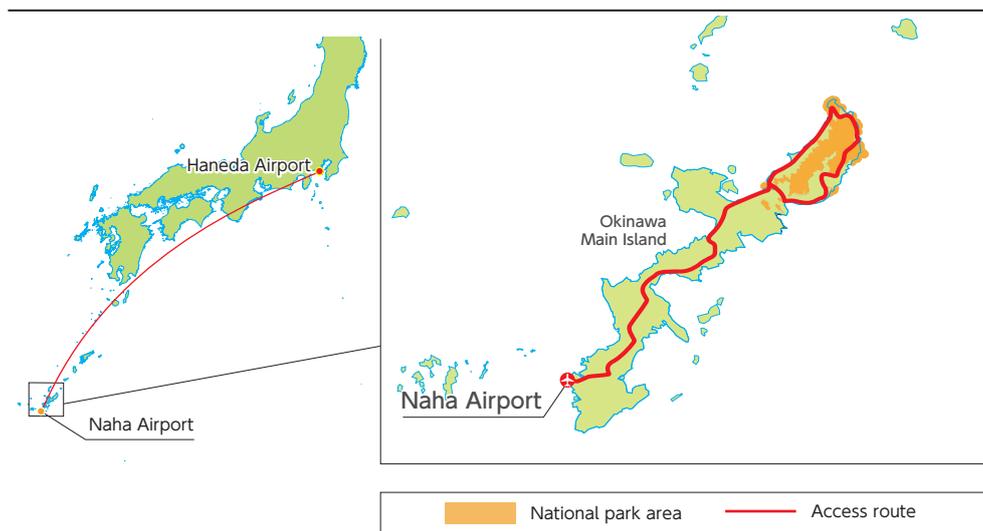
In Japanese “Yambaru” means “densely forested mountainous area” and refers to the expansive subtropical evergreen forest of northern Okinawa. Yambaru sits at a latitude of roughly 27 degrees north, and while other subtropical areas of the same latitude are deserts or arid regions, the subtropical marine climate of the Yambaru region makes it a rare, densely forested exception. Though the forests of Yambaru comprise less than 0.1 percent of Japan’s area, the formation process of the Ryukyu archipelago and the area’s geological history have resulted in the area being home to approximately half of the identified birds and approximately one-quarter of the identified frog species of Japan.

Furthermore, the area boasts an incredibly diverse array of endemic flora and fauna, including the Okinawa rail.

In addition, the marine erosion of limestone cliffs, karst formations and mangrove forests create a varied natural environment.

This environment has nurtured the traditional lifestyle and human landscape that can also be found in the Yambaru region. Efforts to protect Yambaru’s natural environment for future generations include conservation activities and protections against poaching to ensure the survival of the region’s rare wildlife.

Access



Haneda Airport	Approx. 175 min by airplane	Naha Airport	Approx. 105 min by highway bus	Nago Bus Terminal	55 min by local bus	Hentona Bus Terminal	10 min by walk	Yambaru Wildlife Conservation Center
Kansai International Airport	Approx. 140 min by airplane		Approx. 105 min by highway bus		55 min by local bus		10 min by walk	
Fukuoka Airport	Approx. 110 min by airplane		Approx. 105 min by highway bus		55 min by local bus		10 min by walk	

Access routes are given as examples. Times indicated for each route section are approximate only. For more details, please visit the counters or websites of the transportation providers.

Information counter

Please contact each provider directly.