

What is a Geopark?

Geoparks are exactly what the name means, parks of the earth. They are places where you can find out about how the mountains and rivers surrounding us came to be, learning their natural origins alongside the history and culture of the people who made their homes among them. There are 43 regions registered as geoparks in Japan today, nine of which are recognized as UNESCO Global Geoparks. (As of April 2020)

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 Japan Geoparks Network

Japan Geopark Committee

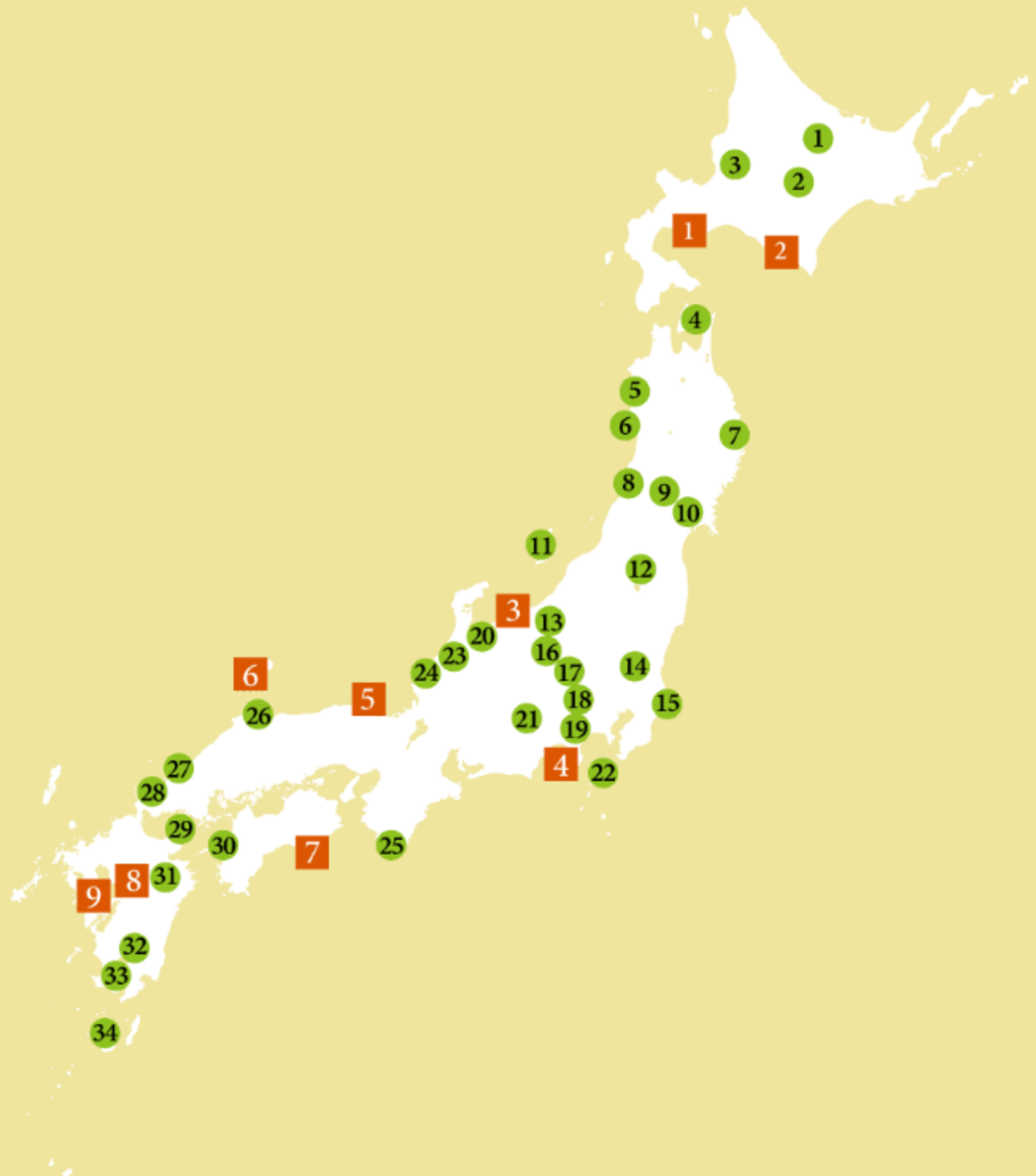
■ UNESCO Global Geoparks

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2. Mt. Apoi UNESCO Global Geopark
3. Itoigawa UNESCO Global Geopark
4. Izu Peninsula UNESCO Global Geopark
5. Oki Islands UNESCO Global Geopark
6. San'in Kaigan UNESCO Global Geopark
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● Japanese National Geoparks

1. Shirataki Geopark
2. Tokachi Shikaoi Geopark
3. Mikasa Geopark
4. Shimokita Geopark
5. Happo-Shirakami Geopark
6. Oga Peninsula-Ogata Geopark
7. Sanriku Geopark
8. Mt. Chokai & Tobishima Island Geopark
9. Yuzawa Geopark
10. Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark
11. Sado Island Geopark
12. Bandaisan Geopark
13. Naeba-Sanroku Geopark
14. Mt. Tsukuba Area Geopark
15. Choshi Geopark
16. Mt. Asama North Geopark
17. Shimonita Geopark
18. Chichibu Geopark
19. Hakone Geopark
20. Tateyama Kurobe Geopark
21. Minami-Alps (MTL Area) Geopark
22. Izu Oshima Geopark
23. Hakusan Tedorigawa Geopark
24. Dinosaur Valley Fukui Katsuyama Geopark
25. Nanki Kumano Geopark
26. Shimane Peninsula and Shinjiko Nakaumi Estuary Geopark
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Japanese Geopark Map



- 28. Mine-Akiyoshidai Karst Plateau Geopark
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- 30. Shikoku Seiyo Geopark
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- 32. Kirishima Geopark
- 33. Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark
- 34. Mishima Village Kikai Caldera Geopark



(Pictures taken on-site at the first review and re-examination)

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An area must first undergo a review by the Japanese Geopark Committee to be registered as a geopark. They are also subject to a re-examination by the committee every 4 years. The Oita Bungoono Geopark was first registered in September 2013. It was then re-approved after a review 4 years later in December 2017.

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