

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 46 regions registered as geoparks in Japan today, nine of which are recognized as UNESCO Global Geoparks (As of March 2022).

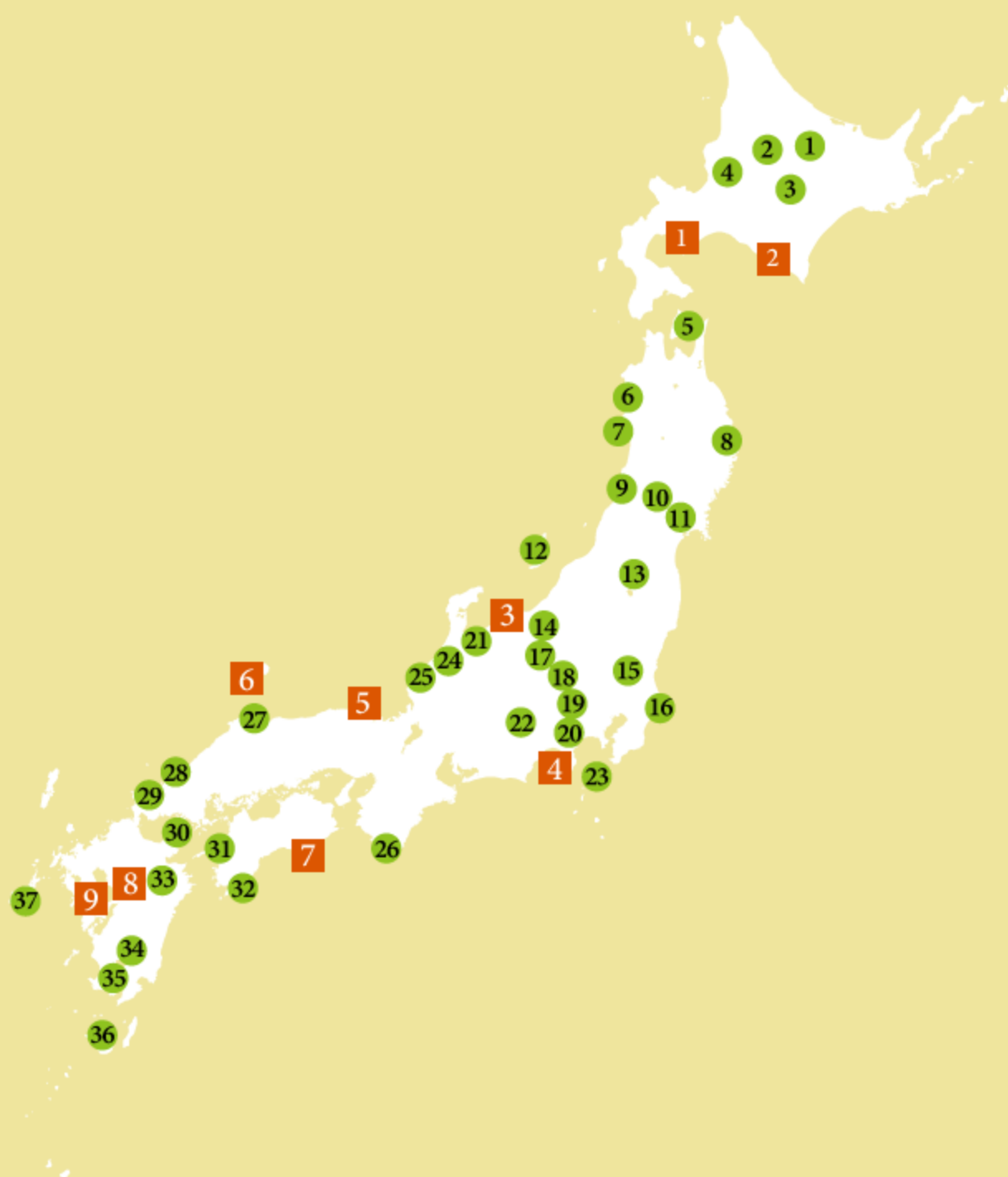
The geological formations, rocks, flora and fauna in the geopark area are valuable natural heritages. Do not destroy them or collect them without permission.

Find more information on Japan's geoparks here.

 Japan Geoparks Network

Japan Geopark Committee

Japanese Geopark Map



UNESCO Global Geoparks

1. Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark
2. Mt. Aoi 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
7. Muroto UNESCO Global Geopark
8. Aso UNESCO Global Geopark
9. Unzen Volcanic Area UNESCO Global Geopark

Japanese National Geoparks

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

28. Hagi Geopark

29. Mine-Akiyoshidai Karst Plateau Geopark

30. Oita Himeshima Geopark

31. Shikoku Selyo Geopark

32. Tosashimizu Geopark

33. Oita Bungoono Geopark

34. Kirishima Geopark

35. Sakurajima-Kinkowan Geopark

36. Mishima Village Kikai Caldera Geopark

37. Goto Islands (Shimogoto area) Geopark



(Pictures taken on-site at the first review and re-examination in 2017)

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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 reviews in December 2017 and January 2022.

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