

HAKONE TOPICS

March

Go hillwalking to feel the first signs of spring and enjoy nature at its best

We would like to recommend a number of Hakone trekking routes which are perfect for March when the severe cold has eased off and exercise becomes more tempting.

Mt. Kintoki

One of Japan's 300 most top mountains, made particularly famous due to its connection with the Kintaro legend, this is a popular spot among women and inexperienced walkers.



Mt. Kintoki route

Sengokuhara – Yagurazawa – Mt. Kintoki route (2.3km, approximately 75 minutes)
Take the Hakone Tozan bus to Sengoku, then walk to Mt. Kintoki route starting point.

Mt. Sengen

Enjoy the natural beauty of Hakone and let the Chisuji Falls calm you as you walk along this trekking route.

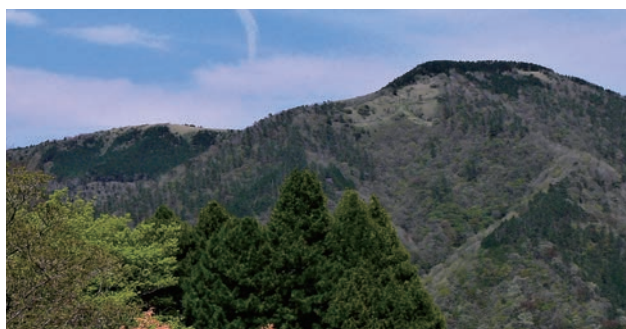


Mt. Sengen route

Kowakudani – Chisuji Fall – Mt. Sengen route (2.3km, approximately 50 minutes)
Take the Hakone Tozan bus to Kowakudani, then walk to the Kowakudani climb starting point.

Myojogatake

This climbing route which starts at Miyaginobashi gives stunning views over some of the most famous places in Hakone, such as Owakudani and Gora.



Myojogatake route

Miyaginobashi – Myojogatake (2.0km, approximately 60 minutes)
Take the Hakone Tozan bus to Miyaginobashi and walk to Myojogatake climb starting point.

Nagao Pass

This highly scenic route has spectacular view of Lake Ashi, and Mt. Fuji from the ridge.



Nagao Pass route

Kojiri – the ridge – Nagao Pass (3.3km, approximately 90 minutes)
Take the Hakone Tozan bus to the Hakone Lake Hotel and walk to the Kojiri climb starting point.

Be sure to dress accordingly!

The altitude means that the temperature will be about 5 degrees lower than at sea level. Please check the weather on the day before deciding what to wear.

Minimum equipment



A down jacket



comfortable sneakers



hiking gloves



a neck-warmer or scarf



Handy equipment
Trekking sticks

Event schedule for March and April

Émile Gallé Nature Collection

Mar 17th

The first ever Émile Gallé (1846-1904) exhibition at the Pola Museum. The exhibition, which encompasses the entire career of this most prominent glassmaker, concentrates on his naturalism from two perspectives: 'forest' and 'sea'.

■ Take the Hakone Tozan bus to the Pola Museum.



• "Two Handled Vase with Flowers Design" ca.1895 Pola Museum of Art
• ca.1903 Private Collection

Opening of the Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetlands

Mar 20th

The 3-month winter break is over and the gardens are reopened. Plants such as witch hazel and eastern skunk cabbage, sure signs that spring has arrived in Hakone, welcome visitors to the garden.

■ Take the Hakone Tozan bus to Sengoku-annaijo-mae, from which it is a 7-minute walk to the garden.



Sengokuhara Suwa-jinja shrine regular festival

Mar 27th

The "Yudate lion dance," recognized for its high artistic value, will be performed. In this dance, known as a traditional Japanese art form, a dancer wears a mask shaped like a lion's head and wards off illness and evil.

■ Take the Hakone Tozan Bus to "Sengoku" and walk for 2 minutes.



Miyagino Cherry Blossom Festival

Early April

This festival is held in Hakone's preeminent blossom viewing spot every year for a limited period. The 450 meter-long cherry-tree avenue along the Hayakawa River is lit up at night to create a fairytale-like night viewing experience.

■ Take the Hakone Tozan bus to Miyagino Eigyocho-mae, from which it is a 2-minute walk.



※The above schedule of events are subject to change. Thanks for being understanding.

Held until Apr 8 Hakone Sweets Collection Spring 2018

For the spring theme, you can enjoy "kawaii" (cute) and highly "photogenic" sweets at 33 stores in the Hakone area.

URL <http://www.hakone-sweets.com/>



Hakone Freepass

Freely enjoy the Hakone area. With this ticket, the more you travel, the better the value.

Three key advantages of the Hakone Freepass

- 1 Unlimited travel on eight modes of transport including the Hakone Tozan Line, Hakone Tozan Bus (within specified area), Cable Car and Ropeway
- 2 Includes Odakyu Line return ticket! (boarding station to Odawara)
- 3 Complimentary / discount tickets to around 50 tourist attractions and hot springs in the Hakone area!



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