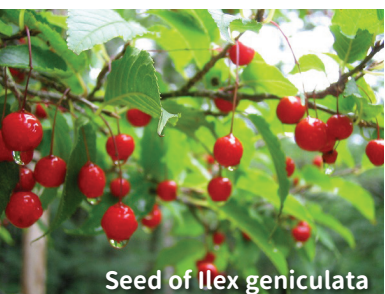


Odaigahara, Yoshino-Kumano National Park



Moss colony in Nishi-Odai



Seed of *Ilex geniculata*



Autumn foliage in Nishi-Odai



Masaki pass



Daijagura

What is the Nishi-Odai Regulated Utilization Area?

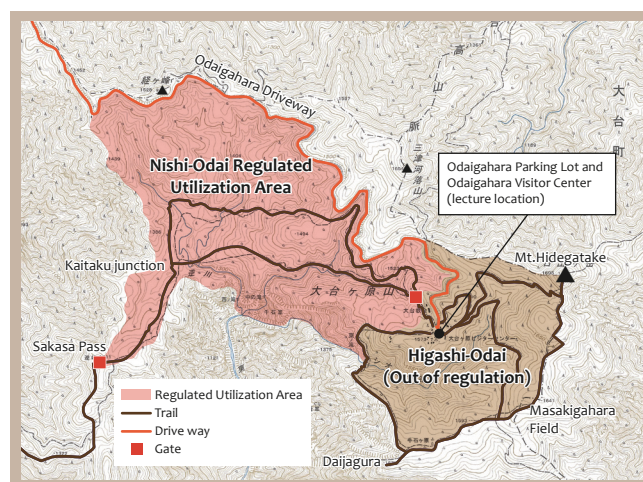
Precious nature remains in Odaigahara. Among them is Nishi-Odai, one of the most beautiful natural beech forests in western Japan, where you can experience the calm and pristine nature.

In order to preserve this beautiful natural environment and take over it in the future, Nishi-Odai has been designated as Japan's first "Regulated Utilization Area".

To maintain a favorable natural environment and provide a high-quality nature experience, the number of users is restricted in the "Regulated Utilization Area".

In order to enter the Nishi-Odai Regulated Utilization Area, it is necessary to carry out procedures in advance and follow established rules.

* You can enter the Higashi-Odai, such as Mt. Hidegatake or Daijagura, without any procedures.



"Regulated Utilization Area" designated area
(About 450ha)

This map is based on the Digital Topographic Map 25000
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Natural environment of Nishi-Odai

Nishi-Odai is surrounded by natural forests mainly composed of beech, and you can experience the calm and pristine nature. Beech forests are home to many wildlife, such as Japanese deer, Wrens, Japanese robins, and Odaigahara salamanders. In addition, it is one of the most rainy areas in Japan, and you can see a variety of beautiful mosses on the forest floor.

Access to Odaigahara

Please utilize public transit whenever possible so as to reduce CO2 emissions.

To Odaigahara

By rail, bus, or taxi

From Kintetsu Yamato-Kamiichi Station

1 hr. 50 min. by Nara Kotsu bus

1 hr. 30 min. by taxi



About: How to access Odaigahara
Promotional Video URL ▼

<https://youtu.be/X1Gke3HZxQk>



By car

About 87 km from Koriyama IC on the Nishi-Meihan Expressway

About 91 km from Hari IC on the Meihan Expressway

About 122 km from Shingu, Wakayama Prefecture

About 115 km from Owase, Mie Prefecture

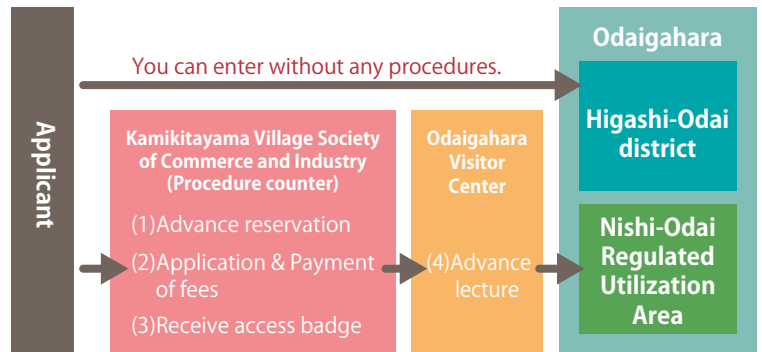


How to enter Nishi-Odai

In order to enter Nishi-Odai, it is necessary to follow the procedure shown in the figure on the right and take an "Advance Lecture".

But, you can enter the Higashi-Odai, such as Mt. Hidegatake or Daijagura, without any procedures.

*A certain level of mountaineering skill is required in order to walk around Nishi-Odai. Ensure that you have prepared adequately for your hike before you come.



(1) Advance reservation

Please contact Kamikitayama Village Society of Commerce and Industry in advance by telephone or internet to inform them of the desired date and number of visitors, and make a reservation.

* Reservations can be accepted 3 months before the desired date of entry.

(2) Application & Payment of fees

Please submit the application form and pay the fee (1,000 yen per adult, 500 yen per elementary school student or less) to Kamikitayama Village Society of Commerce and Industry. (The fee cannot be refunded.)

(3) Receive access badge

"Access badge" will be mailed from Kamikitayama Village Society of Commerce and Industry.

* Please bring your "Access badge" on the day.
* "Access badge" is valid only for the applicant.

(4) Attend an advance lecture

Please take an advance lecture at the Odaigahara Visitor Center before entering (even on the day).

* Please bring your ID card, passport, etc.

Let's go Nishi-Odai!

Wear your access badge in a place where it will be visible, for example on your clothing or pack.

Inquiries related to applications and other procedures

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About: "Regulated Utilization" URL ► <https://www.env.go.jp/en/nature/nps/park/about/protect/use.html>

Other inquiries

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2294-6 Kamiichi, Yoshino-cho, Yoshino-gun, Nara Prefecture 639-3111
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660-1 Kotochi, Kamikitayama-mura, Yoshino-gun, Nara Prefecture 639-3702
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