Yoshino-Kumano

"Yoshi-Kuma" Established in 1936

National Park



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Sacred Mountains, deep **Gorges, and the warm** Ocean current A broad swath of the pristine mountains, rivers, and accan stratefung blee, Nara, and Wakayama prefectures, and the fascinating piders and cultures that thrived in the region were deglared a talloring prist on Enthoury 1, 1934.

Find the Eternal history/culture, and the Link of forests/rivers/ocean

Mountains of Yoshino-Kumano National Park

The mountains here on the Kii Peninsula have long been held sacred. Here, you will find otherworldly forests, dizzying waterfalls, impossibly big rocks and trees, all shrouded in a misty ve

Odaigahara & Osugidani Gorge

Virgin forest 1,600m above sea level

sastern slopes of the Odaigahara Plateau s one of Japan's most picturesque, with a



To protect the unspoiled bush-

Nishi (West) -Odai Area Protecting primeval forests for the future



enjoy the peace and guiet o the deep forest. Nishi (West Kii Peninsula species of the Asian black





Mountain Range

The highest, steepest mountain in Kansai

The Omine Mountain Range runs north-to-south in the heart of the Kii Peninsula, approximately 75km of moun-tains between 1,500 and 1,900 meters

Mt. Yoshino A mountain alive

with cherry blossoms Mt. Voebing is one of Japan's premie blossoms. In spring, the sight of the mountain clad from foot to peak in various

shades of pink attracts visitors from all over time by practitioners of Shugendo to celebrate their founder, En no Gyoja,

share the trails with the faithful

carving an image of their principle deity out of sakura wood. The trees continued to be planted to provide sacred wood for their In addition, the famous Yoshino Ceda

Forest, the pure forest of Japanese umbrolla pine, a substitute for floral offerings to Buddhist delties, and groves of castanopsis, oak, and other warm-temper ate species preserved as temple woods range of visitors in all seasons, including pilgrims to historical spots and hikers



Major Shrines Taisha Grand Shrine

Kumano's fascinating religions

Kumano Hongu Taisha Grand Shrine, Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine, Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine, and Nachisan Seigantor Ji Tample are the major places of worship in Kumano, accessed by the ancient Kumano Kodo Pilgrimago Boutes. There are different routes for differdeity is said to have descended for the first time. Kumano Nachi Taisha Grand Shrine This shrine was founded to worship a delty believed to reside in the Nachi Falls (Japan's tallost waterfall), behind which expands a virgin forest from which ethnol-opist Minakata Kumagusu (1887-1941) collected mycomycete, and which remains unspoiled to this day. ent starting points, each with mossy stonent starting points, each with mossy stone markers and stone-paved sections along the way that speak of the routes' age. The Kumano River, which divides Me and Wakayama prefectures, has long been considered an important part of the plightimage route as it connects the major

Nachisan Seiganto-ji Kumano Hongu

Taisha Grand Shrine Once built on an island in the Kumano River, the shrine was relocated to its current spot in 1891 after flooding in 1889. Part of the ptgrimage route from here to Kumano Hayatama Taisha Grand Shrine can be taken by boat along the Kumano River.









Mt. Voehing has numerous viewing darks along its naths Scenes of nearby picturesque towns and distant Mt. Kongo







Rivers of Yoshino-Kumano National Park

The Odaigahara Plateau and the Omine Mountain Range are in one of Japan's most rainy regions. The Kumano River, fed by waters from the Omine Range, and the Kitayama River, fed by waters from the Odaigahara Plateau, merge and feed into the Kumano-nada Sea, a vital link betwee mountain and ocean. Moreover, the area

Kumano River & Kitayama River

Nachi Waterfall

Doro-kvo Gorges



Hashigui-iwa Rock

Umikongo Rock Formation



A natural art display

along the coastline!

isitors flock to this area to see

road variety of topographica cones, including the cently curing coastline, a complex array o

offers views of the sun rising and setting ove the Pacific Ocean that will make you gasp in

avs. and archinelagos. Cape Shionomisaki

Coasts of Yoshino-Kumano National Park

From the Kumano-radis Cas Germonann Beach in Wakayama Prefecture, the Yophin-Kumano National Park is surrounded by the Case of Case o

Kumano-nada Sea



Katsuura.

Cape Tategasaki, Onigajo Rocks

Onigajo Rocks are the highlights of the ma

Shichiri Mihama Coast Oiigahama Coast

A pebble beach describes a lazy arc north to south for around 30 km against beautifu-views of Japanese black pine windbreaker and dusters of seaside plants such as hibiscu







Help us protect the sea turtles! ral beaches along the Kii Peninsula pastline are vital spawning grounds for



The Kareki-nada Coastline



The Phoenix Fold

Rare anywhere in the world, this is a majo attraction of the Nanki Kumano Geopark.

Sandanbeki Rock Cliff, Senjojiki Rock Plateau

sandanded is two kilometers of spectacular coastal cliff soaring 50 meters above the water. Senjojiki is the result of rising seabed worn flat by an eternity of crashing waves. The crash of the waves against the rocks and



Engetsuto Island

Officially known as Takashima Island, Engotsuto was chosen as one of the 100 best sunset viewing spots, and is a favorite of photographers—and lavers—who come to capture the moment when the setting sun sits



Tanabe Bay

flat rock base where people love to play and see the wildlife.



Kashima Island

omicial natural Monument of Japan. It is also a vital breeding ground for fish, and a typical example of how Tanabe cares for and benefits from both island and sea. (Permission from the Tanabe City Board of Education needed to land.)



Halcurias

The island houses Kyoto University's Seto Marine Biological Laboratory, which has long monitored the local waters and overseen the recovery of Tanabe Bay from its former decline. (Permission from the Kyoto University Seto Marine Biological Laboratory needed to land.)



Hatakeiima Island



There's so much to do!















Delicious cuisine!



Cape Tenjin-zaki

Here at the birthplace of Japan's Nationa





Let's peek into the sea!

Protecting local coral beds