# Ise-Shima National Park

Isawa Jinja Shrine (Kaburako-san) Course

Course Distance: Approx. 2.5 km / Time: Approx. 1 hour

## **Course Grade**

## **Ise-Shima National Park Hiking Points**

Ise-Shima National Park was created in 1946 and consists of over 55,000 hectares of both private and public land. It is characterized by its rias coastline and low mountains, and is renowned for its centerpiece, Ise Jingu (Ise Shrine), the most venerated Shinto shrine complex in the country. During the Edo period (1603-1867), it is well known that pilgrims from across Japan made their way to Ise Jingu for a once in a lifetime visit. However, there are several other walking routes that still serve travelers on their journeys to other noteworthy and historically important temples and shrines in the area. Present-day hikers can follow in the footsteps of pilgrims from centuries ago, stepping back in time to experience the history of the Ise-Shima area.

Visitors to the park can also appreciate the wide variety of plants found there. It is worth noting that people have sustained the ecological balance of the mountains, forests, and sea for hundreds of years in the region. Several species of trees, for example, have served the economic needs of the local population since ancient times, yet have been sensibly managed and are still in abundance today. Hikers can also enjoy the many types of flowers that are visible depending on the season and vary in accordance with terrain and location.

If photography is your passion, or if you are searching for a perfect picture to memorialize your experience, the trails and sites in the park will not disappoint. At several locations one can see vistas of the rugged coastlines of Ago and Ise Bay, and panoramas of the cities of Ise, Toba, and Shima. Historical temples, shrines, and statues also make ideal photos to highlight your hike.

Whatever the reason for your journey, you will be sure to enjoy the day hikes of Ise-Shima National Park.

## **Rules and Etiquette**

- Stay on the trail.
- Be respectful of nature.
- Going off trail might damage vegetation or disturb animals.
- Do not feed wildlife.
- Leave everything you find on the trail where it belongs.
- Leave what you find, take only photos and memories.
- Take trash back with you.
- Refrain from smoking on the trail.
- Be friendly to people you meet.
- Say hello or "konnichiwa" in Japanese.

## **Access to Ise-Shima National Park**



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## **Hiking Preparation**

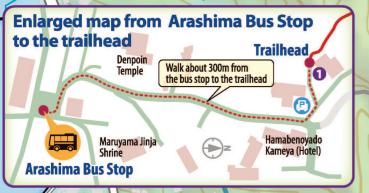
- Enough water
- Raingear
- First aid kit
- Phone or smartwatch with GPS
- Insect repellent Cash (JPY)



What to take?

Wear long-sleeved tops and full-length pants to protect your body from ticks, mosquitos, wasps, leeches, pit vipers (mamushi), and other wildlife.





**Kamome Bus** 

Arashima Bus Stop • H

**Timetable** 

25 mins

**Mitotori Shinji Festival** 



On windy days, it makes a haunting melody as the trees knock against each





## **Stone Marker**



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## Follow the signs and turn right here to access the original walking trail.

## **Trail Characteristics**

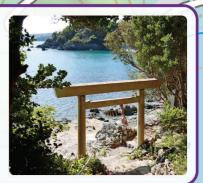
The hike to Isawa Jinja Shrine, also known as Kaburako-san, is a short but scenic walk that is accessible to most people. This mainly paved route winds through thick areas of bamboo and unused farmland lost to time. Before reaching the end, the forest opens up to a scenic beach and a view of Ise Bay. A final climb up ancient stone steps leads to Isawa Jinja, a quiet and simple Shinto shrine which is well-kept by local volunteers and surrounded by native tree species.

A short walk past the shrine leads to the tip of Cape Kaburako, and a view point looking out at Ise Bay and nearby peaks.



## **6**Torii

The traditional entrance to Isawa Jinja is from the beach. During WWII, soldiers would often come to this shrine to pray before going to war. A former soldier, grateful to have survived, donated this torii (shrine gate) in 1987.



At least 1000 years old, Isawa



## **Olsawa Jinja Shrine**

Jinja is home to four kami (deities) all related to the sea and safety on the water. Inside, o-mamori (protective amulets) and locally made keychain ornaments are available for purchase.



Beach In the past, ships entering the bay would stop and access shrine from the water.

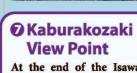






Isawa Jinja Shrine

Kaburakozaki View Point



This is a popular spot to take a picture of the sunrise on New Year's morning, and a relaxing place to enjoy with friends.



At the end of the Isawa Jinja Shrine (Kaburako-san) Course are some seating areas and a south-eastward view of Ise Bay and Shima Peninsula.





The Mitotori Shinji Festival is held yearly on Labor Thanksgiving Day (November 23) at Isawa Jinja. It shows appreciation to the workers of Japan, gives thanks for a good harvest, and acts as an offering to the kami. While many shrines offer grain - most commonly rice - the offering here is fish, donated by the local fishermen. High-quality fish such as tai (sea bream) and hamachi (yellow tail), and the delicacy Ise ebi (Japanese spiny lobster) are thrown into a fishing net as an offering to the shrine's kami The fish are later barbequed on site and enjoyed by





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Arashima Beach

## **Arashima Beach Information**

**Bamboo Forest** 

Start & Goal!

Trailhead

Changing rooms and shower ··· Available (From mid-July to mid-August) Toilet (Accessible Toilet) ······

■Contact ·Toba Tourist Information Center

Toilet is only available at Arashima Beach. 0599-25-2844 (9:00-17:30)

## The Unique Rocks with **Many Holes**

These stones are often found on the beach. The holes are the tunnels bored by ishimate (date mussel; Lithophaga).



## Chestnut Tiger Butterfly

Hikers on the Isawa Jinja Shrine (Kaburako-san) trail might be lucky

enough to spot the Asagimadara (Chestnut tiger butterfly), Japan's only migratory butterfly. They go north in the warmer months, and travel between 1500-2000 kilometers in autumn to the southerly island of Kyushu.





