

Field Museum Geo-Hiking

 Onsen Meister Guide
original course

Myoban to Kannawa Course

*Feel the Earth's energy
in Beppu !!!*



Please note the following:

- Some hot springs areas are exceedingly hot, and you could get burned. Please be careful as you walk.
- Please wear comfortable walking shoes, and be sure to bring water.
- In Beppu, most of the hot spring wells are located on private property. Please make sure that you receive permission before visiting.

Beppu Onsen Geo-Museum is a virtual museum and is run by a non-profit organization. We have three pillars: the museum on the internet, field activities, and giving lectures on Beppu hot springs. 1) The internet museum provides information about Beppu hot springs which have been gained through wide-ranging researches in natural, medical, social, and cultural sciences. 2) As field activities, we offer many hiking courses, or what we call “geo-hiking”, visiting Beppu’s different hot spring areas. 3) We offer a lecture on hot spring related topics at Beppu City Public Hall every month. The topics include hot spring science, hot springs and health, Beppu’s geographical and geological features, and attractive features of Beppu hot springs.

We have made five hiking courses in English so that English speaking visitors to Beppu can have easier access to some geologically interesting places in the city.

The city area of Beppu lies on a fan which was formed by volcanic activities. The city's gentle slope spreading from the eastern flank of Mt. Tsurumi, an active volcano, to Beppu Bay is about eight kilometers from north to south and five kilometers from east to west. In this small region, there are about 2,300 hot spring wells, making Beppu one of the largest hot spring areas in the world. In the north and in the south of the city, there are fault lines. Most of the hot spring wells are located along those fault lines, and there are four hot spring concentrations in the north and four in the south. The northern hot spring areas are Myoban, Kannawa, Shibaseki, and Kamegawa, and the southern hot spring areas are Horita, Kankaiji, Beppu, and Hamawaki.

Myoban to Kannawa Course

Start: Jizoyu-mae Bus Stop in Myoban

Finish: Bozu Jigoku (Hell) in Kannawa



This course is about four kilometers.

Stops:

Stop 1: Jizoyu-mae bus stop

Stop 2: Yunosato

Stop 3: Otaki

Stop 4: Hot spring well

Stop 5: Solar Panels

Stop 6: Teruyu onsen

Stop 7: Bozu-jigoku

Myoban to Kannawa Hiking course map

Hiking route

Observation point
(Stop 1-7)

Beppu "Jigoku Meguri" Hells Tour ●

Oni Ishinoyu ●

Beppu Rehabilitation center

Dog park ●

Kannawajigokuchitai
Park ●

Bouzu Jigoku ●

Beppu Shirtsu ●

Asahi Junior High School

Koudei onsen ●

Apple ●

Honohonomo Shrine

InterContinental -
ANA Beppu
Resort & Spa Hotel ●

ANA Inter Continental
Beppu mae

Beppu Onsen
Hoyoland ●

Sawayaka
Heart Pier ●

Myoban Clinic

GRANXIA
Beppu
Kanhawa ●

Teruyu Onsen ●

Morinoyu
Resort ●

Goal 7

Goal 6

Emma saka

Harukawa River

500

Higashikyushu Expressway

500

500

500



200m

Myoban Yunosato
Open-air bath ●

Myoban Yunosato
Family bath ●

Myoban Yamanoyu ●

Hot Spring ●

Start 1

Start 2

Okamotoya ●

Ebisuya Onsen ●

Myoban ●

Yakushiji ●

3

4

5

7

6

Stop 1: Jizoyu-mae Bus Stop



In front of the Jizoyu-mae Bus Stop, there is a place called “Myoban Jigoku”, which literally means Myoban hell. Here you can see hot spring steam gushing directly from the ground. Admission is ¥200.
(To go to Jizoyu-mae, take bus No.5 or No.41 at JR Beppu Station West-side or bus No.24 at JR Beppu East-side. Takes about 25 minutes.)



In Myoban, which literally means “alum,” you will see many thatched huts. They are called Yunohana huts, which means hot spring flower huts. These huts are kind of “natural factories,” under which alum was produced between 17th and 19th centuries using hot spring steam. Under the huts now, bath salt is produced. This traditional alum (now bath salt) production method is designated as an important intangible folk cultural asset by the national government.



Yunohana Huts

Stop 2: Yunosato, a tourist facility which includes souvenir shops and hot spring bath houses. This facility is owned by a Yunonaha huts owner.



Yunosato



View from the Upper Parking Lot

In Yunosato, there are two parking lots: one along the main road and the other above the main building. As you go up to the upper parking lot, you can have a good view of Mt. Ogiyama and Mt. Tsurumi.

As you get to Yunosato, turn left just above the parking area in front of the Yunosato souvenir shop buildings and walk along the narrow paved road for about 10-15 minutes, and you will get to a waterfall called "Otaki".

Stop 3: Otaki

This 4-meter high waterfall called Otaki is one of the sources of the Hirata River, which runs through Kannawa. This waterfall area is a little away from the road and quiet. Near the waterfall, there is a collection of small stone Buddhist images. These images which used to be located in and around the mountain in Myoban were gathered here.

To the right of the waterfall, there is a stream. Its source is a hot spring. The hot water is conducted to one of the inns in Myoban. As you look up, you will be able to see steam rising, but please stay away from the spring source area, for it is dangerous.



Otaki Waterfalls

Collection of Stone
Buddhist Images



Hot Spring Water Stream



Here, take the branch road which goes up the hill.

Stop 4: Hot spring well



Hot spring wells with rising steam are typical in the Myoban and Kannawa areas.

Stop 5: Solar panels



Solar panels located along this course

Stop 6: Teruyu Onsen

Teruyu Onsen is one of about 100 so-called “community bath houses” in Beppu. Its entrance fee is 300 yen. This onsen house was originally developed about 180 years ago by a feudal lord of Kusu, which is in the western part of Oita Prefecture.



Slope Leading Down to
Teruyu Onsen



Teruyu Onsen

Stop 7: Bozu-jigoku

Bozu-jigoku is one of Beppu's hot spring ponds for viewing. Bozu-jigoku literally means “Buddhist monk hell”. This “hell” features bubbling mud mounds which are formed by hot spring activities. Admission to Bozu-jigoku is 400 yen.



Bozu-jigoku

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