

Going from
Katashina Village

Oze Route Map

Katashina Village is the starting point for the three mountain trails leading to Oze of Hatomachitoge Pass, the most well-known gateway to Oze, Fujimishita, and Oshimizu. Choose the trail best suited to what you want to do, whether you want to go to Ozegahara or see Ozenuma, and enjoy the wonders of walking in Oze!

Ozegahara

Honshu's largest wetland, covering two kilometers north to south and six kilometers west to east. In this vast wetland, surrounded by the peaks of Mt. Shibutsu and Mt. Hiuchigadake, you can appreciate the beauty of alpine flora such as *mizubasho* and *nikkokisuge* (broad dwarf day-lilies).

The entrances to Hatomachitoge Pass and Numayamatoge Pass have traffic restrictions to protect the environment and ensure road safety in Oze National Park.

To prevent traffic jams and illegal parking at the starting points for the mountain trails, long waiting times at toilets and large numbers of people on the wooden footpaths at peak usage times for Oze, traffic restrictions will operate at the entrances to Hatomachitoge Pass and Numayamatoge Pass. Please understand the reasons for this and ensure your cooperation.

Times Hatomachitoge Pass Entrance: Traffic restrictions operating from late May to early October.
For more information, inquire to Katashina Village Office (0278-58-2112).
Numayamatoge Pass Entrance: All year*. Restricted vehicles cannot use the road between Miike and Numayamatoge Pass Entrance at any time during the year.

List of parking areas (Katashina Village)

*When traffic restrictions are in effect, you cannot park your car at the Hatomachitoge Pass parking area.

*Fees will apply even for parking to pick up or drop off people at the Snow Park Oze Tokura parking area.

Name	Type of vehicles	Capacity	Fees	Inquiries
Oze No. 1 Parking Area	Private cars	280	1,000 yen for 24 hours	Oze Tokura Tourism Association: 0278-58-7263
Oze No. 2 Parking Area	Private cars	250	1,000 yen for 24 hours	Oze Kogen Hotel: 0278-58-7511
Snow Park Oze Tokura Parking Area	Coach buses, minibuses	500	4,000 yen per day, or 1,000 yen (within 1 hour)	Oze Ringyo (Forestry) Office: 0278-58-7311
Oshimizu Parking Area	Private cars, coach buses, minibuses	240	500 yen per entry (private cars), 1,000 yen per entry (coach buses, minibuses)	
Hatomachitoge Pass Parking Area	Private cars, minibuses	120	2,500 yen per day (private cars), 3,500 yen per day (minibuses)	
Fujimishita Parking Area	Private cars	30	No charge	

Inquiries 0278-58-2112 (Katashina Village Oze Traffic Policy Liaison Council)
027-226-2881 (Oze Preservation Office, Environmental Section, Gunma Prefecture)

Mt. Shibutsu trail closure

Times: May 7 to July 30 *Please inquire for more details.
Inquiries: 027-220-4431 (Oze Preservation Foundation)

*This closure to protect plants and people using the trails while snow is present on the mountain. We hope you cooperate in abiding with this.
*Even after the end of the closure period, people using the trail should do so with restraint from after 9:00 am to protect their safety.
(Fog and lightning often occurs in the afternoon)

Closed region

Yamanohana - Mt. Shibutsu - Mt. Koshibutsu - Hatomachitoge Pass
(The route from Hatomachitoge Pass to Mt. Kasagatake cannot be used as it passes through the closed region)

Hatomachitoge Pass

The gateway to Oze, closest to the most representative viewpoint of Ozegahara. The starting point of many routes.

Oze Ohashi Bridge

A great suspension bridge on the Japan Romantic Road heading toward Oze. Created with the image of Mizubasho in mind, it serves to inspire a feeling of anticipation toward Oze.

Oze Course entering from Hatomachitoge Pass

Ozegahara Course

The most representative course of Oze. It runs through Nakatashiro, located in the center of Ozegahara, and returns by running along side wetlands of Nakatashiro and Shimotashiro. The scenery here captures the true essence of Oze.



Mt. Shibutsu Course

This course climbs Mt. Shibutsu, an intrinsic part of the scenery of Oze and one of the hundred famous mountains of Japan. Well known as a repository of alpine plants, the mountain is formed of serpentine and thus has many flowers particular to that soil, such as *ozeo* (*Japonilolion*) flowers.



Oze Course entering from Fujimishita

Ayamedaira Course

Course that cuts from Fujimishita via Ayamedaira to Hatomachitoge Pass. Ayamedaira, a mountainous wetland located at the top of the ridge, offers a brilliant 360-degree view of Mt. Shibutsu, Mt. Hiuchigadake and Mt. Nikkoshirane.



Guide to lodges (Katashina Village)

Region	Name	Inquiries
Ozenumahan	Ozenuma Sanso (Mountain Villa)	090-3404-1264 / 0278-58-7311
	Chozo Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7100 / 0278-58-7443
Miharashi	No.2 Chozo Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7100 / 0278-58-7443
	Hinoemata Goya(Lodge)	090-3405-6460 / 0278-58-7050
Akatashiro	Motoyu Sanso (Mountain Villa)	080-2107-4686 / 0278-58-7311
Yoshippori Tashiro	Toden Goya (Lodge)	080-5546-4763 / 0278-58-7311
Ryugu	Ryugu Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7301
Yamanohana	Yamanohana Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7411
	Oze Lodge	0278-58-4158
	Shibutsu Sanso (Mountain Villa)	090-6946-3302 / 0278-58-7311
Hatomachitoge Pass	Hatomachi Sanso (Mountain Villa)	0278-25-3839 / 0278-58-7311
Fujimigoto Pass	Fujimi Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7441
Oshimizu	Oshimizu Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7370 / 027-232-3117
	Monomi Goya (Lodge)	0278-58-7043 / 0278-58-7026

Operating times of the lodges may differ; inquire with each lodge.

If you want to get even more out of Oze...

Use a certified Oze guide!

Our guides combine knowledge and skills together, having a great store of information about Oze's nature and culture while also knowing how to act in emergencies and how to explain things in a simple and clear manner. They are here to help you to better enjoy your walks in Oze.

For more information, see the website below!
Oze Guide Association (in the Oze Preservation Foundation website)
<http://www.oze-fnd.or.jp>
*Click on the Oze Guide Association website banner to go to a page where you can search for a guide.
*Inquire to the partner associations and organizations shown on the website regarding the guide fees and further details.

Oze Course entering from Oshimizu

Ozenuma Surrounds Course

This course goes counterclockwise from Oshimizu to Ozenuma via Sanpeishita. Enjoy to the full the diverse landscapes to be found around the marshlands, such as the scenery from the east bank setting Mt. Hiuchigadake against Okenuma or the beauty of the sprawling moors of Numajiri.



Oshimizu

The southern entrance towards Ozenuma. The many flowers in the nearby Oshimizu wetland are the first to bloom in Oze.

Oze Purarikan

A meeting place for the people traveling through Oze. The displays inside show the various wildlife that inhabit Oze and Tokura. Purarikan also offers hot springs for day trips.

Ozenuma

The marshlands were formed when a river was blocked by a rockslide on the south side of Mt. Hiuchigadake. It takes two to three hours to go around the marshlands, during which you can see a host of sights such as the varying wetlands around the northern bank or Mt. Hiuchigadake reflected from the east bank.

Take in the brilliance of the flowers!!

Oze offers a multitude of alpine flora to delight us with each passing season, including *mizubasho*, as sung in the well-known song "Natsu no Omoide", *nikkokisuge*, *watasuge* and more. Take the time to harmonize yourself with nature and absorb the true beauty of these flowers.



Zazenso (eastern skunk cabbage)



Mizubasho (Asian skunk cabbage)



Ryukinka (marsh marigold)



Watasuge (tussock cottongrass)



Himeshakunage (tobacco-rosemary)



Shiraneaoi (Japanese wood poppy)



Tokiso (Pogonia japonica)



Nikkokisuge (broad dwarf day-lily)



Ozekohone (Nuphar japonica)



Kinkoka (Narthecium asiaticum)



Kooniyuri (Lilium leichlinii)



Iwakagami (Schizocodon soldanellaeoides)



Kakiran (Epipactis thunbergii)