

Kyuden Mirai Foundation's efforts to conserve the Bogatsuru Moor area with local communities

The Kyuden Mirai Foundation has worked on environmental conservation activities with local communities in the Bogatsuru Moor area, which hosts various rare animal and plant species since it's established.



1. Field-burning activity on the Bogatsuru Moor

We burn the fields to exterminate insect pests, prevent bushes and miscellaneous trees from encroaching onto the moor, and facilitate the sprouting of plants, with the aim of maintaining the natural environment of the wetland.



2. Activity for exterminating alien species

To protect the indigenous species, including many endangered ones, we exterminate alien species.



3. Activity for conserving the habitats of the *miyama-kirishima* azalea on Mt. Hijidake

We are engaged in an activity on Mt. Hijidake, next to the Bogatsuru Moor, to conserve the *miyama-kirishima* azalea as a spring staple in the Kuju area, by cutting down bushes that obstruct the growth of the azaleas, as well as maintaining the mountain trails.

Note: The Mt. Hijidake area was certified as a "Site in Harmony with Nature" by the Ministry of the Environment in October 2023.

Ministry of the Environment's website:
30by30 "Sites in Harmony with Nature"



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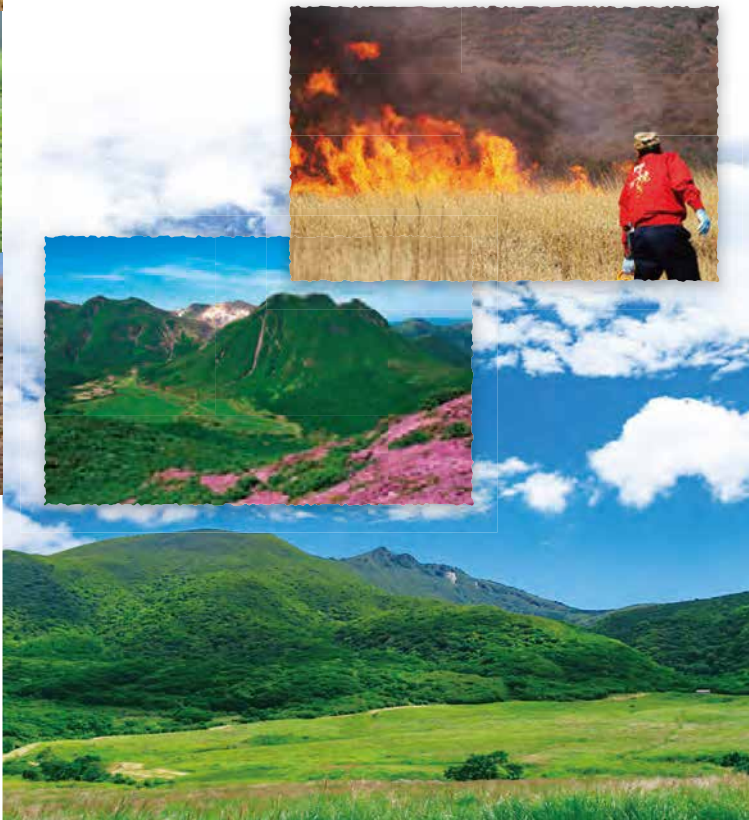


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Aso-Kuju National Park Bogatsuru Moor

Wetland designated as a "Ramsar Site"



What kind of place is the Bogatsuru Moor?

Surrounded by mountains, including Mt. Hijidake and Mt. Mimatayama, the Bogatsuru Moor (Taketa City, Oita Prefecture) is located nearly at the center of the Kuju mountain range.

Since the moor is about 1,200 meters above sea level, the highest place of ground among the moors on the island of Kyushu, it is inhabited by beautiful wild plants, such as *nohanashobu* (Japanese iris) and *sawagikyo* (lobelia).

The Bogatsuru Moor has long been known as a billeting area for climbers in the Kuju mountains, some of whom stay in the Hokkein Onsen hot spring area on the moor or sleep in their tents, which sometimes form a colorful carpet on the moor. This place is one of Kyushu's most popular destinations for climbers.

In 2005, the Bogatsuru Moor, together with the Tadewara Moor, was collectively designated as a "Ramsar Site," that is, a wetland of international importance, under the name of Kuju Bogatsuru and Tadewara-shitsugen.

What is the Ramsar Convention?

The Ramsar Convention is a convention on wetlands signed at an international conference in the city of Ramsar, Iran, on February 2, 1971. Its official name is the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance especially as Waterfowl Habitat, but it is commonly called the Ramsar Convention after the city where it was signed.

The Bogatsuru Moor

can be **protected** by your keeping the following **four promises**:

Do not harm animals and plants.

The Kuju mountain range is a National Park. Damaging or collecting animals (e.g., butterflies) and plants (e.g., flowers) is prohibited.



Take trash back home.

Be sure to take trash from your strolling or camping activities back home, instead of leaving it in this area.



Walk on the footpaths.

Use the footpaths when walking on the moor. If you step into the wetland, the wetland and vegetation there will be severely affected.



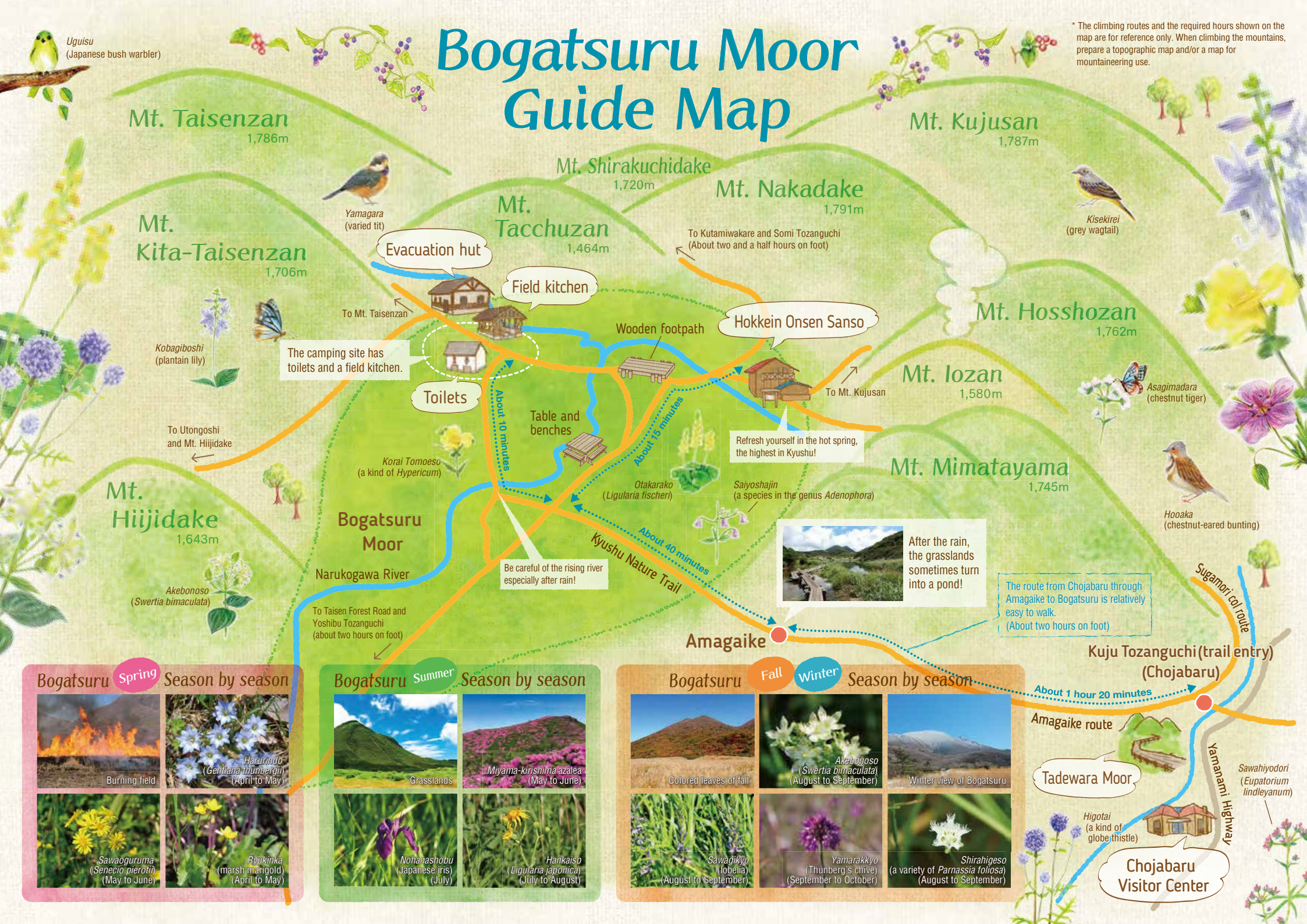
No open fires

Open fires are prohibited at the campsite in the wetland. Use fire in designated areas only.



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* The climbing routes and the required hours shown on the map are for reference only. When climbing the mountains, prepare a topographic map and/or a map for mountaineering use.

Bogatsuru Spring Season by season



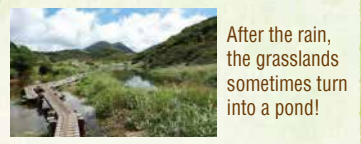
Bogatsuru Summer Season by season



Bogatsuru Fall Winter Season by season



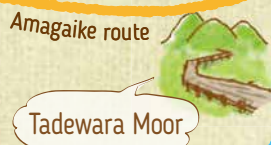
The route from Chojabaru through Amagaie to Bogatsuru is relatively easy to walk. (About two hours on foot)



After the rain, the grasslands sometimes turn into a pond!

Be careful of the rising river especially after rain!

Kuju Tozanguchi (trail entry) (Chojabaru)



Chojabaru Visitor Center