

Mt. Izumi-Katsuragi

[Katsuragi Sutra Mound #9 (Mine no Ryu-o)]
[Katsuragi Sutra Mound #10 (Dai-itoku-ji Temple)]

A sutra mound on a mountain summit covered with a monumental beech forest, and Dai-itoku-ji Temple, known for its autumn foliage

The summit of Mt. Izumi Katsuragi is the site of Takaokami-jinja Shrine, which is dedicated to rainmaking rituals, and the ninth sutra mound. While there are several trails to the summit, we will take the trail from Tonohara, which has the flavor of a worship trail, before descending the Jizo-san Trail to visit Dai-itoku-ji Temple.

There is a trail map at the Tonohara Bus Stop, so make a mental note of course. Head toward the mountains and you enter the trail by going right at the branch with the stone marker. As you climb up along the ridge and pass the Biwa-daira, where the remains of stone lanterns lie, you will soon cross a forest road. After a short climb, the trail again leads to a forest road, where you will be walking on pavement for a while. Follow the signpost and enter the path on the right. There, you will find an informational sign about the beech forest. Once the path turns to trail again, the surrounding area is increasingly covered with bamboo grass. After coming to the torii gate and climbing the stairs, you will arrive at the summit. Once you have visited the Takaokami-jinja Shrine and the sutra mound, continue down to the Wakayama side of the mountain. You will soon come out onto a road.

Take a left and descend the road before taking a left at the intersection past the restrooms. Descending the road for about 30 minutes, you will find the Nijuiccho Jizo statue (the 21st distance indicator). From there, you will turn off the road and onto the Jizo-san Trail, where you will find Choishi Jizo statues placed every 109 m along the way and each serves as a distance indicator. Head down the trail under the watchful eye of the roadside the Jizo statues, and turn left when you reach the road. Take a right down the trail at the Shichicho Jizo statue (the seventh distance indicator) and head toward Dai-itoku-ji Temple.

The rock engraved with a Sanskrit character to the left of the temple gate is believed to be the tenth sutra mound. The Ushitakisan Bus Stop is a short distance from the temple gate.

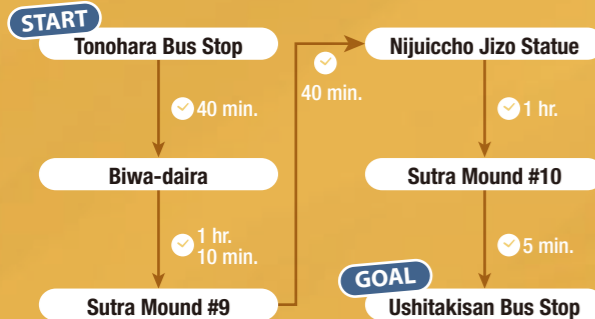
Walking Distance ◆ Approx. 8 km

Fitness Level ★★☆☆

Walking Time ◆ 3 hours 35 minutes

Skill Level ★★☆☆

Course Times



Course Information



Remains of stone lanterns on Biwa-daira



The Choishi Jizo statues of the Jizo-san Trail watch over hikers



View of Osaka Bay from the observation deck atop Mt. Izumi-Katsuragi



The famous fall foliage of Dai-itoku-ji Temple

Access



*46 min. from Kishiwada Sta. (Nankai Main Line)



*Get off at Kumeda bus stop (31 min.), and take a five-minute walk to Kumeda Sta. (JR Hanwa Line)

Advice

This course involves climbing, so proper hiking footwear is recommended. The trails are well marked, but return bus service is infrequent.

*Walking distance is the horizontal distance. Course times are reference times for walking at a typical pace, not including rests.

*This course does not exactly follow the training paths used by mountain ascetics.