

Mt. Daifuku to Mt. Unzan

[Katsuragi Sutra Mound #3 (Mt. Daifuku, Mt. Unzan)]

Traversing the Kisen Alps to the two mountains believed to be the location of the third sutra mound

There are two places believed to be the location of the third sutra mound: the summit of Mt. Daifuku and Mt. Unzan. Known as the Kisen Alps, this area is popular with hikers.

Start at Musota Station. Walk along the railroad tracks toward the mountains to the Nougawa Kannon at Hon'ei-ji Temple, also known with the honorific mountain name of Daifukusan (Mt. Daifuku), which can be seen located halfway up the mountain directly in front of you. After visiting the temple, cross the Kannon-bashi Bridge and then the Ozeki-bashi Bridge. If you have the time, stop by the Shusse Fudosen across the river. Further on, you will find the small Ogawa Jizo statue at the trailhead of Mt. Daifuku. Follow the flat trail that branches off to the left. Eventually, the trail turns uphill and reaches the mountain's ridge. This area was once the location of Hachioji-sha Shrine, the foundation stones of which still remain. After climbing up the ridge to the top, you will come to a level trail where you can rest a bit.

Continue right to the Okube-toge Pass, which will take you to Mt. Daifuku. The summit of Mt. Daifuku is just beyond the viewpoint with a Jizo mini shrine.

From Mt. Daifuku, follow the signposts down briefly and then back up the ridge to western and eastern peaks of Mt. Senpogadake before descending Iseki-toge Pass. There is another Jizo mini shrine south of the pass. As you continue to traverse, the trail splits into two before Mt. Jizo, but it is faster to go straight. At the fork, take a left to reach Mt. Unzan. Return to the fork and continue straight ahead, passing through the scenic clearing and then the rest area in Rokkaku-do before heading to the Hakanotani Gyoja-do hall. Continue along the rugged valley, and you will come to Gyoja-do hall. A statue of En no Gyoja sits on the boulder behind the hall.

Following the long forest road from here, you will reach the Ogawa Jizo Statue Fork you passed on the outward leg. From here, head back to Musota Station.

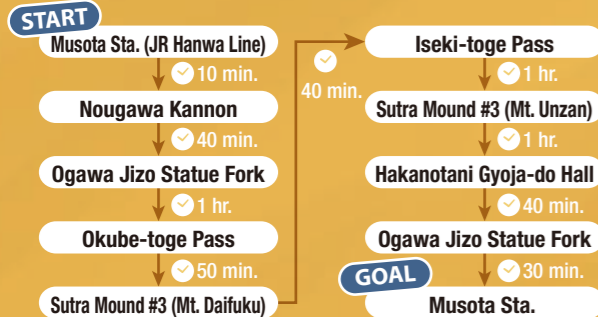
Walking Distance ◆ Approx. 19 km

Fitness Level ★★ ★

Walking Time ◆ 6 hours 30 minutes

Skill Level ★★ ★

Course Times



Course Information



Daifukusan Hon'ei-ji Temple, also known as the Nougawa Kannon



Lookout point just below Mt. Daifuku



The mini shrine containing a statue of Jizo, the guardian deity of travelers, on Okube-toge Pass



Spectacular view from the clearing in Seishonen no Mori Park



Beautiful ridge trail to Mt. Daifuku



There is a statue of En no Gyoja in a mini shrine on a boulder above the Hakanotani Gyoja-do hall

Access



Advice

This course is almost entirely climbing, so make sure to wear proper hiking footwear. The path from Seishonen no Mori Park to the Gyoja-do hall is slippery in places, so be careful. The trails are all well-marked, so there are no places you are likely to get lost.

*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.