



The place where sand beach and rocky beach meet.

# Mt. Shichiyama West Course

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Iwado Beach is located at the most east part of Tottori Sand Dunes. The sand dune is used for cultivating Rakkyo also known as Chinese onion. Shichiyama creates rocky beach with coastal cliff with its northern part being eroded by strong waves of the Sea of Japan. This area embodies beaches in San'in Kaigan where sandy beach and rocky beach coexist in one area.

## When it rains, you can see a water fall like scenery!

Mt. Shichiyama is a mountain facing the Sea of Japan. Its northern part is eroded by waves and you can see wave-cut platforms or wave eroded cliff. Especially at Takigaiso Rocky Shore, you can see the surfaces of rocks where magma of 150 meter wide and 100 meter high divided the rocks of Mt. Shichiyama. These rocks have beautiful column shaped cracks on the surface. When it rains, the water falls through these rocks like a water fall, creating a beautiful scenery.



Takigaiso Rocky Shore



Wave-Cut Platforms

There is a steep boardwalk stair. Pass through with care.



Basic Course	
<b>Start</b>	Estimated walking time
① Isaribi Square	7min ↓ About 350m
② Ebisuhamma Observation platform	10min ↓ About 450m
③ Takigaiso Rocky Shore	7min ↓ About 300m
④ Lookout Rest Area	14min ↓ About 700m
⑤ Iwaya Jizo	25min ↓ About 1.3km
⑥ Fukube Fureai Land	27min ↓ About 1.4km
① Isaribi Square	
Total traveling time : 1h30min	
Total distance : About 4.5 km	

## Quiz

When is the harvest time of shallot?  
① March ② June ③ November  
(The answer is at the back.)



Shallot flowers

Cycling path · Promenade

Geopark Road

## The Extra Quiz

Let's explore cool water self-destructing lava on wave-cut platforms.

## Fukube Sand Dunes

## Shallot fields

Between the end of October and the mid November, this area will be covered with a blanket of red purple flowers.

⑥ Fukube Fureai Land

② Ebisuhamma Observation platform

① Isaribi Square

⑤ Iwaya Jizo (Buddha)

④ Lookout Rest Area

③ Takigaiso Rocky Shore

Mt. Shichiyama  
Elevation: 314m

Otani Beach

Kobatake No.3 Ancient tomb & Ana Kannon

Geopark Road

Kobatake No.1 Ancient tomb

Shichiyama East Trail Connecting Route

There is a continued long stretch of uphill here

The stone-paved road

Shichiyama Bypass

Shichiyama Pass

Legend			
	Toilet		Rice paddy
	Parking lot		Farmland & pasture
	Restaurant		Watch your step
	Best photo spot		Traffic hazards
	Route		Basic Course



250m

# Iwado Beach's many places of interest

## ① Isaribi Square



It is a square adjacent to Iwado fishing port. There is a wooden boardwalk used as a seawall. When walking on the boardwalk, you will feel as if you are walking on the water.

## ② Ebisuhama observation platform



It is an observatory located at the northern part of the Iwado fishing port. The observatory is surrounded by beautiful pine trees. Through these trees, you can see the view of shallot field and Tottori Sand Dunes. Also, you can see the wave-cut platforms of Mt. Shichiyama underneath.

## ③ Takigaiso Rocky Shore



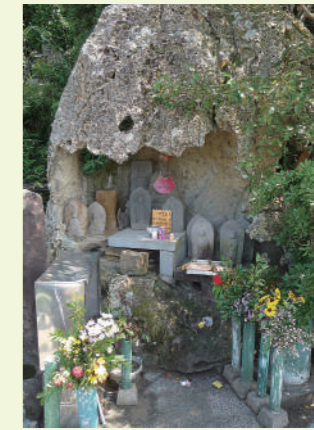
At Takigaiso Rocky Shore, you can see a very tall eroded cliff. There are beautiful column shaped cracks on the cliff. The rocks have been formed by consolidated magma after cooling. It is a pathway for magma where it pierced through the surrounding rocks. It is 150 meter wide. When it rains, the water runs through the rocks like a water fall, creating a beautiful scenery.

## ④ Lookout Rest Area



If you climb a steep pathway from the diverging point toward Takigaiso Rocky Shore on the Chugoku Nature Trail, you will see a rest spot. The area is surrounded by trees. Through the trees, you can see the views of the Sea of Japan and Tottori Sand Dunes. The trail will end here, but if you continue the path, you will get to Otani Beach of Iwami Town.

## ⑤ Iwaya Jizo (Buddha)



There is a Ksitigarbha sitting inside the hole of the salt weathered bounded tuff. As a respectful rock, this is introduced in the book of "Inabakakei Mudaaruki" at the end of Edo period. We can imagine this rock has been honored by the local people for a long time.

## ⑥ Fukube Fureai Land



There are "Sand Dunes Onsen Fureai Center" and "Hot Swimming Pool." The Sand Dunes Onsen is a sulfur spring with potassium, sodium-chloride, and salt, so it is said that you don't get cold after getting out of the onsen. From the observatory bathing deck on the second floor, you can enjoy the view of the Sea of Japan. (Contact) Sand Dunes Onsen Fureai Center 0857-75-2316 (Contact) Hot Swimming Pool 0857-74-3712

## Recommend: Iwado Beach Tuff and Tuff Gravel



If you look at the mountain skirts of the northern part of Mt. Shichiyama from the jetty at Iwado fishing port, you can see diagonally slanted layers of earth. These layers of earth were created with the deposits of volcano ashes caused by volcano activities as the Sea of Japan was expanding. Layers of different size gravels alternate one another.

## Recommend: Iwado Beach Cool Self-Destructive Lava



There is a crack on the surface of the big rock on top of the wave-cut platforms at Iwado Beach. This rock was formed by lava cooling off. Lava erupted inside the water, cooling off suddenly, and creating a crack. These rocks are called cool self-destructive lava. This is an evidence that lava solidified inside the water. You can see similar rocks at Otani Beach.

## Recommend: Tafoni at Iwado Beach



There are a lot of beehive looking holes on the rock surface at the foot of Mt. Shichiyama on the northern side of Iwado fishing port. These are land forms called "Tafoni." These holes were created from the salt weathering of the sea water.

## Recommend: Wave-Cut Platforms at Iwado Beach

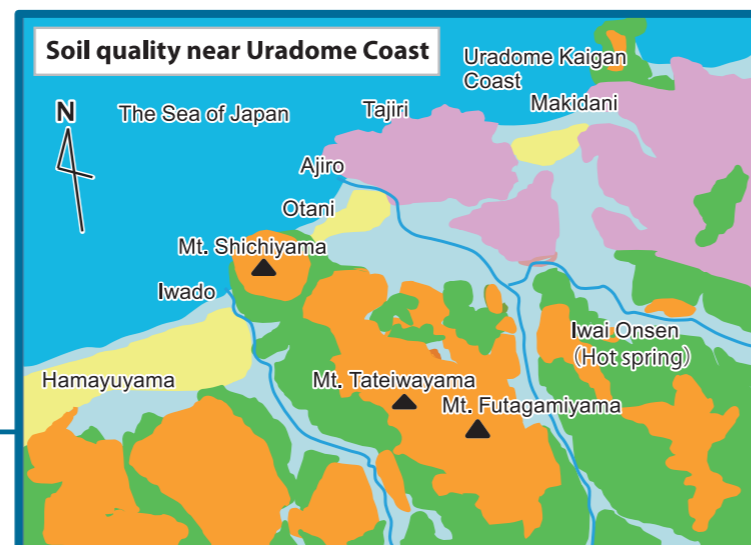
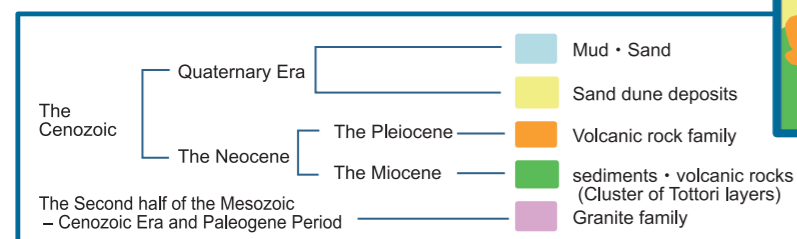


The landforms at the foot of Mt. Shichiyama located at the northern part of Iwado fishing port have shelf like platforms eroded by rough the Sea of Japan waves. You can see how erosion continued along with the cracks.

## Geo-Column ①

### How Mt. Shichiyama came about

The layers that were spreading in the eastern part of Tottori Prefecture about 5.3 million to 23 million years ago (The Miocene) are called clusters of Tottori layers. They were made as the Sea of Japan was spreading. Later, there were active volcanic activities until 2.6 million years ago (the Pleiocene). All the eruptions from this era are scattered around in the clusters at Mt. Shichiyama. These eruption deposits were continuing from the south eastern side of Mt. Futagamiyama and Mt. Tateiwayama. However, they were severed by geologic fault along the Route 9. The area surrounding the fault was later eroded and became what we have currently, the mountain.



## Geo-Column ②

### Empress Jingu's Legend

Tottori prefecture Fukubecho town has a "Empress Jingu's Legend." "Tottori Prefecture Fukubecho town's Hamayuyama is a beautiful port surrounded by seven islands. Once upon a time, empress Jingu docked the ship at Hamayuyama port on the way home from Samhan invasion. Her labor started. Her attendants including Sukune Takeuchi built a temporary palace in the nearby mountain and served her. The Empress gave birth her son who later became Emperor Ojin. The mountain where she gave birth to is named Mt. Shichiyama and the name later became Shichiyama. Also, a famous horse came out of this mountain and the Japanese character signifying a horse was used and the name became "Mt. Shichiyama". Also, her attendant, Takenouchi no Sukune, came from the city to here and got rid of bad people, later hoisting a flag. It is said that the old country name "Inaba" came from the Japanese character signifying flag.



Mt. Shichiyama from the viewpoint of the beach in Fukubecho Town

Quiz-Answer ② June