

A Tapestry of Hills and Volcanoes

The Tokachidake Geopark Plan



What is Tokachidake Geopark?

The Tokachidake Geopark plays an active role in Biei and Kamifurano area revitalization efforts. At this park, the topography and other precious and distinctive geological features tied to the region's ecosystem, history and culture are preserved and passed down for future generations.

What is a Geopark? -Fundamental Elements-

Land formed over countless years nurtures a specific ecosystem. Then, we begin living off this land, creating culture and industry as we shape our history. At a geopark, we explore the connection between these three fundamental elements— the land, ecosystem (plants and animals) and humans.

Geopark Efforts

At geoparks, sites are designated due to their incredible geology and topography in order to preserve, use and celebrate these regional features for generations to come. We further endeavor to bolster the region through tourism, encouraging both education and travel through the area that highlights these features, while also working to raise awareness of the area's importance within the local community.

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With the Tokachidake Geopark Plan, we convey the charm of the area through promotion of conservation efforts, education, industry and disaster prevention. These activities further propel sustainable development efforts to ensure the natural riches of this vibrant region will be passed down to the next generation.

Conservation

We conduct volunteer activities and promote awareness in order to protect the Daisetsuzan National Park and the beautiful rural landscape of the area.

Education

We provide a place for everyone from elementary school students to adults to learn about topography, geology and local history. These activities help locals take pride in their hometown.

Local Economy

We continue to seek GeoSupporters who involve themselves in park activities, train guides to better share the appeal of the area and develop new tours that expand area tourism. We further support local industry by selling geopark products and utilizing local products to develop the region's cuisine.

The rolling hills, incredible hot springs and other natural features that characterize the topography and geology of the Biei and Kamifurano area are the result of the volcanic activity of Mt. Tokachi and other volcanoes in the area. Thanks to a variety of efforts to overcome both the hilly terrain and disaster brought about by volcanic mudflows (caused by the eruption of Mt. Tokachi in 1926), the area now enjoys abundant agricultural production.

Such examples illustrate how the land, ecosystem and human activity affect each other to form this incredible area. It is lessons like these that make Tokachidake Geopark so appealing.

