

Takachiho Sightseeing Illustration Map



Online reservation are available



Takachiho Gorge Boat Rental

Enjoy the view of Manai Waterfall and columnar joint from the boat!

■ Opening hours
8:30-17:00 (※Last Call 16:30)

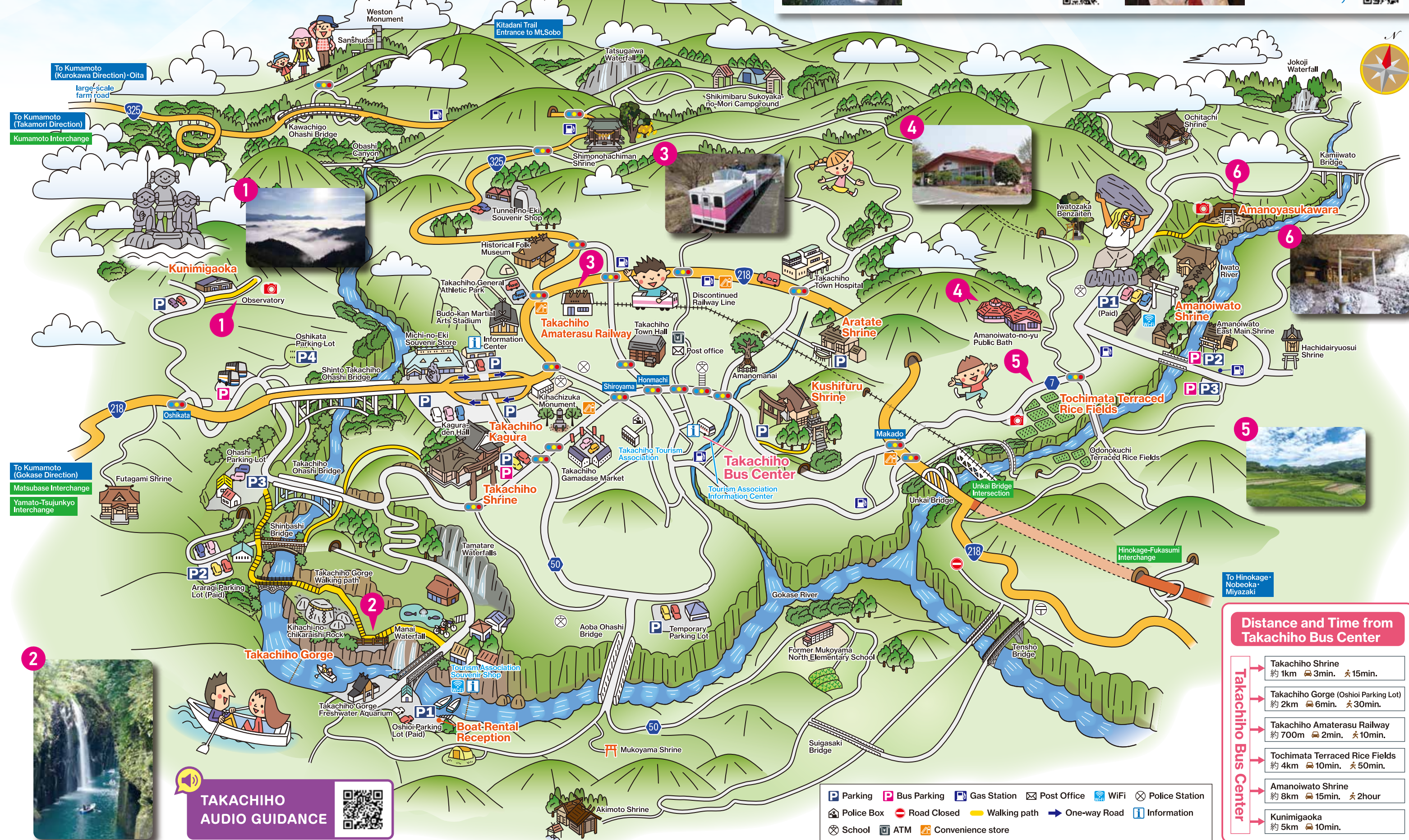
HERE is Boat Rental Information!



Takachiho Kagura

Enjoy four theatrical dance (dance of Tajikarao, Uzume, Totori, and Goshintai) from the 33 of Takachiho Yokogura held every night at 8pm.

Takachiho Kagura Information is HERE!



TAKACHIHO
AUDIO GUIDANCE



Distance and Time from Takachiho Bus Center

Takachiho Shrine	約 1km 車 3min. 歩 15min.
Takachiho Gorge (Oshioi Parking Lot)	約 2km 車 6min. 歩 30min.
Takachiho Amaterasu Railway	約 700m 車 2min. 歩 10min.
Tochimata Terraced Rice Fields	約 4km 車 10min. 歩 50min.
Amanoiwato Shrine	約 8km 車 15min. 歩 2hour
Kunimigaoka	約 5km 車 10min.

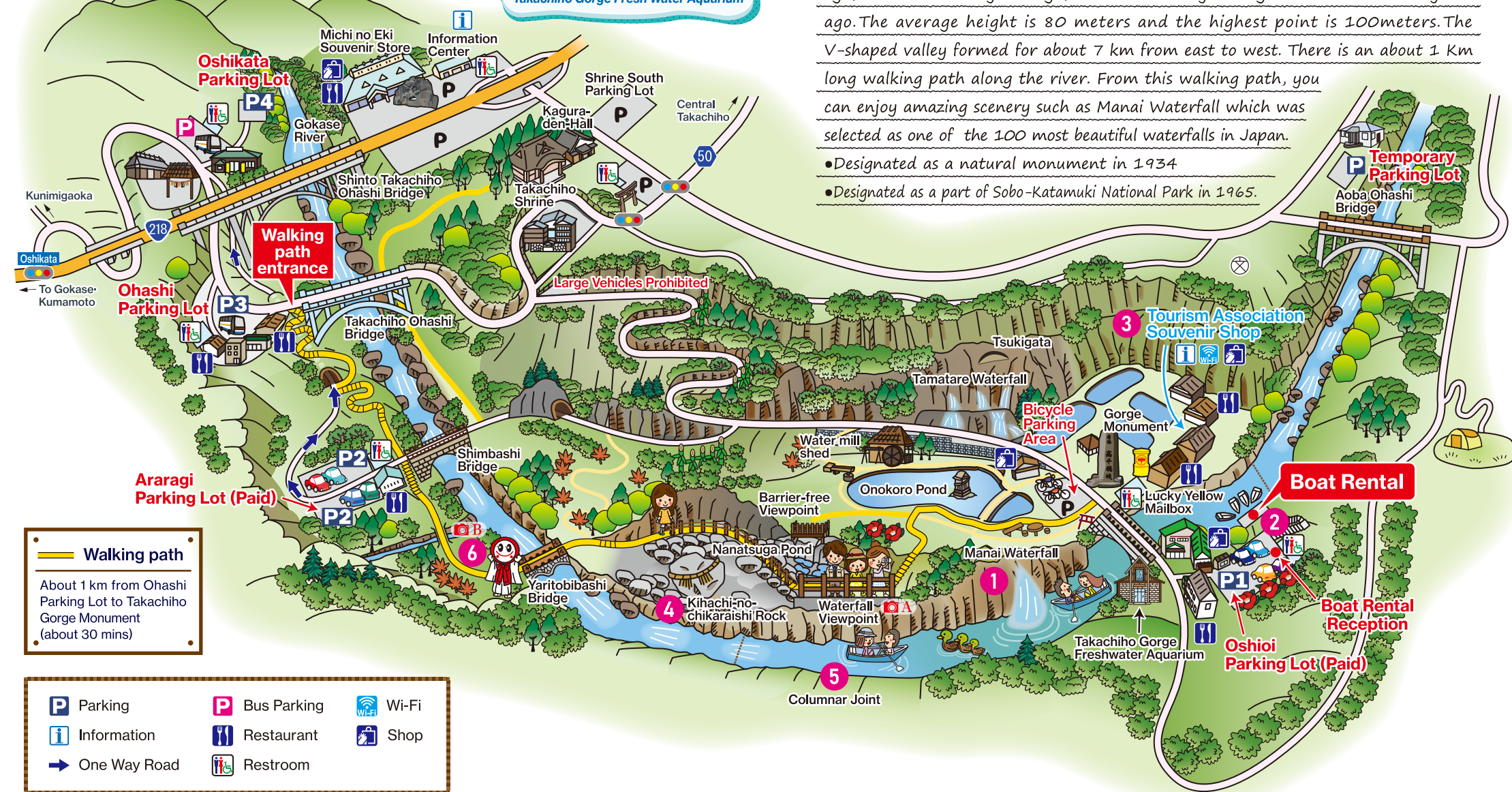
Takachiho Gorge

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Takachiho Gorge Fresh Water Aquarium

Takachiho Gorge

Takachiho Gorge was formed by 4 time eruptions of Mt. Aso, 270 thousand years ago, 140 thousand years ago, 120 thousand years ago and 90 thousand years ago. The average height is 80 meters and the highest point is 100meters. The V-shaped valley formed for about 7 km from east to west. There is an about 1 Km long walking path along the river. From this walking path, you can enjoy amazing scenery such as Manai Waterfall which was selected as one of the 100 most beautiful waterfalls in Japan.

- Designated as a natural monument in 1934
- Designated as a part of Sobo-Katamuki National Park in 1965.



1 Manai Waterfall

Manai Waterfall is about 17 meters in height and is located in the middle of Takachiho Gorge. The sight of its waters crashing into the gorge is a highlight for visitors, and boats can be rented out during the day year-round to experience the falls up close from below.



2 Takachiho Gorge Boat Rental

Enjoy the view of Manai Waterfall and columnar joint from the boat !

- Embarkation time : 30 mins
- Maximum Capacity : 3 passengers
- Opening hours : 8:30am to 5:00pm (Reception : until 4:30pm)
Closing time may move up depending on the waiting time.
- Contact : 0982-82-2140



Boat rental
Reservation Website



HERE is Boat
Rental Information!

3 Tourism Association Souvenir Shop



- Opening hours : 8:30am to 5:00pm



4 Kihachi-no-chikaraishi Rock

A massive 200 ton stone. It is said to have been hurled by the fearsome demon, Kihachi, during a legendary battle against Mikeiri-no-Mikoto deity.



5 Columnar Joint

The layered look of Takachiho Gorge, known as columnar jointing, was created from the rapid cooling of fast-flowing lava that eroded over time into the present deep V-shaped valley.



6 Takachiho Three Bridges

One of the spots in all of Japan with a simultaneous view of three arched bridges. The three bridges showcase diverse construction technologies.



Town of mythology and legendary Takachiho Sightseeing Recommendations

Takachiho Shrine

☎ 0982-72-2413

With a history stretching back some 1900 years, Takachiho Shrine is the most important Shinto shrine in the area and enshrines the deities of the other 88 main local shrines. Its main deities are widely worshipped as the deities for agricultural industry, warding off evil and match-making. The main Sanctuary was nationally recognized as an Important Cultural Property in 2004.



Amanoiwato Shrine

☎ 0982-74-8239

Amanoiwato Shrine is the place of Amanoiwato Mythology. This shrine has West Sanctuary and East Sanctuary, and both enshrined Sun goddess, Amaterasu-Omikami. At the West Sanctuary, you can see a rotating statue of Ame-no-Uzume-no-Mikoto. And there is a statue of Tajikarao-no-Mikoto at the parking lot of the West Sanctuary.



Amanoyasukawara

Amanoyasukawara is the cave where many deities gathered to discuss a plan to lure Amaterasu out. (15 min walk from West Sanctuary) At some point, visitors began to stack stones around the cave floor as a form of wish-making.



Kunimigaoka

At 513 meters above sea level, Kunimigaoka offers panoramic views of the area. On cool, clear and windless autumn mornings, the view may become a Sea of Clouds blanketing the landscape beneath the summit. The hilltop viewpoint has a one-star rating in the Michelin Green Guide to Japan.



Takachiho Amaterasu Railway

☎ 0982-72-3216

Takachiho Amaterasu Railway is a 30-minutes railway tour that traverses 2.55Km of disused tracks of the old Takachiho Railway. The tour highlight is the pinnacle stop atop Takachiho Iron Bridge, once the highest railway bridge in Japan. You can see some beautiful terraced rice fields.



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