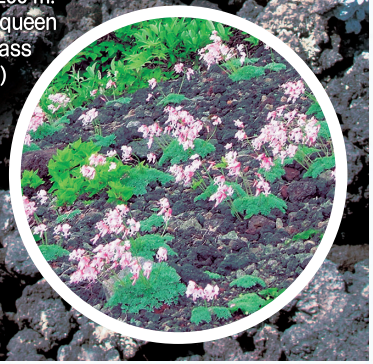
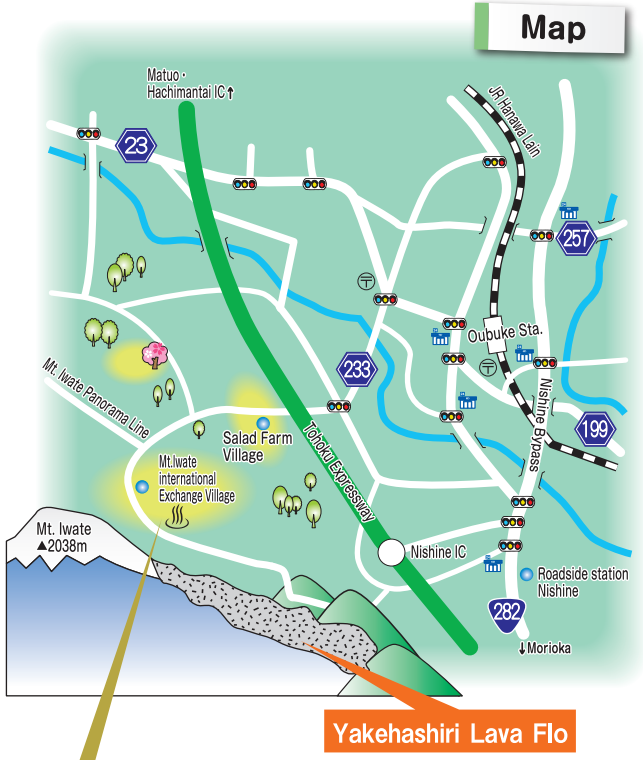
The northeastern slope of Mt. Iwate (2,038m) is covered with volcanic gravel.
During the 1732 eruption, lava flowed down from 1,200 meters high to form the Yakehashiri Lava Flow.
The dark brown landscape stretches over 4 kilometers and reaches 1.5 kilometers in width.
It' s rare for an entire lava field to maintain its shape and condition so precisely for so long, making this a valuable natural monument for observing the formation of lava flows today.
1952 Designated as a National Special Natural Monument
1957 Designated as a Special Reserve within Towada-Hachimantai National Park

The largest Dicentra peregrina colony in the country

About 2 hours and 10 minutes after starting from the burning course, it is located in the gravel area above the site of the first injection outlet at an altitude of 1,200 m.
Often referred to as the queen of alpine flora, horsegrass (komakusa in Japanese) is called such because it resembles a horse's face when viewed from the side.
It blooms pretty flowers in early summer and is loved by climbers.



Map



Mt.Iwate international Exchange Village
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- Hot spring
- Astronomical observatory
- Cabin Village
- Campsites

Transportation information

Car	About 15 minutes from Nishine IC
Railroad	About 40 minutes from Morioka Station to obuke Station(Iwate Galaxy Railway-JR Hanawa Line)*No transfer
Taxi	About 20 minutes from Obuke Station to Yakehashiri Lava Flow

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Yakehashiri Lava Flow

Guide Map





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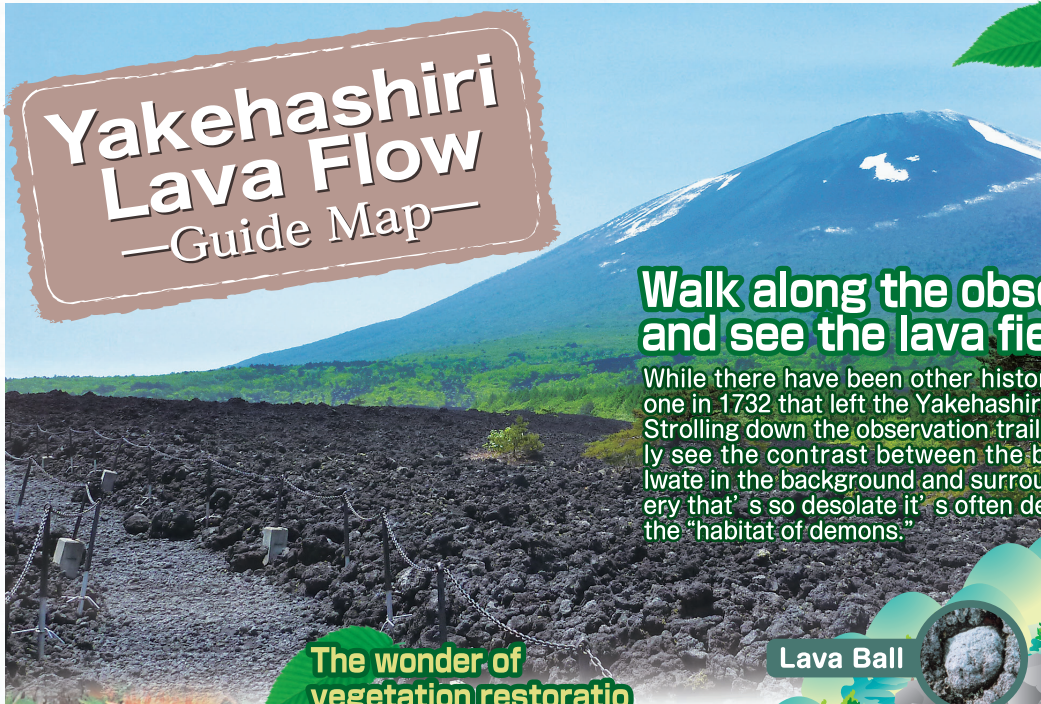
The Wonders of volcanoes and lava

The lava flows are formed from an accumulation of dark brown, porous lava chunks ranging from fist-sized to over 1m in diameter.
With a thickness of 5~10m, their stripe-like pattern across the ground has led to them often being referred to as "tiger-like" in appearance.
In addition, many of these chunks are confirmed to have formed into specifically ball-like shapes as the lava flowed and rolled across the terrain.
These "lava balls" are an uncommon phenomenon even globally.


View from the trail

Walk along the observation path and see the lava field

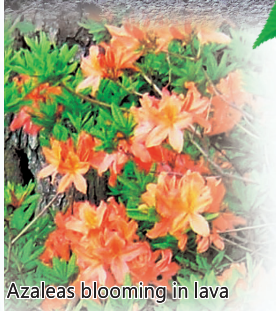
While there have been other historic eruptions, it was the one in 1732 that left the Yakehashiri Lava Flow.
Strolling down the observation trail, you can clearly see the contrast between the beauty of Mt. Iwate in the background and surrounding scenery that' s so desolate it' s often described as the "habitat of demons."



The wonder of vegetation restoratio

More than 290 years after the eruption, the plants at this site are rich in bryophytes and lichens.

Just as mosses transition to knotweed and pine, the various other plants continue to recover, growing in island-shaped clusters that reach into the surrounding oak forest.
The recovery of Yakehashiri as a food habitat is said to be particularly slow, which makes it possible to observe the process.


Azaleas blooming in lava

Wonders of life

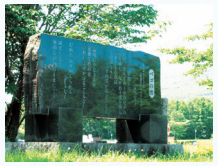
Even in the harsh environment above the lava flows, insects such as frogs, spiders and dragonflies thrive with the help of hollowed out puddles and small patches of grass.
Wild birds living in the vicinity feed on these insects, carry nuts with droppings, etc., contributing to the expansion of plants and creating an ecosystem that is adapted to the environment.

■Mt.Iwate
Towada-Hachimantai National Park
- Altitude 2038m
- Active Volcano - Part of the Nasu Volcanic Belt

■Yakehashiri Lava Flow
Designated as a Special Natural Monument (March 9, 1952)
- A lava field formed from the volcanic eruption of Mt. Iwate in 1732, originating from four separate spouts around 1,100m~1,200m above sea level.
- Length: Approx. 4 km, Width: Approx. 1.5 km



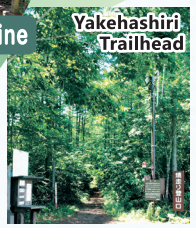
Miyazawa Kenji Monument
Poet and fairytale writer from Hanamaki City, Iwate Prefecture


Syouko Ema Song Monument
Lyricist and poet from Hachimantai City, Iwate Prefecture

Mountaineering courses and spiritualism

There are two mountain trails in the area.
Yakehashiri Course
Get a panoramic view of the lava flow
Uwabo Course
Starting from Mt. Iwate Shrine, where sacred mountain rituals were held, the course proceeds through forest zones.


Uwabo Trailhead


Yakehashiri Trailhead

Course guide (Time is a guideline for beginners)

Yakehashiri Nature Observation Path	Approx. 1,000m (45 min)
Ⓐ Yakehashiri Course	4hrs 50min Uphill, 3hrs 35min Downhill
Ⓑ Uwabo Course	4hrs 10min Uphill, 3hrs 5min Downhill