



# Geo Nature Exploring Map

The terrain around Shukunegi and Kotoura is formed by a submarine volcano millions of years ago. Let's take a walk around the area to enjoy and learn about the formation of nature.

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## Most Attractive Places

### ① Iwayasan Cave



A sacred sea cave formed 80,000 years ago with Magaibutsu (image of Buddha carved on stone) and Stone Buddha enshrined.

### ② Horizontal Well



In Ogi peninsula, digging this well and groundwater vein, was vital for the development of new farming fields.

### ③ Shiawase Jizo



At the foot of Togamisan, a 17.5m high Jizo (guardian deity) was built. The same smaller form has been enshrined under the sea of Kotoura.

## What is geopark?

### The Geohistory of Shukunegi

People's lives as well as townscape style of Shukunegi, are always related to Sado Island itself. Understanding the relation will help you enjoy geopark. Shukunegi is formed from magma fragments ejected from ancient submarine volcanoes. Due to the characteristics of the volcanic rocks being easily cut and shaped, the residents used these rocks as materials for their houses.

### Legend

- Visitor Center (Question mark icon)
- Toilet (Toilet icon)
- Bus Stop (Bus icon)
- Parking (P icon)
- Museum (Museum icon)

### Access By car

- Ryotsu Port-Shukunegi About 70min, 44km
- Ogi Port-Shukunegi About 10min, 4.5km
- Akadomari Port-Shukunegi About 30min, 4.5km

### Safety Concerns

As the sea coast from Shukunegi to Kotoura is formed of craggy stones, it is not recommended for you to wear heels and thin bottom shoes.

We kindly ask visitors to pay 100JPY for cooperation of townscape conservation.

### ④ Marine Erosion Caves



The coastal rocks are cut by the impact of the wave and water pressure, sand and pebbles that brought the creation of such deep cave.

### ⑤ Stone Quarry Remains



In Shukunegi, stones from Niiya Cape were used. The pavement of Yosutekoji farewell alley are made from those stones.

### ⑥ Wave Erosion Pothole



The holes are formed when water waves create vortices at the surface of the rocks. As time goes by, pebbles trapped by these vortices wear down holes in the rocks.

### ⑦ Chimney Pipe for Salt Production



It was used as a chimney pipe in making the salt from boiled seawater. It is made of stone from quarry of Niiya Cape.

### ⑧ Somazaki Tunnel



It was manually dug for 5 years for salt production since 1935.

