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Okinawa Prefecture Kunigami Village
Tourist Guide Map Vol.4

Location and Topography

Kunigami Village is the northernmost village on Okinawa Island. To the east lies the Pacific Ocean and to the west, the East China Sea. Most of the land area is forested mountain wilderness, making it a place of natural scenic beauty. Located 128° east and 26° north, Kunigami is about 100 km from the seat of the prefectural government in Naha, about 30 km from Nago, the main city in the northern part of Okinawa Island, and about 28 km from Yoron Island in Kagoshima Prefecture. It has a total area of sq.km 194.80, making it the fifth largest village in Okinawa Prefecture.

Numerous mountains cross the central part including Mt. Yonaha(503 m), the highest range on the main island, Mt. Iyu(446 m), and Mt. Nishime(420). They form the watershed for the Hiji, Yona, and Benoki rivers flowing to the west coast, and the Oku, Sosu, Ada and Aha rivers flowing to the east coast.

The soil, which rests on a foundation of slate, consists of a surface layer of Kunigami gravel(Kunigami maji), marine alluvial soil, ancient limestone soil, coral limestone soil and so on in various distributions.

Kunigami Calendar

	January	February	March	April	May	Jun
Season	Winter		Spring	Early summer		
Event		Kunigami Village Industry Festival & Camellia Festival			Oku Koinobori Festival	
Fauna and Flora	Cherry blossoms			Coral tree flowers		Chinese guger tree flowe
	Camellia flowers					
				Okinawan fireflies		
		Humpback whale				Sea turtle egg laying and
					Arrival of terns, ruddy kingfis	
				Okinawa woodpecker breeding season		
			Okinawa rail breeding season			

Special Local Products



Outline

Kunigami Village is blessed with the natural resources offered by the sea, mountains, and rivers, with cultural assets and historic sites that are recognized at the national, prefectural and municipal levels. The natural beauty of Kunigami includes the vast forested mountain ranges of Mt. Yonaha, the highest range on Okinawa Island, Mt. Nishime and Mt. Ibu; more than thirty pure rivers large and small; the clear waters of the Pacific Ocean and East China Sea; the shore scenery of the eastern coastline; and the Okinawa-Kaigan Quasi-National Park from Cape Hedo at the northern tip of Okinawa Island to the west coast. In addition, the deep green national forests are a treasure trove of wildlife, many designated as national monuments, such as the Okinawa woodpecker, Okinawa rail, and Yanbaru long-armed scarab beetle. Kunigami uses this natural environment to promote experience-based, community-centered tourism. Furthermore, the Kuina Sport and Recreation Park has been completed facing the sea and river. With an all-weather athletics stadium, baseball field, multipurpose field, indoor sports ground, mini golf course, tennis courts and so on, it promotes healthy development of the young and better health for citizens. Sports matches, sports days and other events attract many repeat visitors, helping to invigorate the village.

Month	July	August	September	October	November	December
Season	Summer		Autumn			Winter
Events	Ada Shinugu Festival	Kunigami Village Festival	Local Harvest festivals		Kunigami Village Culture and Welfare Festival	
Wildlife			Oshima cicadas	Hibiscus makinoi		
Activities	Kuma cicadas				GINAMA dolphin fishing	
Other	coral breeding					
Birds	hers, Japanese paradise flycatchers and other summer birds			Chinese goshawks arrive		Gray-faced buzzards arrive (until March)

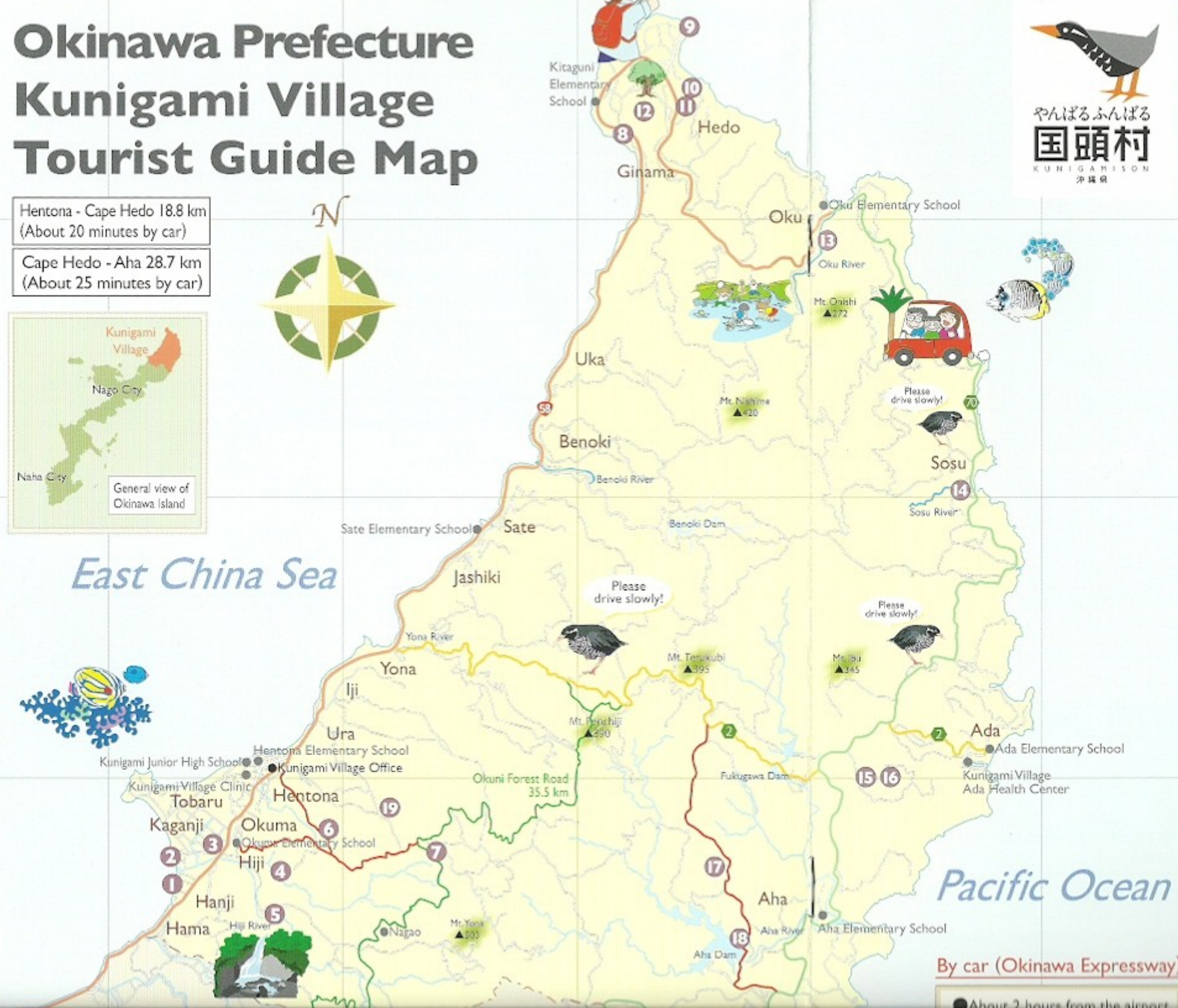
Agricultural Produce



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Hentona - Cape Hedo 18.8 km
(About 20 minutes by car)

Cape Hedo - Aha 28.7 km
(About 25 minutes by car)



East China Sea

Pacific Ocean

By car (Okinawa Expressway)

● About 2 hours from the airport



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Pacific Ocean

By car (Okinawa Expressway)

- About 2 hours from the airport (to Kunigami Municipal Office)
- Take the Okinawa Expressway from Naha IC (about 70 minutes)
- ↓
- Get off at Kyoda IC
- ↓
- Head north on National Route 58 (about 45 minutes)

Local Bus Timetable

Oku line

Northbound (Oku→Hentona)

No.	Oku	Hedo	Cape Hedo	Kingto	Gisasa	Uka	Benoki	Sate	Jashiki	Yona	Iji	Ura	Hentona
①	7AM	40	49	54	58								
	8AM				02	09	12	16	18	22	25	26	28
②	1PM	30	39	44	48	52	59						
	2PM							02	06	08	12	15	16
③	4PM	00	09	14	18	22	29	32	36	38	42	45	46

Southbound (Hentona→Oku)

No.	Hentona	Ura	Iji	Yona	Jashiki	Sate	Benoki	Uka	Gisasa	Kapolo	Cape Hedo	Hedo	Oku
①	11AM	30	32	33	36	40	42	46	49	56			
	12AM										00	04	09
②	3PM	00	02	03	06	10	12	16	19	26	30	34	39
③	6PM	10	12	13	16	20	22	25	27	34	38	43	47
Winter ④	5PM	30	32	33	36	40	42	46	49	56			
	6PM										00	04	07

The departure time of the third southbound bus differs between the summer and winter periods.
 Summer: From April 1 to September 30 Winter: From October 1 to March 31

Higashi line

Northbound (Sosu→Ada→Aha→Hentona)

No.	Sosu	Ada	Aha	Via National Route 2	Hentona
①	7:20	7:40	7:55	Sosu → Ada → Aha →	8:30
*①	8:00	8:20	8:35	Sosu → Ada → Aha →	9:05

*Sunday departs at 8:00 (year round)

No.	Aha	Sosu	Ada	Via National Route 2	Hentona
②	14:30	14:55	15:05	Aha → Sosu → Ada →	15:37

Southbound (Hentona→Sosu→Ada→Aha)

No.	Hentona	Via National Route 2	Ada	Sosu	Aha
①	12:30	→ Ada → Sosu → Aha	13:00	13:15	13:37

The second southbound bus (Summer: From April 1 to September 30)

No.	Hentona	Aha	Ada	Sosu
*②	18:10	→ Aha → Ada → Sosu	18:45	19:00

The second southbound bus (Winter: From October 1 to March 31)

No.	Hentona	Aha	Ada	Sosu
*②	17:10	→ Aha → Ada → Sosu	17:45	18:00

The second southbound bus (Saturday, Sunday, and during Summer/Winter/Spring vacations of Hentona High School)

No.	Hentona	Aha	Ada	Sosu
*②	17:00	→ Aha → Ada → Sosu	17:35	17:50

*The second southbound bus has three schedules depending on the day.

Rent-a-Car

Fuji Rent-a-Car Okuma 1373-1, Kunigami Tel. 0980-41-2653

Taxi

Memory Taxi Tel. 090-3794-3934

Accommodation

JAL PRIVATE RESORT OKUMA	913 Okuma, Kunigami 905-1412	0980-41-2222
Hotel Miyashiro	1429 Hentona, Kunigami 905-1411	0980-41-2337
Hotel Kunigami	139 Hentona, Kunigami 905-1411	0980-41-2115
ADA GARDEN HOTEL OKINAWA	1285-95 Ada, Kunigami 905-1503	0980-41-7070
Kunigami Kariyushi Hotel	269-1 Hanji, Kunigami 905-1414	0980-50-1906
Yanbaru Manabi no Mori	1301-7 Aha, Kunigami 905-1504	0980-41-7979
Oku Yanbaru no Sato	1280-1 Oku, Kunigami 905-1501	0980-50-4141
Sosu Asahi no Oka	517 Sosu, Kunigami 905-1502	0980-41-8888
Minshuku Izumiya	192 Hentona, Kunigami 905-1411	0980-41-2972
Minshuku Yanbaru Kinasou	1278-6 Hentona, Kunigami 905-1411	0980-41-5506
Minshuku Miyagi	480 Oku, Kunigami 905-1501	0980-41-8383
Minshuku Saji	112 Ada, Kunigami 905-1503	0980-41-7676
Minshuku Aha	322 Aha, Kunigami 905-1504	0980-41-7255
Minshuku Ichariba Chode	346 Hanji, Kunigami 905-1414	0980-41-3234
Pension Yonaha-Dake	2040-101 Okuma, Kunigami 905-1412	0980-41-2646
Kunigami Village Forest Park (Bungalows, log cabins and campsites)	1094-1 Hentona, Kunigami 905-1411	0980-50-1022
Hiji Otaki Fall Camp site	781-1 Hiji, Kunigami 905-1413	0980-41-3636

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Kuina Sport and Recreation Park

The park was designed to combine the natural environment of Yanbaru with sports facilities. Inside the park are a multipurpose field and Kunigami Baseball Stadium and Kunigami Indoor Sports Ground (artificial turf) that conform to professional baseball field dimensions with 100 m to left and right fields. Kunigami Athletics Stadium has a 400 m all-weather track. (TEL.0980-41-2101 / 5774)

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Kaganji Shimana Park

This genuine 18-hole park golf course by the sea has well-maintained greens, and facilities for night games. In addition, there are four artificial turf tennis courts right next door, offering a taste of resort life. (TEL.0980-41-2100)

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Michi no Eki (Kunigami Village Product Center)

The Michi no Eki is a center for direct sale of local produce, woodcrafts using local materials and processed marine produce. Tourist information is also available, making it a popular place both with local people and visitors. (TEL.0980-41-5555)

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Yanbaru Wildlife Conservation Center Ufugi Nature Museum

Explaining why the natural environment of Yanbaru is so important and so unique, the museum presents the secrets and the wonder of Yanbaru's fauna and flora through highly engaging and enjoyable exhibits. Entry is free of charge. (TEL.0980-50-1025)

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Hiji Waterfall

Hiji Waterfall is the highest in Okinawa Island at 257 m. A pleasant walk along trails through the natural beauty of Yanbaru takes you to the falls in 40 minutes. There is also a camping ground. (TEL.0980-41-3636)

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Kunigami Village Forest Park

In a forest park surrounded by chinquapin trees, you can follow some 3 km of forest trails, enjoying wild bird song and seasonal plants. The park is provided with bungalows, log huts, and a camping ground. (TEL.0980-50-1022)

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Yonaha-Dake Mountain Climbing Trails (Forest Therapy Roads)

Kunigami Village is the only place in Okinawa Prefecture recognized for forest therapy. Walking the Forest Therapy Roads (Yonaha-Dake, Hiji Waterfall, and Forest Park trails and Nature Trail) while receiving the benefits of the great outdoors brings peace and balance to the mind and body.

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Kayauchi Banta

With 80 m cliffs facing the East China Sea, this scenic spot offers views of the sea off the Okinawa-Kaigan Quasi-National Park. (TEL.0980-41-2101 Kunigami Village Office)

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Cape Hedo

The northernmost cape of Okinawa Island where the heavy seas of Pacific Ocean and East China Sea dash against the wild cliffs. From here, Yoron Island in Kagoshima Prefecture can be seen on the horizon, and it was known long ago as landmark to travelers returning home. (TEL.0980-41-2101 Kunigami Village Office)

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Okinawa Rail Observation Platform

At 11.5 m, this observation platform in the form of the Village's representative bird overlooks Cape Hedo and other grand views. (TEL.0980-41-2101 Kunigami Village Office)

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Hedo Saion Pine Trees Conservation Park

Saion was a historical personage with talents in all fields of engineering. The park established to preserve the pine trees here features paths between villages. (TEL.0980-41-2101 • Kunigami Village Office)

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Daisekirinzan Park

Close to Hedo-Misaki, you can enjoy trekking through a mysterious karst landscape festooned with huge Chinese banyan trees and other tropical plants. There is also a barrier-free course for the elderly and people in wheelchairs. (TEL.0980-41-8111)

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Oku Yanbaru no Sato (Communication Center and Accommodation Facilities)

Here, the Communication Center displaying artifacts related to Oku village life and the accommodation built in a style reflecting traditional Okinawan homes face each other across the Oku River in an environment surrounded by mountains, creating an atmosphere that allows visitors to feel as if they belong to the region. (TEL.0980-50-4141)

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Sosu Asahi no Oka

The former Sosu school buildings were modernized as a multigenerational welfare facility with a lifestyle support house, senior's day service center and children's day-care center on the first floor and accommodation on the second floor for visitors engaged in sports and outdoor pursuits. (TEL.0980-41-6868)

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Kuina Park Golf Course

Surrounded by forested mountains, this 36-hole turf course is the largest park golf course in Okinawa. It is open to the public. Also horses and small animals are kept in the adjacent park making it an ideal place to relax. (TEL.0980-41-7788)

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Okinawa Rail Ecology Center

Here you can learn about the ecology of the Okinawa rail, a national natural monument. Kunigami undertakes conservation of the Okinawa rail and seeks to raise awareness of the bird by presenting information about its habitat. (TEL.0980-41-7788)

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Yanbaru Manabi no Mori (Discovery Zone)

A base for touring the natural forests and rivers of Yanbaru, with night hikes and other programs. Visitors can dine at the café lounge deep in the forest or relax in a hammock. The exhibition room and seminar hall is used for employee training and other educational events. (TEL.0980-41-7979)

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Yanbaru Manabi no Mori (Activity Zone)

On the Jungle Canoe Tour, you pass through a reservoir lined with giant Cyathea ferns and observe organisms living in a mountain stream. The popular Yamashishi course takes a varied and relaxed stroll through the forest looking for all sorts of life. With an athletic field and auto camping site, it can be enjoyed by people of all ages. (TEL.0980-41-7979)

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Kunigami Forest Stroll Road (Cross-Country Course)

This course is 1.5 km round with moderate gradients. At 3.5 m wide, the natural grass track feels great to run on. Here you can also see the Okinawa woodpecker and rail, both of which are national natural monuments. Provided with toilets and showers, it's used by many professional athletes for their winter training. (TEL.0980-41-2101 • Kunigami Village Office)