

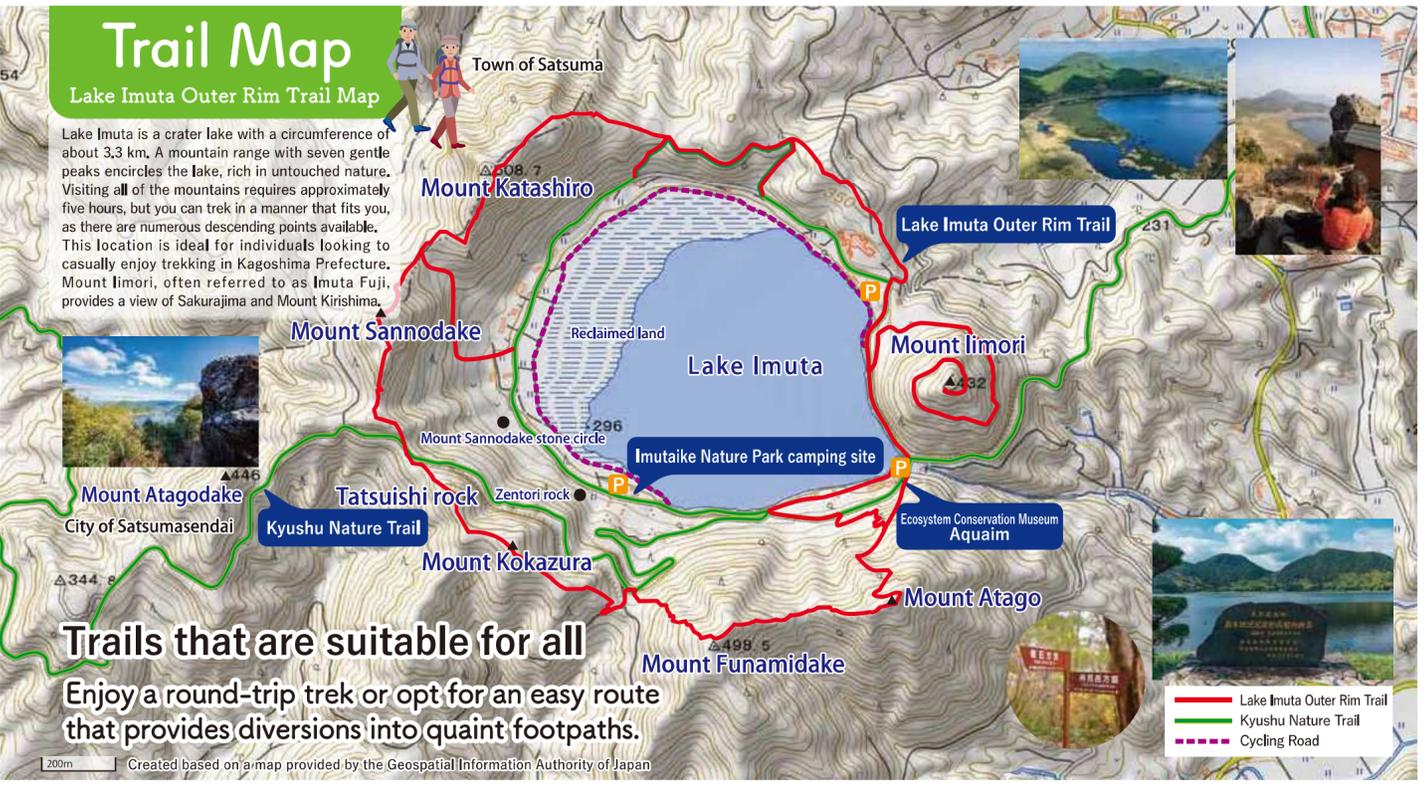
**Lake Imuta's geology**

Volcanic activities occurred rampantly at Lake Imuta from half a million to 350,000 years ago. Mount Imori's eruption blocked the area that had sunk owing to volcanic activity, forming Lake Imuta. Because of the highly viscous magma, many volcanic landforms known as lava domes can be observed.

Imutaik Prefectural Nature Park is set in terrain formed by volcanic activity and an abundant environment.

**Lake Sumiyoshi's geology**

Lake Sumiyoshi is a crater lake roughly 500 meters in diameter, 50 meters deep, and virtually circular. The volcano erupted approximately 8,000 years ago. During the area's development, the warm environment and high sea level caused seawater to rush into the area surrounding Lake Sumiyoshi, contacting the magma and producing intense eruptions. It is believed that the nearby Yonemaru Maar volcano originated similarly.



**Trails that are suitable for all**  
Enjoy a round-trip trek or opt for an easy route that provides diversions into quaint footpaths.

**Kyushu Nature Trail**

~A long trail that links seven Kyushu prefectures like a necklace~  
The Kyushu Nature Trail is approximately 3,000 kilometers long, with roughly 560 kilometers in Kagoshima Prefecture. The Kagoshima Prefecture route connects one national park to seven prefectural nature parks while also passing past Lake Imuta. Signposts with a snail emblem, affectionately known as "Yamabiko-san," mark the trail.



**Visit the Prefectural Nature Park!**

The prefecture offers prefectural nature parks to conserve its landscapes and enhance the health and relaxation of its citizens through their use. There are currently ten locations.

**Find us**

**How to reach Lake Imuta**

- <Car> Kagoshima Airport → Prefectural Highway 40 → 42 → 406 (approx. 50 min)
- Kagoshima - Chuo Station → via Kyushu Expressway (approx. 55 min)
- <Bus> 35 min walk from the Imuta Onsen bus stop

**How to reach Lake Sumiyoshi**

- <Car> Kagoshima Airport → Prefectural Highway 40 (approx. 25 min)
- Kagoshima - Chuo Station → via Kyushu Expressway (approx. 35 min)
- <Bus> 30 min walk from the Sumiyoshiike bus stop
- \*Transit times are approximate

**Enquiries**

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The residents of Aira and Satsumasendai, and the town of Satsuma, worked together to create this map. We hope you enjoy the locals' "My Secret Spot."

**Imutaik Prefectural Nature Park Find out and learn about the area**

Discover Imuta ike  
The area surrounding Imutaik Prefectural Nature Park is endowed with soothing scenery and an unspoiled environment. There is a narrative about how the locals have made good use of nature over the years. Local high school students engaged with individuals who inherited wisdom and expertise in diverse areas like agriculture and crafts and absorbed their inspiring stories.

**Sensatsu Seishukan High School**  
A gift from Japanese honey bees ~Golden honey~

**Kajiki Technical High School**  
From the Earth to the Cafe ~Organic Blessings in an Old House~

**Reimei High School**  
World-class Bamboo Crafts ~Bamboo in Tsuruta Town~

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3 Watch the movies!

\*Some models and communication environments may make it impossible to see the movies.

**Lake Imuta's four seasons**

The lake serves as a habitat for diverse life forms, including seasonal plants and the elusive bekkō dragonfly, and has historically been a sanctuary for residents seeking relaxation. It is a landscape that deserves protection.

**Lovingly protected Wildlife of Lake Imuta**

**Bekko dragonfly's protected habitat**  
The bekkō dragonfly is a rare species that can be found at Lake Imuta from April to June each year. It is named after the colors and patterns on its body and wings. The IUCN Red List places it under legal protection. The bekkō dragonfly's habitat, Lake Imuta, is also home to numerous species of aquatic plants and a favored location for waterfowl.

\*As a general rule, the collection of Beck's dragonflies, both adults and eggs, is prohibited by law.

**Invasive species that threaten the ecosystem**

Invasive species like black bass and bluegill are wreaking havoc on lakes Imuta and Sumiyoshi. These non-native species prey on native species, which disrupts the environment. Local volunteers and experts are working to eliminate these species while protecting the ecosystem.

**Lake Imuta Invasive Species Stamp Out Fishing Party**

Every August, a fishing party is organized to eliminate invasive species in Lake Imuta. Children and the elderly engage in a friendly competition to determine who can catch the most fish.

**It is illegal to release fish into Lakes Imuta and Sumiyoshi.**

**Wildlife of Lake Sumiyoshi**

Lake Sumiyoshi stands out in Kagoshima Prefecture for its frequent visitors, the flocks of mandarin ducks. A variety of wildfowl frequent the lake, making it an excellent location for winter birdwatching.

**Lake Sumiyoshi's nature and wildfowl**

**Lakes Imuta and Sumiyoshi's Wildlife Calendar**

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Lake Imuta</b>				Bekko dragonfly								
				Crimson marsh glider								
				Pied skimmer								
				Luciola parvula								
				Chestnut tiger								
				Japanese fire-bellied newt								
<b>Lake Sumiyoshi</b>					Kingfisher							
					Mandarin duck							
					Spot-billed duck							
					Crested kingfisher							