## Amakusa-Goshoura Geopark

**Travel back** one hundred million years in time Feel the dynamic life of the earth at Amakusa-Goshoura Geopark!

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In Japan 14 regions have become members of the Japanese Geopark Network - four of which (as of Dec. 2010) are members of the Global Geopark Network which promotes these unique regions on the international stage. Amakusa-Goshoura became a member of the Japanese Geopark Network in October 2009.

Learn all about the ancient environments and fossils found on the island. Try your hand a fossil hunting at the Fossil Collection Site.

Why don't you take part in a dinosaur island experience with us?

## Boshoura Ceo-Tourism guides will take you to all the sites! See P21 for det Marine Taxi Cruise Hire a boat to cruise around the island of dinosaurs. Guided by the captain and with a little luck, you might spot the island's swimming wild pigs! Reservations: Goshoura Products Hall, Shiosai-Kan TEL: 0969-67-1234 The Goshoura Cretaceous **Period Museum** Mr.Ugai, Curator "A unique feature of Goshoura Geopark is the abundance and diversity of the fossils that are frequently found here; fossils of ammonites and other shell creatures, the bones of herbivorous dinosaurs and even their footprints. It is exciting to be able to view these fossils in their natural strata in the out-of-doors. It's as if the entire island's ai open-air museum Recommended Cycling Course We highly recommend fossi Karasu-Toge Pass Observation Course hunting as one of your --- Fossil Road us. Take home a Recommended Cruise Course special souvenir!

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#### What is a "Geopark"?

region that includes one or more sites of importance – not only geologically but also by virtue of its archaeological, ecological or cultural value." A Geopark is a nature park that focuses on the formation and features of the earth itself. Through geo-tourism promoting education and preservation, Geoparks can play a vital role in communities and regions.



A statue of a Tyrannosaurus at the Goshoura Harbor (next to Shiosai-Kan)

●The Goshoura Cretaceous Museum E-6

#### ●Fossil Collecting [E-6]



Take part in fossil collecting at a site ■ The Goshoura Creta near the Goshoura Cretaceous Period near the Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum. Fossils of bivalve and spiral shell creatures are often found here. shell creatures are often found here. With a little luck, you may be able to which you can add to the museum

#### ●Ammonite House E-6



A fossil ammonite Eupachyearth. The fossil is 60 cm in diameter and is the largest ever found in Kyushu.



# This museum was established when dinosaur fossils were

discovered in Goshoura in July 2002. Among the thousand fossil displays you can see teeth of Japan's largest carnivorous dinosaurs, bones of herbivorous dinosaurs, and fossils of Japan's oldest large mammals. Within a five-minute walk from the museum are two fossil collection sites.

- ■The Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum in the Goshoura Island
- 0969-67-2325 n: 8:30∼17:00 (admission until 16:30)
- sed: Mondays (except on national holidays: the next eekday is closed instead) and Dec 29~Jan 3 dmission: Adult¥200, High-school¥150, Children¥100



