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 at fossil hunting at the Fossil Collection Site.

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

What is a “Geopark”?

The UNESCO-supported World Geopark Network established in 2004 defines a Geopark as “a 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.

Goshoura Geopark guide will take you to all the sites seen P21 for details.

Marine Fossil Guide

A short distance from the Goshoura Geopark, you will find the island of Nakanoshima, and it’s common to find Marine Fossils in the area.

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Travel by car or tour bus for a short ride to explore the marine fossils that are collectable at the Goshoura Geopark.

Fossil Collecting

Take part in fossil collecting at a site near the Goshoura Cretaceous Period Museum. Fossils of brachiopod and other shell creatures are often found here. With a little luck, you may be able to find rare fossils as minerals which you can add to the museum collection.

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

The Goshoura Cretaceous Museum

This museum was established when dinosaur fossils were discovered in Goshoura in July 2002. Among the thousands of fossils displayed 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.

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Ammonite House

A fossil ammonite Miophyseterus as it is found in the earth. The fossil is 80 cm in diameter and is the largest ever found in Japan.

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