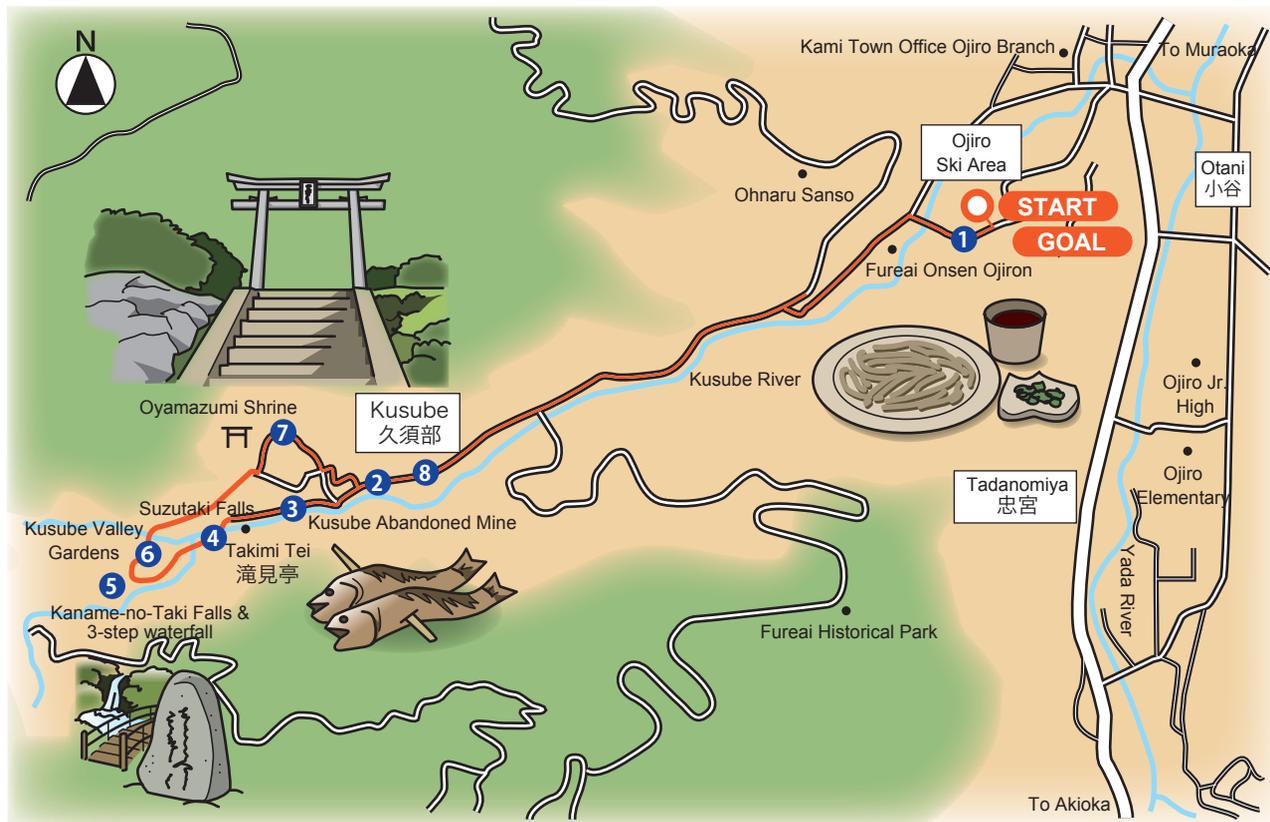


Japan's Most Beautiful Village - Tour Kami Town Ojiro & Kusube Valley Falls

Kusube Valley (Kusube-keikoki) is part of Hyōnosen-Ushiroyama-Nagisan Quasi-National Park and it's also a treasure trove of primeval forests and waterfalls. Listen to the murmuring stream of Kusube River as you take a therapeutic stroll through the forest. Even cool in the summer, you can refresh your body and soul in the negative ions from the waterfalls and valleys.



- 1 Start at "Ojiro Ski Area's Gondola Station" and cross the nearby bridge, just before "Fureai Onsen Ojiron (ふれあい温泉おじろん)" turn left and walk along the river for about 3 minutes till you reach "Kusube River Slide". Here the riverfloor, formed with tuff (consolidated volcanic ash) is very smooth creating a natural water slide and is recommended for icing tired feet.
- 2 Walk about another 3 minutes from Kusube River Slide along the river's walking path back to the wide road past the parking lot. Walk for about 10 minutes along the river to the small village then after 5 more minutes the road will split in two.
- 3 Taking the road that runs along the river you will soon arrive at "Kusube Abandoned Mine". Here deep in the thick of Kusube Valley's nature you can try mountain stream fishing for Yamane (salmon type) or Amago(trout type) fish. Gold was mined at Kusube Mine until around the 1930s, waterwheels used to generate power still remain near the waterfall to this day.
- 4 Directly to the left of Kusube Abandoned Mine "Suzutaki Falls" can be seen. Walk for about 3 minutes to the bridge and cross, here is "Takimi Tei" restaurant that serves up dishes featuring river fish. You can eat and rest here, although reservations should be made in advance just in case, you can contact the restaurant by phone at 0796-97-2330(No English)
- 5 Cross the bridge located about 1 minute from Takimi Tei to "Kaname-no-Taki Falls" and the "3-Step Falls". The Kusube River flows at the foot of Hotokeno (1227m) and Kaname-no-Taki Falls is said to have a height of 10m. It is named because the water spreads like a [folding]fan.
- 6 Take the path next to "Kaname-no-Taki Falls", but watch your footing as the spray from the fall has made the path slippery.
- 7 As you walk up the path you will soon pass through "Kusube Valley Gardens", cross the bridge and continue for about 5 minutes until you reach "Oyamazumi Shrine (大山祇神社)"
- 8 Walk down about 5 minutes from Oyamazumi Shrine and you should reach the original road you came on, take this back to where you first started out.



- **Difficulty** : ★☆☆
- **Restroom** : Gondola Station Parking Lot
- **Access** : By Train/Bus: From JR Yoka Station take the Zentan Bus and get off at Ojiro Otani Bus Station
By Car: Go to Gondola Station Parking Lot
- **Contact** : Kasumi Town Ojiro Tourist Association
TEL: 0796-97-2250

Approx. Distance

4 km