

Japan's Most Beautiful Village - Kami Town Ojiro, Giant Tree Forest, Yoshitaki Falls

A course that'll take you around Hyogo Prefecture's designated natural treasure "Yoshitaki Falls". From behind Yoshitaki Falls the water looks like a curtain as it falls and on either side is Kintaki Falls (Gold Falls) and Gintaki Falls (Silver Falls). The view of the area and mountains near Shima Pond is magnificent.



- 1 Start at the "Yoshitaki Campsite Cottage Village Management Building". Walk down the paved slope for about 3 minutes till you reach "Yoshitaki Campground Observation Deck". Because the campground is located at a high altitude of 620m above sea level you can see over Ojiro ward, see beautiful starry skies at night and sometimes encounter a sea of clouds at dawn.
- 2 From the observation deck go down the road about 5 min. and there'll be a three-way street. Turn right and continue down.
- 3 After 10 minutes you'll come to another three-way street, proceed to the right of the directional signpost for Yoshitaki(吉滝)
- 4 After about 10 minutes you should see a small parking lot, on the other side is the path we will use to get to "Yoshitaki Falls". As you enter the path cedar, zelkova and other large trees will greet you on either side.
- 5 When you have gone about 5 minutes, on the left there is "Nukida Genbugan" a basalt boulder that is said to have formed 1.3 million years ago. The contrast of the stones black shine when it's wet and the green of the surrounding plants is splendid. After passing this you should soon come to a concrete bridge that will take you to Yoshitaki Falls, the valley's view may captivated you from the bridge.
- 6 From here proceed to "Yoshitaki Falls" also called the reverse waterfall because it can be seen from the backside. "Yoshitaki" is a Hyogo Prefecture Designated Natural Monument and is the only waterfall in the prefecture that has a height of 23m in the upper level and 5m in the lower. From the cracks of the bedrock to both sides of the fall are two thin waterfalls called "Kintaki (gold) Fall" and "Gintaki (silver) Fall", called such as gold and silver powder looks to be glittering from them. The back of the fall's basin looks like a small cave, in there is Yoshitaki Shrine. A said power spot that grants people love.
- 7 Leaving Yoshitaki Falls you'll reach the original road in about 20 minutes, on the right you'll see a sloping hill and reservoir on the right side. This is "Shima Pond and Pasture". Here vegetables are grown in the black soil fields that were dug into the gentle sloping lands created by landslips."Tajima Beef" brand name cattle graze on the hills in the meadow. The perfect scenic spot to see Mt. Hachibuse and Torokawataira are laid out in the background and to see over Mt. Sobu.
- 8 Follow this route, the one you came on, back to where you first arrived.



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

Approx. Distance

4.5 km