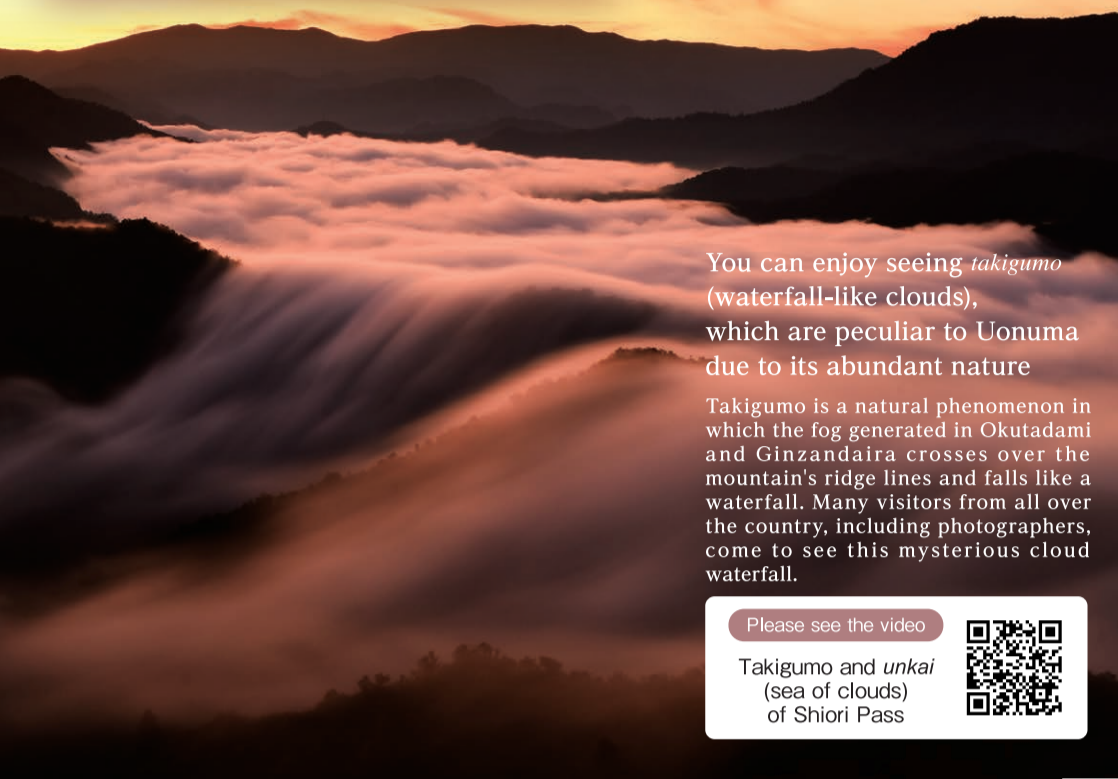


# To the Mystery of Uonuma Water Corridor

[Places where you can see *takigumo* (waterfall-like clouds)]  
Shiori Pass, Uonuma City  
[Season] Mid- or late June to early November  
[Time of the day] Before or after sunrise or early morning



You can enjoy seeing *takigumo* (waterfall-like clouds), which are peculiar to Uonuma due to its abundant nature

Takigumo is a natural phenomenon in which the fog generated in Okutadami and Ginzandaira crosses over the mountain's ridge lines and falls like a waterfall. Many visitors from all over the country, including photographers, come to see this mysterious cloud waterfall.

Please see the video



Takigumo and *unkai* (sea of clouds) of Shiori Pass

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Time required from each airport (if using the Shinkansen train)

Niigata Airport	Niigata Station	Urasa Station	..... About 1 hour and 10 minutes
Haneda Airport	Tokyo Station		..... About 2 hours and 10 minutes
Narita Airport			..... About 3 hours

# To the Paradise of Uonuma Water Corridor

Oze is a natural reservoir, including Ozegahara, one of the major highland marshes in Japan, and Lake Ozenuma. The abundant that nurtures and enriches Oze reaches Okutadami Dam, one of the largest in Japan. Why not take a tour of the Uonuma Water Corridor starting from Oze?



## Oze, one of the foremost reservoirs of nature in Japan

Oze is a designated national park that crosses over four prefectures (Niigata, Fukushima, Gunma, and Tochigi). Visitors can enjoy spectacular views such as Ozegahara, one of the largest highland marshes on Japan's main island, and Lake Ozenuma, which was formed due to an explosion of Mount Hiuchigatake in ancient times, together with precious bog plants and alpine plants. That is why Oze is also considered a heavenly paradise. The Numajiri River flowing from Lake Ozenuma turns into an affluent rapid stream and flows into the Okutadami Dam.



## Oze is the origin of nature conservation movements

In the past, it was planned to develop Oze for its abundant water resources. However, many people have worked to protect Oze because it is one of Japan's most precious highland marshes. Oze is Japan's birthplace of nature conservation movements due to the activities that have occurred for over half a century.



# Uonuma Water Corridor

— Oze/Okutadami —



Welcome to Uonuma City,  
a hospitable city with super-soft water



Okutadami Electric Power Museum offers a chance to learn how electricity is generated



From this museum, you can see a panoramic view of Lake Okutadami. You can learn the structure of the Okutadami Dam and how hydroelectric power generation works, as well as watch valuable videos about the dam from when it was constructed.

# To the Spectacle of Uonuma Water Corridor



## Okutadami Dam is one of the largest in Japan

It took about 47 years to complete the construction of the giant Okutadami Dam, which has a 0.6 billion cubic meters capacity. In the past, it was praised as one of the largest dams in Asia, together with the Wushantou Dam in Taiwan. You can enjoy a pleasure boat cruise on Lake Okutadami, which has views reflecting the deep mountains. Seeing spectacular scenes similar to Northern Europe from the boat is worth it. The Okutadami Silver Line, built when the dam was constructed, is an unusual road in Japan because 18 out of the total length of 22 kilometers are covered with tunnels. The sequence of tunnels seems to invite you to another world.

**[Okutadami Dam]**

Production of electricity: No.1 in Japan/  
Reservoir capacity: No.2 in Japan



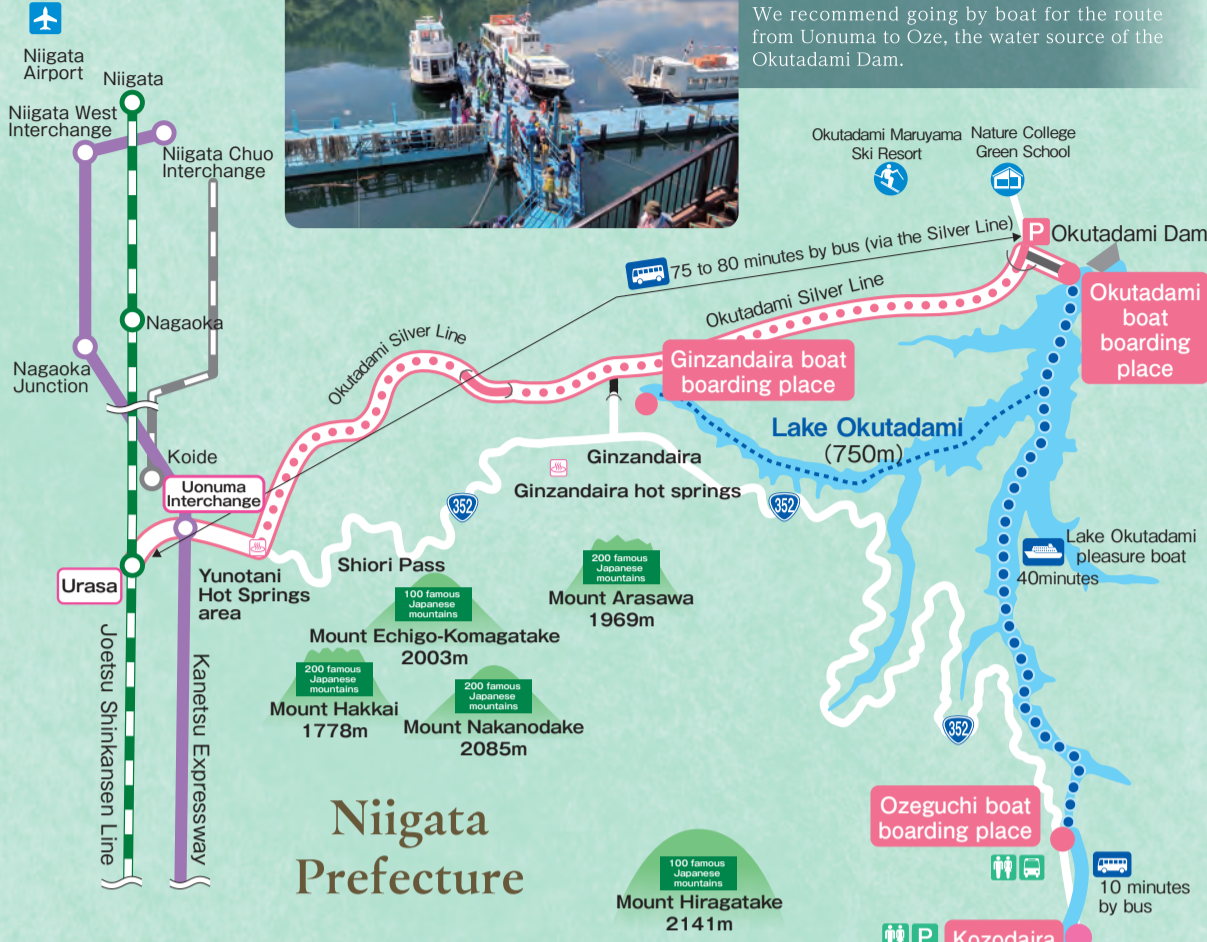
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# Oze/Okutadami



### Route to Oze from Uonuma

We recommend going by boat for the route from Uonuma to Oze, the water source of the Okutadami Dam.



### A mysterious natural phenomenon



### What conditions facilitate the generation of takigumo (waterfall-like clouds)?

When these three conditions occur, together with a little bit of luck, you can encounter an impressive view worth seeing at least once in a lifetime.

#### Condition 1 Early morning

Clouds tend to move more around sunrise!

#### Condition 2 Sunny day

The possibility is even higher when the humidity is high!

#### Condition 3 Temperature difference

If the temperature difference from the day before is large, fog is more likely to be generated!

Please note that even if all the conditions are met, there will still be some days when you cannot see takigumo.



### Ginzandaira

This place had a prosperous history of silver mining. In 1953, the town then sank into the lake bed with the construction of the Okutadami Dam. This hidden gem is known because Ken Kaiko, a writer famous for his books such as Opal and A River Never Sleeps (Kawa wa Nemuranai), often stayed here for writing and his hobby, fishing. This place had a prosperous history of silver mining. In 1953, the town then sank into the lake bed with the construction of the Okutadami Dam. This hidden gem is known because Ken Kaiko, a writer famous for his books such as Opal and A River Never Sleeps (Kawa wa Nemuranai), often stayed here for writing and his hobby, fishing.

## Fukushima Prefecture



### Sanjo Falls

An impressive waterfall whose height is 73 meters and width is 30 meters. Water from different sources in the Oze meets here and flows down.



### Hiraname Falls

A unique waterfall where water flows over a monolith 500 meters in length and 50 meters wide.



### Lake Oze

This lake was created when the river was dammed due to an explosion of Mount Hiuchigatake in the past.

### Rules and etiquette when entering Oze for mountain climbing

- Don't litter! Take your garbage home.
- Don't enter a marsh or forest
- Don't take animals or plants home
- Don't feed animals
- Prevent alien plant seeds from entering by removing dirt on your shoe soles at the entrance
- Keep right on the wooden causeway. Don't smoke while walking
- Place caps on the tips of poles
- Don't throw coins into ponds or swamps

### Equipment and belongings

Oze is a mountainous area whose height is over 1,000 meters. The temperature is 10 to 15 degrees lower than ground level. Sub-zero days occur even in early June and late September. It is recommended to wear long-sleeve shirts and long trousers even in the middle of summer.

#### (Cold-proof clothes)

It may get cold, especially in the morning and in the evening. It is recommended to bring a light and warm fleece in spring and fall and a long-sleeve shirt even in the middle of summer.

#### (Rain gear which can also be used as cold-proof clothes)

It is recommended to wear separate-type rainwear that allows you to use both hands and can be used as cold-proof clothes in the worst-case scenario.

#### (Backpack)

It is strongly recommended to use an over-the-shoulder bag. The contents inside should be separated into plastic bags for protection from water.

#### (Shoes and other items)

Since the wooden causeways will become slippery when it rains, it is ideal to wear trekking shoes for mountain climbing. In addition, you will feel safer if you bring water (a plastic bottle of 500 milliliters), snacks/energy food, sunblock, small change, gloves, and one or two towels.

### Legend

- Trekking routes for beginners (Almost flat paths/wooden causeways) (Relatively easy-to-walk mountain trails)
- Trekking routes for intermediate-level climbers (There are steep slopes, and a certain level of fitness is required)
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### SDGs in Oze!



## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

To continue to protect Oze as a treasure for everyone

It is self-restrained to use shampoo and toothpaste in mountain cabins in Oze in order to preserve natural landscapes and rich biodiversity. Moreover, public bathrooms in Oze solicit voluntary contributions of 100 to 200 yen per use because we have to cover a lot of costs to protect the environment in Oze.