

Akamizu View Park and Sakebi no Shozo Statue

A park with sweeping views of Kinkowan Bay and Kagoshima City, the focal point is a statue made of lava rock entitled Sakebi no Shozo, “The Shout,” which commemorates a large, all-night concert held in 2004 by Nagabuchi Tsuyoshi, a famous singer from Kagoshima Prefecture.

Sakurajima Sea Fishing Park

Keen anglers can try their hand at the park’s pier, where largescale blackfish, marbled rockfish, and other sealife swim in the six-to nine-meter-deep water.

Nagisa Lava Trail

Connecting Nagisa Lava Park and Karasujima Observation Point, this three-kilometer trail winds its way along the lava fields created by the 1914 Taisho eruption. Along the trail observe how nature has gradually taken over the lava-strewn path since the eruption over a 100 years ago, starting with mosses and short grass and now including black pine flourishing among the volcanic rocks.

Yunohira Observatory

Located 373 meters above sea level on the slopes of the Mt. Kitadake peak of Sakurajima, Yunohira Observatory is the closest viewing platform to the mountain itself and offers 360-degree views of Kitadake, Kagoshima City and Kinkowan Bay. In clear weather you can see the Kirishima Mountain Range.

Sakurajima Dinosaur Park

This park is a hit with children and adults alike, as Sakurajima’s terrain lends itself well to imagining a land where dinosaurs might still roam the earth! There are seven enormous dinosaur statues, as well as slides over 10 meters high. There are climbing frames for kids to play in a unique setting.

Karasujima Observatory

Though it might not seem so at first glance, this area was actually an island separated from Sakurajima until the 1914 eruption during the Taisho period (1912–1926). Called Karasujima, or Crow Island, it now lays deep beneath the lava flow that consumed it and incorporated it into Sakurajima.

Furusato *Onsen* Resort

The Furusato *Onsen* Resort is home to a few quaint hot spring hotels which boast hot springs heated by Sakurajima itself. Guests can bathe while looking out over Kinkowan Bay.

Sakurajima Visitor Center

Discover everything there is to know about Sakurajima, from its history and inner workings to its vegetation, lava flows and so much more at the Sakurajima Visitor Center.

Arimura Lava Observatory

At the foot of Minamidake, sitting on a lava hill from the 1914 Taisho eruption, the observatory and its one-kilometer path allow you to appreciate the conical silhouette of the volcano from a completely different perspective. You can look out across Kinkowan Bay, and on clear days, Mt. Kaimondake may also be visible.

Sakurajima International Volcanic Sabo Center

Mudslides are a regular occurrence on Sakurajima, and at the Sabo Center visitors can learn about preventative technology, erosion control, and more through a number of interactive exhibits.

Hayashi Fumiko Literary Monument (Furusato Park)

A monument to novelist Hayashi Fumiko (1903–1951), whose mother lived on Sakurajima. She is best known for her short story “Horoki,” known in English as “*A Wanderer’s Notebook*.” Souvenir shops nearby sell her books and other memorabilia.

Kurokami Buried Shrine Gate

This three-meter-tall torii gate was almost completely buried in two meters of ash and pumice in the 1914 Taisho eruption, which sent volcanic matter 8,000 meters into the air. The gate stands as a reminder for future generations of the power of nature.