

Senpiro Waterfall

At 60 m tall, Senpiro Waterfall is a spectacular site. Its force is so strong that it created an enormous granite valley constituting one of the largest bedrocks in Japan. The name “Senpiro” is said to refer to the length of the rock on the left side of the ravine, which equals about one thousand people standing next to one another holding hands. Senpiro literally means “one thousand fathoms.” Near the falls, visitors can enter a trail to climb rocky Mt. Mocchomu, the steep mountain visible from most of the southern areas on the island.

Senpiro has three observation points. The first observatory can be reached by following the paved road going straight. Visitors can enjoy the closest view of the falls here, overlooking the valley. The second observatory, found in the parking area, offers a view of Yakushima’s coastal villages and beaches, as well as Mt. Mocchomu. The third, older observatory can be reached by following the path on the right of the car park entrance. Visitors here are offered a view of the southern coastline as well as the Senpiro Waterfall.