

Point of Interest No. 5

Mt. Iwate's Peephole

Ojigokudani, located inside the main western Nishi-Iwate caldera just below Mt. Kurokurayama, is a 2-meter high sulfur fumarole—that is, an opening in the Earth's crust where gas and steam escape. Here, you can feel the pulsing movements of volcanic activity for yourself. Ojigokudani is like a peephole into Mt. Iwate, allowing a glimpse into the current inner workings of the volcano.

*Approaching Ojigokudani is extremely dangerous, so please enjoy observing the fumarole from the safety of the trail.