

Mikaeri-no-taki Waterfall

Mikaeri-no-taki Waterfall, one of the area's most famous scenic spots, is a 30-meter cascade over a cliffside of the Dakigaeri Valley. Located 30 minutes from the trailhead and just beyond a tunnel, the walking trail culminates at the falls. Upon seeing Mikaeri-no-taki Waterfall, you will understand the meaning of its Japanese name: "to turn around for another look." Visitors heading back simply can't resist turning their heads for one last glance at the sheet of falling water.

Some say they can see the graceful shape of a woman wearing a kimono in the water against the rocks, but visitors are encouraged to find their own interpretation.

Mikaeri-no-taki Waterfall also presents a different face each season, depending on the state of the surrounding foliage. Autumn is a particularly popular time to tour the Dakigaeri Valley and visit the falls, as the valley's foliage is ablaze in reds, oranges, and yellows. In spring and summer, the waterfall is splendid against the backdrop of the green valley. During the winter the final portion of the path to the falls is closed due to snow.