

Geoparks in Shikoku

Shikoku is located in a so-called subduction zone, where an oceanic plate descends beneath a continental plate. The movement of these tectonic plates over tens of millions of years has formed a wide variety of geological strata, which make up the bedrock of differing regions throughout the island. Tosashimizu is aspiring to be acknowledged as a geopark, while other regions in Shikoku are currently designated geoparks, with several more in the process of being recognized as such.