

Sensuikyo Gorge

Sensuikyo Gorge, located at 900 meters above sea level, is surrounded by ancient lava formations. The gorge is also the trailhead for hiking trails to Mt. Nakadake and Mt. Takadake, and offers excellent views of the Aso caldera and the surrounding mountains.

Fifty thousand Miyama Kirishima azaleas bloom here in May and June, painting the landscape bright pink and purple. The gorge sometimes receives gusts of volcanic ash from nearby Mt. Nakadake, an active volcano. The ash falls like snow, creating a peaceful, almost otherworldly atmosphere. Visitors with allergies or respiratory conditions, however, should be careful.

More information about the area's nature and geology, including information about hiking trails, is available at the visitor center.