

## **Play Park Jagui**

Roughly one hour by car to the west of Hiroshima, Play Park Jagui is a quiet mountain campground. There are spaces for up to 50 tents, plus car camping facilities. Larger groups or those who prefer modern conveniences can rent one of the 21 wooden bungalows. There are four different bungalow layouts, and each has its own refrigerator and barbecue grill. The campsite also offers rental barbecues for visitors staying in tents, and there is an on-site cafeteria for indoor meals. Visitors can use the fishing pier at the Kushima River, and the park has a small aviary for learning about local birds.

The highlight of the area is the Jagui Iwa, unusual rock formations at the meeting point of the Kushima and Oze Rivers. The water flows between and over rocks with numerous holes and strange curved shapes. The rocks were shaped over thousands of years by water erosion, and have been designated a Natural Monument of Hiroshima Prefecture. According to local legend, the rock formations were caused by a large snake slithering through the mountains.

The rocks form natural wading pools and snorkeling spots, and the river is deep enough to swim in. Small waterfalls and river rapids add to the scenery. The water can move quickly in some places, so visitors should be sure to keep an eye on children.