

Cape Kobezaki

Kobezaki Lighthouse sits at the end of a steep, narrow ridge that rises 120 meters above the sea on one of the many fingers of land that jut out into the Pacific in this area. A trail follows the ridge through a natural forest of Japanese emperor oak, fields of summer ragwort, and an abundance of camellias before the final climb to the lighthouse. The cape's name, written with the kanji character for "head," comes from a rather gruesome legend: the severed head of the leader of an indigenous Emishi tribe washed up on the shore below after he failed to pay obeisance to the imperial court.