

## Walking Trails

The network of walking trails on Mt. Yokoyama extends up from the Yokoyama Visitor Center to Miharashi View Point at the top of the ridge, along with other trails leading to the Sozo-no-Mori area. The trails wind through the hillside forest of ubame-gashi oaks and other evergreens, passing a number of observation decks and other sites of interest. Because the trails can be steep and uneven, visitors should wear sneakers or other suitable footwear, avoiding high heels or sandals.

**Yokoyama Tenkū Café Terrace** is a wooden deck with panoramic views of Ago Bay and the Pacific Ocean beyond from 140 meters above sea level. The rest facility by the deck sells snacks and refreshments made with local ingredients, and has a rooftop viewing area for even more elevated observation.

Further up the walking trail is the more secluded **Komorebi Terrace**. *Komorebi* means “light filtered through leaves,” and this terrace is cool and shady in summer but warmed by the sun in winter. Above it is the open, breezy **Soyokaze Terrace** and the **Nagora no Uki-ishi**, a group of sacred stones said to have been taken from the sea and carried up the mountain about a century ago.

Higher still is the **Mikimoto Kokichi Memorial**, honoring the man who invented pearl cultivation in Ago Bay, and beyond the memorial is **Miharashi View Point**. This is the highest observation deck in the Yokoyama View Point area, at 180 meters above sea level.

The walking trails of Yokoyama View Point are also connected to **Mt. Sengen View Point**, about 35 minutes’ walk away.