

## Tengu Rock

Tengu Rock (Tengu-iwa) is a large outcrop said to resemble the distinctive long nose of a *tengu*, a bird-like goblin found in traditional folk tales and literature. *Tengu* are often depicted with avian characteristics such as wings and a beak. They can also be depicted in more human form, dressed in the robes of a *yamabushi* mountain priest with a red face and a long nose. *Tengu* are regarded as guardians of mountains and forests.

Step-like tree roots cover the surface of the rock, and there is a chain for climbing. The surface is slippery when wet. A bronze statue of a *tengu* in avian form is affixed to the top of the rock, and is visible from the trail below. A metal staircase near Tengu Rock leads to Nanayo Falls.