#### **SUMMER 2020**

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# MT. FUJI WILL BE <u>CLOSED</u> IN 2020

#### YAMANASHI PREFECTURE **2** 055-223-1315 YOSHIDA TRAIL Nakanochaya → Summit CLOSED All mountain huts CLOSED • Subaru Line limited access July ~ Sept. Subaru Line 5<sup>th</sup> Station toilets OPEN Info Center OPEN (9:30AM ~ 4:30PM) Subaru Line 5<sup>th</sup> Station gift shops OPEN SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE **2** 054-221-3747 SUBASHIRI TRAIL • 5<sup>th</sup> Station $\rightarrow$ Summit CLOSED All mountain huts & toilets CLOSED Info Center & Gift Shops CLOSED • New 5<sup>th</sup> Station $\rightarrow$ Summit CLOSED **GOTEMBA TRAIL** All mountain huts CLOSED New 5<sup>th</sup> Station toilets TBD

- Info Center & Gift Shop CLOSED
- $\cdot$  5<sup>th</sup> Station  $\rightarrow$  Summit CLOSED
- All mountain huts & toilets CLOSED
- Info Center & Gift Shop CLOSED

ACCESS DETAILED CLOSURE INFORMATION ON THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT WEBSITE:

http://www.fujisan-climb.jp/en/index.html

**FUIINOMIYA TRAIL** 



### **A MESSAGE & GUIDELINES BY THE JAPANESE ALPINE CLUB**

ORIGINAL TEXT: <u>https://jac1.or.jp/event-list/event-guide/</u>

Safe Hiking Guidelines ① Make an effort to hike in close range, within your own prefecture of residence as much as possible 2 Please do not hike if you are unwell (present a fever, chills, fatigue, shortness of breath, cough). The threat is high not only for you but also for the emergency personnel and healthcare workers who assist you if you are diagnosed with COVID-19 while hiking. ③ Please hike in small groups (5 persons or less) ④ Trail conditions may have changed during quarantine posing potential dangers. Please be sure to check trail conditions prior to your hike, to carry a compass while hiking, to submit a climbing plan and to make your family aware of your whereabouts. ⑤ Please wear a mask while hiking. The risk of heat stroke and dehydration increases with wearing a mask. Please exercise caution and hydrate consciously. 6 Please abide by social distancing rules while hiking and rock climbing. The general social distancing regulation is 2 meters between two people, however it has been said that more distance is preferable when hiking. Regarding climbing walls, please follow the various rules outlined by each respective gym. ① In order to avoid potentially harming local residents, please avoid shopping and eating out in the areas to which you travel to hike. Please bring all necessary provisions and supplies with you. 8 Please be mindful of weak muscles and physical condition following quarantine and train as needed prior to hiking.

Koyodai & Sankodai Loop

KOYODAI & SANKODAI LOOP

A 3hr hike that provides world class views of Mt. Fuji & Aokigahara forest

Distance: 7 kilometers / 3 hours

TRAIL NAME:

PRO SUMMARY:

COURSE SPECS:



The hike starts at the car park at the foot of Koyodai Hill, parking is available or it can be reached by the Blue Line bus from Kawaguchiko Station [Stop No. 79 Koyodai Entrance (紅葉台入り口)] The QR Code will take you to the start/finish point of the hike on Google maps.

From the starting point, follow the wide unpaved road that winds up the hill. The hiking course starts about 100m on the left, running along the ridge with Lake Saiko visible through the trees on your left. After about 20 minutes you will arrive at Koyodai. It's well worth paying the 200 yen to climb up the rooftop for an amazing view of Mt. Fuji & Aokigahara forest.



**ACCESS INFO** 



From Koyodai the trail continues east towards Sankodai 三湖台, which is reached in less than 15 minutes. The name Sankodai means "Three Lake View." To the west can be seen Lake Motosuko and Lake Shojiko (faintly!) and Lake Saiko directly below. To the south as always, Mount Fuji. This is a great place to enjoy a packed lunch on one of the many benches available. Keep our eyes open for Hayabusa Peregrine falcons which can often be seen swooping down towards the sprawling forest below.



The trails eastwards picks up again from where you arrived at Sankodai. Follow the route for Mt. Ashiwada, although we won't be going that far.

Follow the gentle trail along the ridge. After a while the trail will appear to split, so keep to the wider right hand track. About 1km from Sankodai you will see a rusty brown sign that marks the start of your descending route to the right for Maoten Shrine 魔王天神社



From here the stepped trail descends quite steeply through the forest and requires some caution. Eventually the trail emerges into civilization at Maoten Shrine in Narusawa Village. On the main road straight ahead is a convenience store for refreshments and buses back to Kawaguchiko can be taken from here. However, the hike isn't yet finished! From the shrine turn right and follow the road that runs alongside the mountain. This route will soon take you back into Aokigahara forest away from the traffic. The gentle bridleway follows the contours of the mountain that you have just climbed. After 3km you will arrive back at the Koyodai Area, hopefully a better person than when you left.



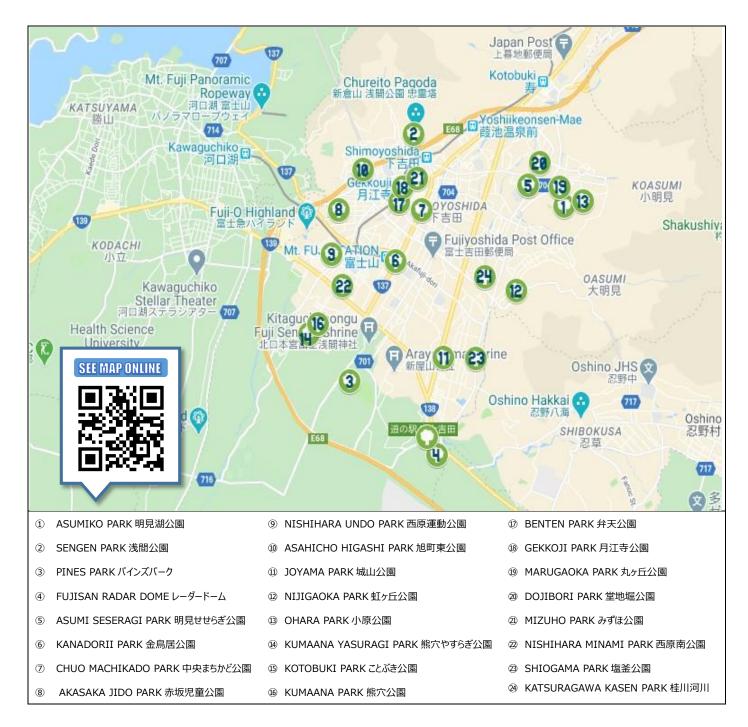
# Surviving Summer in the age of COVID-19

Though the National State of Emergency has been lifted. it remains important to AVOID CROWDS IN CONFINED SPACES!

Please make a conscious effort to follow social distancing regulations for you and those around you.

#### SPEND TIME OUTDOORS!

#### DID YOU KNOW THERE ARE OVER 20 PUBLIC PARKS IN FUJIYOSHIDA?



#### ► GRAB SOME TAKEOUT!

## **FUJIYOSHIDA CITY "TAKEOUT CATALOGUE"**

The online directory includes 91 local eateries with takeout menus. Options range from *izakaya* bar fare to upscale Italian cuisine. Take your pick and support local businesses!



# **FUJIYOSHIDA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY**



DAYS OF OPERATION: TUE ~ SUN (Closed on MON)
 HOURS: 10:00AM ~ 5:00PM (Last entry: 4:50)

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations are required to access the library Please call **7** 0555-22-0706

# Due to COVID-19, the library has imposed stricter restrictions on access.

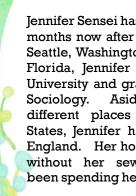
- Only 50 people at a time.
- $\cdot$  One visit will be limited to 50 minutes.
- All persons are required to wear a mask and disinfect their hands.
- Seating and study spaces are off limits
- Computers are offline (catalogues only)
- Access can only be guaranteed by making reservation by phone (see below)







We are very lucky in Fujiyoshida to have such a diverse group of English teachers from all over the world! In this segment we chat with them about life in Japan & Fujiyoshida



Jennifer Sensei has lived in Fujiyoshida for 3 months now after having moved here from Seattle, Washington, USA. Originally from Florida, Jennifer attended Portland State University and graduated with a degree in Sociology. Aside from having lived in different places throughout the United States, Jennifer has also lived in London, England. Her hobbies include sewing, but without her sewing machine, she has been spending her time hiking with friends.

- Q: What inspired you to pursue a job teaching English Japan?
- A: As strange as it sounds, it's something I wanted to do as far back as high school. It's not something I could have back then, I wasn't confident enough.
- Q: Had you ever lived in Japan prior to moving to Fujiyoshida?
- I haven't, but I've visited Japan once before. **A**:
- Q: Where do you currently teach?
- A: Asumi Elementary School.
- Q: What do you enjoy most about your role as an assistant language teacher? What do you view as your biggest challenge in your role?
- A: I love working with the kids. They're full of energy, super goofy and always fun to be around. I think the biggest challenge is motivating the kids. English is a very hard language and can feel overwhelming. It's easy to lose motivation when things feel hard. I don't want the kids to feel that way.

#### Q: What have you enjoyed about living in Fujiyoshida?

A: I love the scenery in and around Fujiyoshida. It's hard to beat the views and all the hikes around.

#### Q: What is your favorite Japanese food that you've tried?

- A: I really like katsudon, gyudon, and taiyaki.
- Q: What advice would you give anyone who is or is planning to teach in Japan?
- A: My biggest advice would be to learn as much Japanese as possible! Also to watch as many videos as possible to learn how to do things here, like using a Japanese gas station or conbini printer.

#### Q: What is a personal goal of yours for the remainder of 2020?

To learn more Japanese. I want to do a better job of communicating with teachers and the people I see **A**: while out and about.

