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### MT. FUJI WILL BE CLOSED IN 2020

#### YAMANASHI PREFECTURE

☎ 055-223-1315

##### ▲ YOSHIDA TRAIL

- Nakanochaya → Summit CLOSED
- All mountain huts CLOSED
- Subaru Line limited access July ~ Sept.
- Subaru Line 5th Station toilets OPEN
- Info Center OPEN (9:30AM ~ 4:30PM)
- Subaru Line 5th Station gift shops OPEN

#### SHIZUOKA PREFECTURE

☎ 054-221-3747

##### ▲ SUBASHIRI TRAIL

- 5th Station → Summit CLOSED
- All mountain huts & toilets CLOSED
- Info Center & Gift Shops CLOSED

##### ▲ GOTEMBA TRAIL

- New 5th Station → Summit CLOSED
- All mountain huts CLOSED
- New 5th Station toilets TBD
- Info Center & Gift Shop CLOSED

##### ▲ FUJINOMIYA TRAIL

- 5th Station → 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>



# TRAIL • HEAD

By Christopher Moore

## SPECIAL EDITION

Local alternatives to Mt. Fuji

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

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

#### *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.
- ⑦ 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



## TRAIL NAME:

KOYODAI & SANKODAI LOOP

## PRO SUMMARY:

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

## COURSE SPECS:

Distance: 7 kilometers / 3 hours

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.

## ACCESS INFO



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.



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 Nurusawa 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?**



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|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| ① ASUMIKO PARK 明見湖公園           | ⑨ NISHIHARA UNDO PARK 西原運動公園     | ⑰ BENTEN PARK 弁天公園            |
| ② SENGEN PARK 浅間公園             | ⑩ ASAHICHO HIGASHI PARK 旭町東公園    | ⑱ GEKKOJI PARK 月江寺公園          |
| ③ PINES PARK パインズパーク           | ⑪ JOYAMA PARK 城山公園               | ⑲ MARUGAOKA PARK 丸ヶ丘公園        |
| ④ FUJISAN RADAR DOME レーダードーム   | ⑫ NIJIGAOKA PARK 虹ヶ丘公園           | ⑳ DOJIBORI PARK 堂地堀公園         |
| ⑤ ASUMI SESERAGI PARK 明見せせらぎ公園 | ⑬ OHARA PARK 小原公園                | ㉑ MIZUHO PARK みずほ公園           |
| ⑥ KANADORII PARK 金鳥居公園         | ⑭ KUMAANA YASURAGI PARK 熊穴やすらぎ公園 | ㉒ NISHIHARA MINAMI PARK 西原南公園 |
| ⑦ CHUO MACHIKADO PARK 中央まちかど公園 | ⑮ KOTOBUKI PARK ことぶき公園           | ㉓ SHIOGAMA PARK 塩釜公園          |
| ⑧ AKASAKA JIDO PARK 赤坂児童公園     | ⑯ KUMAANA PARK 熊穴公園              | ㉔ KATSURAGAWA KASEN PARK 桂川河川 |

▶ 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!

ACCESS ONLINE



▶ FEED YOUR BRAIN!

## FUJIYOSHIDA MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



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

- Only 50 people at a time.
- 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)

- **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 ☎ 0555-22-0706





# ALT REPORT

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 Compton

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?**

**A:** I haven't, but I've visited Japan once before.

**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?**

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

# APPLY FOR YOUR “MY NUMBER CARD” ASAP!



※ Due to the increase in applications, there may be delays. Avoid delays by applying today!

## STEP 1

Apply for your  
My Number Card

## STEP 2

Set up your  
“My Key ID”

## STEP 3

Reserve your  
Myna Points (from July)

RECEIVE UP TO **¥5,000\*** IN “MYNA POINTS”

\* For a charge / purchase of ¥20,000 (25% point rebate)



SMARTPHONE  
APPLICATION



### ► WHAT ARE MYNA POINTS?

① Select the cashless  
payment service of your  
choice & reserve your points



Login to the MyNa Point reservation page, select your cashless payment service of choice and apply.

② Add money to your  
account to receive points



When you charge your cashless payment service account you will receive MyNa Points simultaneously

③ Shop with your points



MyNa Points can be used when shopping with your cashless payment service. (You will not use your card for payment)

### ► STEP 1: DOWNLOAD THE APP

FOR ANDROID: 📱 “JPKI 利用者ソフト”



FOR IPHONE: 📱 “マイナポイント”



MYNA POINT  
RESERVATIONS  
BEGIN ON  
JULY 1ST

### ► STEP 2: SCAN YOUR MY NUMBER CARD

- ① Open your app
- ② Click on the link that reads “マイキーID の発行” (Get My Key ID)
- ③ Scan your card with your phone

### ► STEP 3: ENTER YOUR 4-DIGIT PIN CODE

