

FUJI-HAKONE-IZU NATIONAL PARK

Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park is a national park in Yamanashi, Shizuoka, and Kanagawa Prefectures, and western Tokyo Metropolis, Japan. It consists of Mount Fuji, Fuji Five Lakes, Hakone, the Izu Peninsula, and the Izu Islands. Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park covers 1,227 square kilometres (474 sq mi).

Rather than being a specific spot, the park is a collection of dispersed tourist sites that dot the region. The farthest point south, the isle of Hachijō-jima, is several hundred kilometers from Mount Fuji. The park includes a variety of geographic features including natural hot springs, coastlines, mountainous areas, lakes, and more than 1000 volcanic islands. Vegetation in the park ranges from species of mountainous trees to the subtropical vegetation of the Izu Islands.

Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park was established on February 2, 1936, as Fuji-Hakone National Park, and is one of the first four national parks established in Japan. In 1950, the Izu islands were added to the park, and its name changed to its present designation. Due to its proximity to the Tokyo metropolis and ease of transportation, it is the most visited national park in all Japan.

Nearby cities include Odawara, Fuji, Minami Ashigara, and Numazu.



POINTS OF INTEREST

Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park is divided into four general areas:

➤ Mount Fuji Area

- Mount Fuji
- Shiraito Falls
- Fuji Five Lakes
- Aokigahara
- Lake Tanuki

➤ Hakone Area

- Old Tokaido Road
- Hakone Botanical Garden of Wetlands
- Ashi-no-ko Lake (Lake Ashi)
- Owakudani
- Hakone Park

➤ Izu Peninsula

- Mount Amagi
- Atami hot springs
- Atagawa Tropical & Alligator Garden
- Jogasaki coast

➤ Izu Islands

- Izu Oshima
- To-shima
- Nii-jima
- Shikine-jima
- Kozu-shima
- Miyake-jima
- Mikura-jima
- Hachijo-jima



The Izu islands are also a popular destination for scuba diving.