Enjoy the Earth at the Geopark!

Geopark is a place for visitors to can commune with Earth and enjoy Geotourism where visitors can learn about the planet Earth. Through observation of mountains and rivers, visitors can learn about the formation as well as the structure of the environment at Geoparks. Through the observations, visitors can cogitate upon the interaction between the environment and the ecosystem as we as human activities.

Think of the rocks beneath your feet, the universe beyond the Earth, from billions of years in the past to time beyond measure in the future, the mountains, rivers, ocean, the atmosphere, and all living beings on Earth. Here at Geopark, visitors can cogitate upon the entirety of Earth.

We are also striving to achieve the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
17 GOALS TO TRANSFORM OUR WORLD

Access
About 30 minutes by car from Wakayanagi-Kannari IC / About 40 minutes by car from the Tsukidate IC / About 40 minutes by car from JR Kurikoma-Kogen Station

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The Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark Visitor Center is an activity center facility in the Mt. Kurikoma area certified in 2015 as a Japanese Geopark. While Mt. Kurikoma Geopark visitor center is an educational facility visitors on the geography, ecosystem, and the history of human activities in the area, we also hope that visitors can utilize this facility as a hub for tourism in order to allow more people to enjoy the Geopark.

**The work of the land**

From Mt. Kurikoma, which could be considered the symbol of the area, to the vast plains filled with rice paddies, the Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark shows the history of the land on an enormous scale that dates 100 million years into the past.

**Theater**

Visitors can experience the memories of the earthquake that facilitated the formation of the Mt. Kurikoma Area Geopark through video projected onto the two 400 inch screens.

**Natural threats and disaster management**

Various natural disasters have struck this area, including the Iwate-Miyagi Inland Earthquake in 2008. There are also exhibitions that use the memories and experience of these disasters for disaster management and mitigation. Experiential exhibitions work in concert with panels to teach visitors the perspective necessary to face natural disasters. Visitors also are able to think about what they can do to manage and mitigate disasters.

**About the Visitor Center**

1. Learn about how the area was formed
2. Learn and experience natural disasters and disaster management
3. Learning and research use
4. Get information about tours and activities

**When you’re ready, go out and see the real thing!**