

# What is a Geopark?

A Geopark is a place where you can learn firsthand about "the Changing World of Our Mother Earth".

The Toya-Usu UNESCO Global Geopark is full of interesting attractions and programs. There are a wide range of topics covering natural, historical and cultural interests as well as geological and volcanological ones.



Showa-Sinnzan lava dome and Usuzan Ropeway



Historic site Kitakogane Shell Midden



Historic site Irie-Takasago Shell Midden(Excavated Artifacts)



Historic site " kamuy-casi "

# ACCESS MAP



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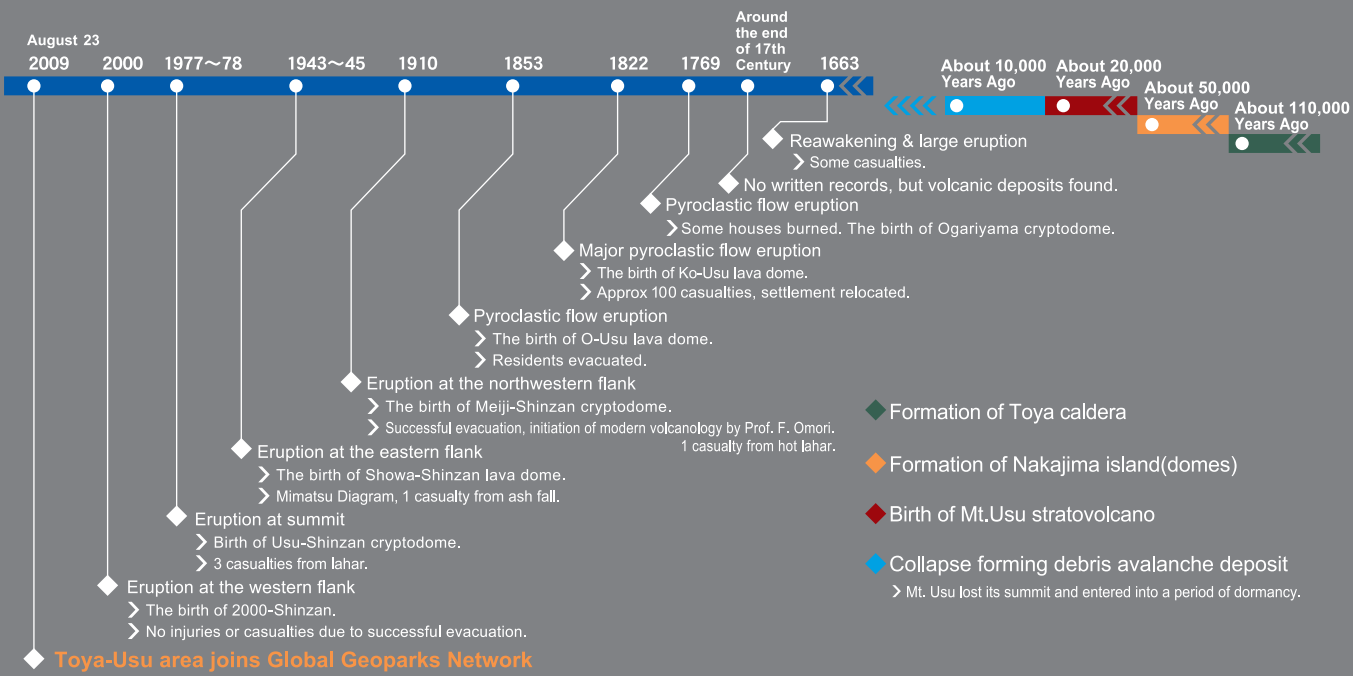
# Experience!

The Ever-Changing Earth

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# The Ever-Changing Earth

Mt. Usu has erupted 9 times since 1663. Throughout the world this volcano is unique in its frequent creation of lava domes which can be viewed right before one's eyes. Here you can experience firsthand both the ever-changing Earth and a beautiful park featuring a caldera lake and lava domes.



## Coexistence with the Volcano

Mt. Usu has claimed some lives in the past. After years of modern scientific research and local people's efforts, the area has learned how to live in harmony with the volcano and now enjoys many blessings which the volcano gives, such as hot springs, beautiful scenery, and delicious agricultural and marine products.

## The Geopark has many fascinating features!

### Fresh and Tasty Food in the Geopark

The fertile rich soil offers fresh and tasty local products; a variety of vegetables, fruits, dairy and marine products.



#### Enjoy Local Blessings!

Cow milking, butter making, ice-cream making, fruit picking, seine-net fishing, hand-caught fishing, scallop shelling, harvesting, etc.

### Relax & Refresh in the Geopark

The wide panoramic views of Lake Toya and the various gifts from this volcanic country such as hot springs and tasty local foods will surely help you to relax and refresh yourself.



#### Enjoy Relaxing in the Wonderful Spas!

Toyako-Onsen Spa, Sobetsu Onsen Spa, Bankei Onsen Spa, Kita-Yuzawa Onsen Spa, Date Onsen Spa, Toyoura Onsen Spa, etc.

### Activities in the Geopark

Outdoor activities such as guided tours are available in all four seasons. Feel and breathe in the living Earth in this wonderful natural environment!



#### Adventures!

Canoeing, trails, volcanic eruption memorials, museums, horse trekking, swimming / camping beaches, park golf, snowshoe trekking, marathons, Yuki-Gassen (snowball fight) Festival, and many others.