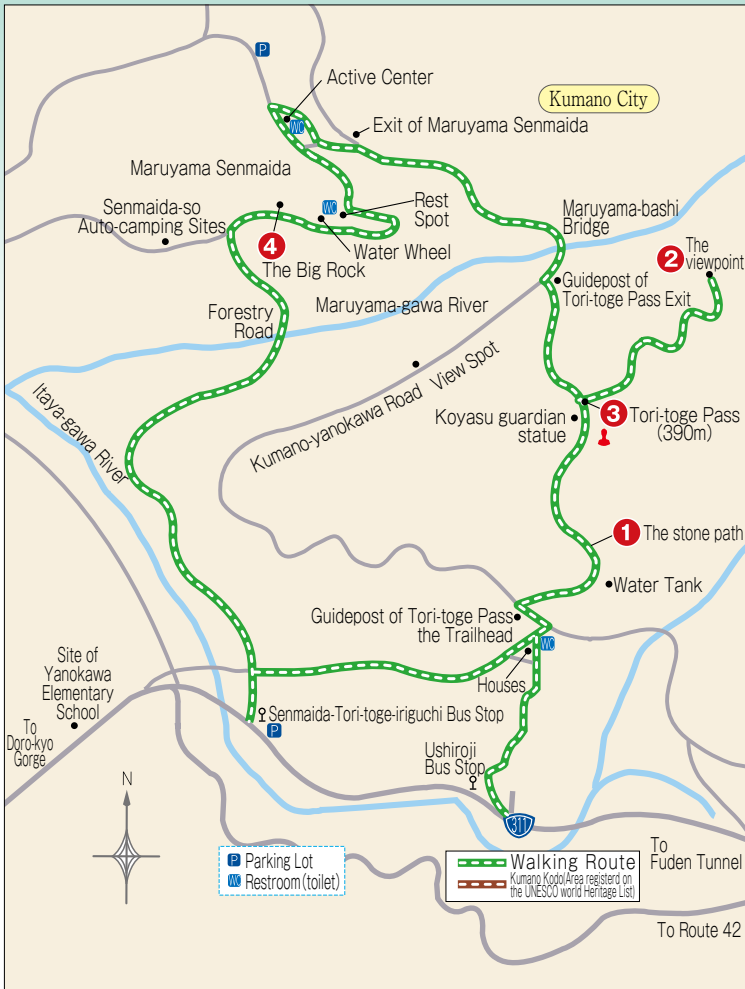


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The stone path

Though rather narrow, about 800 meters of the stone path remain intact. With things like the remnants of a charcoal kiln, you can get an idea of what life was like long ago.



The viewpoint

The view point which is perched on the steep mountain side looks down on 7.2 hectares of beautiful terraced rice paddies. Records from 1601 show that there were 2,240 paddies in all at that time.



Koyasu guardian statue of Tori-toge Pass

Like most passes, there is usually a brisk wind here. This guardian statue was put here in 1851. The name "Koyasu" means "child safety."



The Big Rock

Right in the middle of the terraced rice paddies of Maruyama Senmaida stands a huge boulder which accentuates the view.

- **Distance** / Approx. 6.0Km
- **Walking time** / 2hrs. and 20mins.
- **Level** / ★★
- **The Course** / Once you come down from Fuden Pass, the road forks, left to take the road to Hongu, right to go through Maruyama, to Kitayama and on, all the way to Yoshino on the other side of the mountains. This route is not registered as part of the Unesco Sacred Sites and Pilgrimage Routes in the Kii Mountain Range, but has been used by the people in this area to get to the neighboring villages for many centuries. A walk through Senmaida will certainly satisfy your desire to see rice terraces and give you a feel for the Japan of yesteryear.

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Time required

Ushiroji bus stop → 《Tori-toge Pass/Maruyama Senmaida》 → Senmaida Tori-toge-iriguchi bus stop : 2 hr 20 mins

