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Nature #15
Limestone Caves

Nippara Limestone Caves

Theme **Spelunking**

Nippara Limestone Caves are the best natural caves in the Kanto region, just on the edge of Tokyo. Steel your nerves and enter the caves to discover mystery thousands of years old. You're an explorer! Break free from the everyday and journey into a real RPG world!

NIPPARA LIMESTONE CAVES CAVING MAP



INFORMATION

- 🕒 About 40 min. Total length: 1.27 km
- 🚶 Go to Tama Station (JR Ome Line) and take the Nishi-Tokyo Bus towards Odake Nyudo, a 35-min trip. Get off at the last stop and walk for 5 min. (Weekends / Holidays: Higashi-nippara becomes the last stop, taking 30 min. before a 25-min. walk.)
- 📍 Nippara Limestone Caves
- ☎ 0428-83-8491 🏠 1052 Nippara, Okutama ☀ 9:00 - 17:00 (-16:30 Dec through Mar) / Closed irregularly



1. ENTRANCE

The cave is 11°C year-round, so bring insulated clothing.

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BYAKUE KANNON

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AMEFURI
ROCK

SEKIMORI JIZO

2. HELL VALLEY

Slip through a dim passage and gaze into the abyss.



7. KOBO DAISHI'S PLACE OF STUDY

The influential Buddhist monk is said to have trained here.

SUIKINKUTSU

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5. ENMUSUBI MATCHMAKING: KANNON

The limestone cavern was a holy place for practitioners of Shugendo mountain worship. A Kannon statue is enshrined deep within the caves.

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SAI
RIVERBED

4. DEATH MOUNTAIN

This enormous underground cavern, with its otherworldly illumination, is the main attraction.



6. THE TWELVE YAKUSHI

Many one-yen coins have been affixed to the wall here, like glittering stars.



3. SANZU RIVER

The Japanese Buddhist equivalent of the River Styx, and aptly named...

8. KONGOZUE (VAJRA STAFF)

The bunched-up stalagmites and stone pillars here are a sight to see.

Follow a straight road deep into Okutama's dense, towering mountains. At the end, a slight opening reveals the entrance to limestone caves. The path to the cave will make you feel like a trekker, enticing you to explore. Thinking about the immense passage of time here will refocus your spirit. (Japan Stalactite Grottos Tourism Association)

