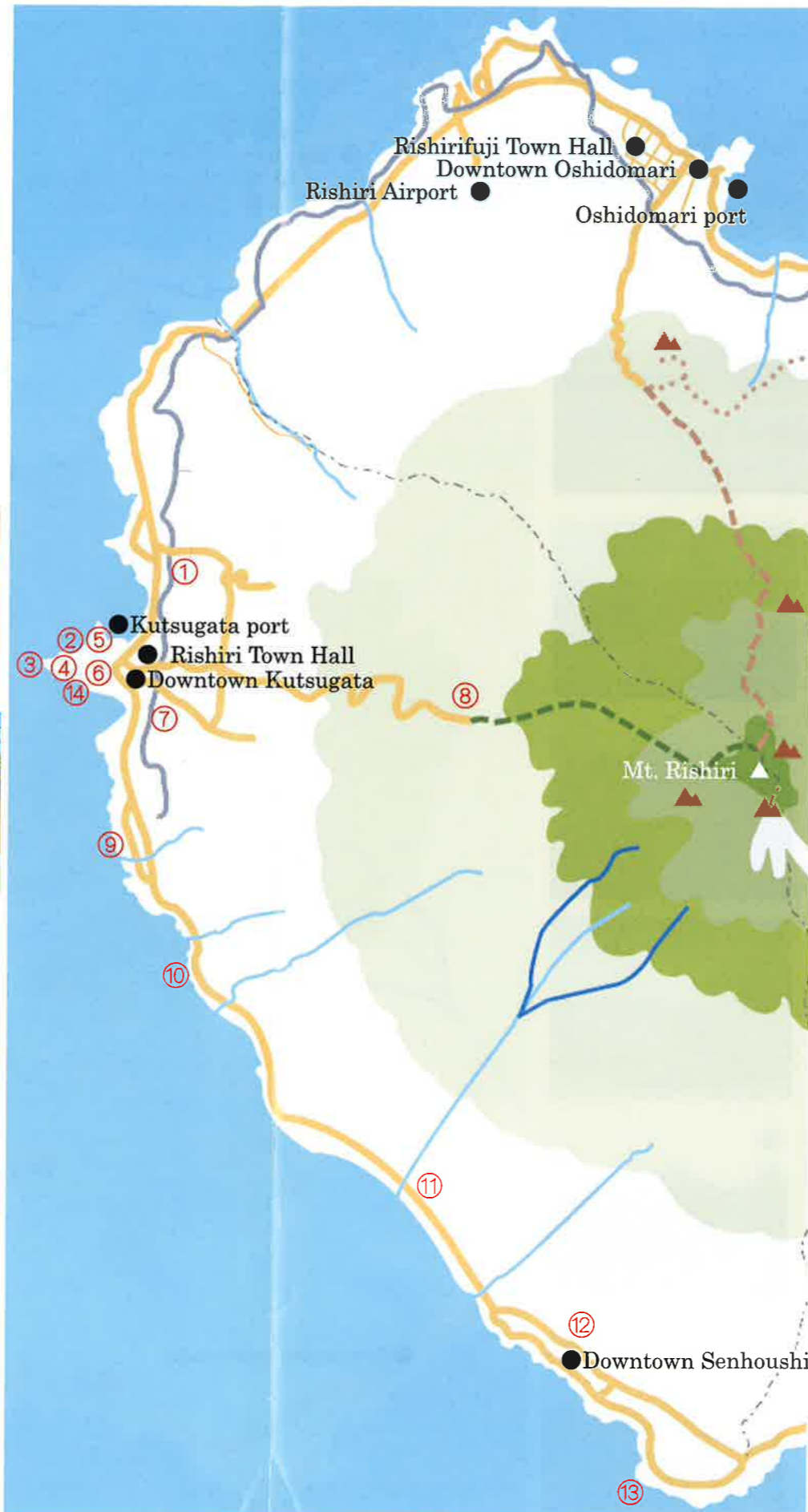


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## West Area Sightseeing Spots



### ① The Graves of the Aizu Clan 会津藩士の墓

In the early 1800s, when Japan was still hermetically closed to most outside contacts, Russian ship entered Japan asking to open trade relations for Russia. Russia attacked settlements in Hokkaido when their request was denied. The Aizu clan was then sent to Hokkaido to guard the border. The Aizu clan was not involved in violent conflicts, but some lost their lives because of the poor living conditions in Rishiri. The graves were built for their souls.



### ② Kaiteitansyosen (Ocean Floor Sightseeing Boat) 海底探勝船

This ocean floor sightseeing boat allows you to peer into the depths of the ocean where you will find the famous Rishiri kelp and sea urchins.  
 Dates: May 15<sup>th</sup> - September 15<sup>th</sup> (Please call to check the business hours.)  
 Time: 40 minutes  
 Fare: ¥1,200 (Adult) ¥600 (Child under 12)  
 Tel: 0163-84-2120 Glass boat Rishiri Co.



### ③ Cape Kutsugata Park 沓形岬公園

A popular park where you can enjoy sweeping views of Mt. Rishiri as well as Rebun island across the water. The park is also known as "Cape Donto" for the poetic tablet built in the park. A variety of flowers such as black lilies, licorices, rugosa roses bloom in summer.



### ④ Cape Kutsugata Mini Visitor Center 沓形岬ミニビジター

Through the windows of this octagon-shaped facility, you will catch a panoramic view of Mt. Rishiri, Rebun island and the Sea of Japan. Exhibits explain the natural and cultural history of the area. Posters and film providing Rishiri overview are available. The center opens all day from May to October. No rangers stationed. (Free admission)



### ⑤ Rishiri Community Hall "Donto" Library 交流促進施設どんと

The library holds books for pleasure, study reference and interests including local collection for people of all ages. In addition to the reading room and the study space for adults, there is a children's section that provides story hour. The library also holds an audio visual section where DVDs / VTRs / CDs are available. Free internet access at the audio visual section. Open every day except Mondays from 9am to 5pm.



### ⑥ Rishiri Roadside Shima Station "Kaiso no sato Rishiri" 島の駅

This historical building, a former marine products' wholesale depot, opened as a cultural exchange center in September 2007. Photos and crafts with sea weeds are exhibited, and a café is conveniently located near the exhibition. There is a hands-on craft corner for you to experience making a pressed-leaf / flower products. The facility opens from 9am to 5pm. Please call 0163-84-2514 for more information.

### ⑦ Rishiri Forest Park 利尻町森林公園

This forest park offers solace from the hustle and bustle of daily life, offering a place for bird watching, nature walk and quiet reflection. The park includes 8 bungalows (for up to 4 people), 7 BBQ stoves, a tent site and a kitchen.

### ⑧ Mikaeridai Picnic Site (start point of the trail) 見返台園地

The beautiful picnic site locates at the 5<sup>th</sup> station of Mt. Rishiri (about 500 meter elevation). There are vending machines, pay phones and toilets at the site.

### ⑨ Kamui Shore 神居海岸

A variety of strangely shaped rocks produced by lava flow are seen at this quiet shore. Licorices are in full bloom from mid June to mid July. Rebun island across the water can be seen from the shore.

### ⑩ Neguma no Iwa (The Sleeping Bear) 寝熊の岩

The rock looks like a bear lying down on the ground and called Neguma no (a sleeping bear's) Iwa (a rock).

### Jinmen Iwa (The Rock Face) 人面岩

The rock looks like the face of a person and called Jinmen (a person's face) Iwa (a rock).

### Kita-no-itsukushima Benten Shrine 北のいつくしま弁天堂

Benten, the goddess of the sea, is the only female goddess out of the Seven Lucky Gods of Japan. Legend says Benten saved a wreck out from the stormy sea and the shrine was built with feeling of thankfulness.

### ⑪ Reihou Natural Spring 麗峰湧水

Snow and rain fell on Mt. Rishiri go through natural filters of rock layers and flow to the earth's surface in 30 years. At this Reihou natural spring, you can taste crisp, fresh Reihou natural spring water.

### ⑫ Rishiri Town Museum 利尻町立博物館

The museum introducing nature, history and industry of Rishiri town provides a learning opportunity of partnership between humans and the ocean.  
 Dates: May 1<sup>st</sup> - November 30  
 Hours: May, June, September, October: 9am - 5pm (closes on Mondays and the day after national holidays)  
 July and August: 9am - 5pm (opens 7 days a week)  
 Admission fee: Adult ¥200, Group over 20 people ¥160, Child under 15 ¥100, Children's group over 20 people ¥60

### ⑬ Senhoushi Misaki Park 仙法志御崎公園

The park locates at the southern tip of Rishiri island and affords the best view of Mt. Rishiri and Sea of Japan. A variety of strangely shaped rocks and stones produced by lava flow are seen. The famous Rishiri kelp and sea urchins are also found through clear water of the ocean.

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## East Area Sightseeing Spots



① **Fujino Enchi Picnic Site** 富士野園地  
Ezokanzou, licorice, are in full bloom from late June to mid-July. Toilets and a parking lot are conveniently located for visitors.



② **Yuhigaoka Sunset Observatory** 夕日が丘展望台  
There is nothing as beautiful as the sun setting over the edge of the horizon. This observatory is one of the best points to watch a glorious sunset.



③ **Cape Peshi Observatory** ペシ岬  
Cape Peshi is a natural landmark of the Oshidomari Port. The port and beautiful Mt. Rishiri are seen from the observatory and from the walking trail going up to the observatory. The walking trail is steep and may slippery on rainy days.



④ **Alpine Garden** 高山植物園  
Alpine floras are planted for visitors to enjoy at this garden. Free admission.



⑤ **Culture Center and Rippu Museum** カルチャーセンター・りっぷ館  
The only art museum in Rishiri island. Fine art objects such as carvings and paintings and photos of birds and flowers seen in Rishiri are exhibited in the museum. The museum is open from May to October.  
Hours: 9am to 5pm (close on Mondays)  
Admission fee: Adult ¥300, Junior high school student ¥200, Elementary school student ¥100



⑥ **Rishiri Island campground "YUNI"** キャンプ場 ゆーに  
Nearly located a hot spring spa facility, this well equipped campground is for families and friends who want to enjoy outdoor activities in Rishiri island.

⑦ **Kanrosensui (Natural mineral water)** 甘露泉  
Within 10-minute-walk from the Hokuroku forest park, you will find Kanrosensui, natural mineral water, welling up from the earth. The water here has been selected one of the best natural water in Japan.

⑧ **Nozuka Observatory** 野塚展望台  
A memorial stone to the Japan's first native English instructor, Ranald MacDonald, is located here.

⑨ **Himenuma Pond** 姫沼  
This marshland locates about 5 kilometers from the Oshidomari Port (ferry terminal.) The pond is 1 kilometer around and surrounded by old growth forests. Enjoy the 30-minute-long walking trail around the pond as you listen to the wild birds singing.

⑩ **Rishiri Island Folk Museum** 鬼脇郷土資料館  
This historical building used to be a village office.  
Hours: May, June, September, October: 9am - 5pm (closes on Tuesdays and the day after national holidays)  
July and August: 9am - 5pm (opens 7 days a week)  
Admission fee: Adult ¥200, Junior High School Student ¥100, Elementary School Student ¥50.

⑪ **Numaura Observatory** 沼浦展望台  
Mt. Rishiri, Ootomari pond, Numaura beach and mainland Hokkaido are seen from this quiet observatory.

⑫ **Ootomari Pond · Numaura Marshland** オトマリ沼・沼浦湿原  
The biggest pond in Rishiri island. Upside down image of Mt. Rishiri reflected on the pond is very popular. Enjoy the walking trail around the pond as you listen to the wild birds singing.

⑬ **Minamihama Marshland** 南浜湿原  
The marshland has been regarded as a valuable high moor for vegetation analysis. White arum and other swamp vegetation are found at the marshland.

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**Campground information** キャンプ場情報  
 ⑭ **Rishiri Hokuroku Forest Park** 利尻北麓野営場  
 This popular Rishiri Hokuroku forest park is located right at the start point of Mt. Rishiri Oshidomari trail and is full of mountain climbers every summer. The forest in which the campground located has been selected one of the best forests in Japan. Fees : Tent site ¥300/night  
 ⑮ **(West Area) Cape Kutsugata Park Campground** 沓形岬公園キャンプ場  
 This tent site is close to the Kutsugata ferry terminal and has a great ocean view. The campground manager will come to collect the fee either in the morning or in the late afternoon.  
 Fees : Tent site ¥300/night (Child under 12 ¥100)  
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**Tourist Information Center**  
**West area(Rishiri Town)** 利尻町観光案内  
 Rishiri tourist information center is in the Kutsugata ferry terminal. The center is open from May to September.  
**East area(Rishirifuji Town)** 利尻富士町観光案内  
 Rishirifuji Tourist Information center is in the Oshidomari ferry terminal. The center is open from April 15 to October 15.  
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