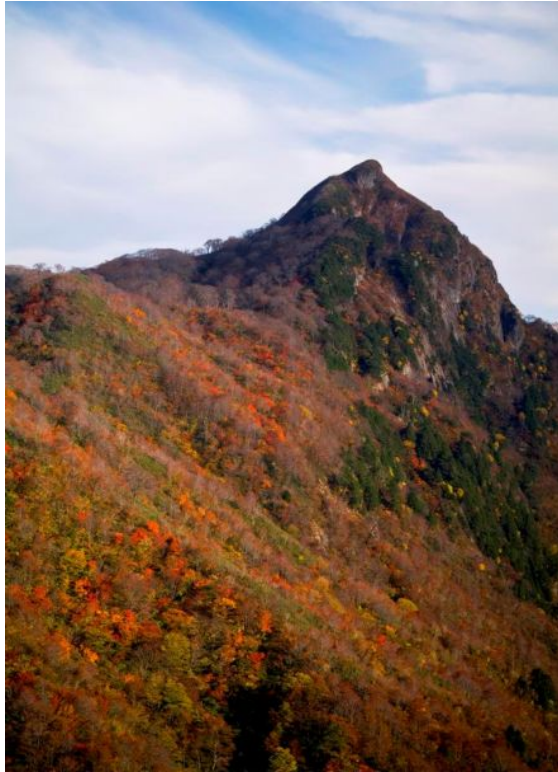




## Mt. Kanmuri and Ryūsōgataki

Shidsuhara, Ikeda-cho and Elsewhere

Water is the source of life, and Ikeda-cho is the source of much of Fukui's water. Here, visitors can touch, taste, feel, and hear the pristine waters that become the Asuwa River.



Mt. Kanmuri



Asuwa River (Shidsuhara, Ikeda-cho)

Mt. Kanmuri (elev. 1,257m), which sits on the border of Fukui's Ikeda-cho and Gifu Prefecture, has been selected as one of the "100 Nature Spots to be Preserved in the 21st Century." Covered in snow and inaccessible for much of the winter and spring months, in early summer its summit opens up to hikers and proudly proves its worth as one of the top 100 Nature Spots in the country. Its brilliant flowers and fall foliage allow visitors to forget the stresses of city life and enjoy reprieve along its slopes.

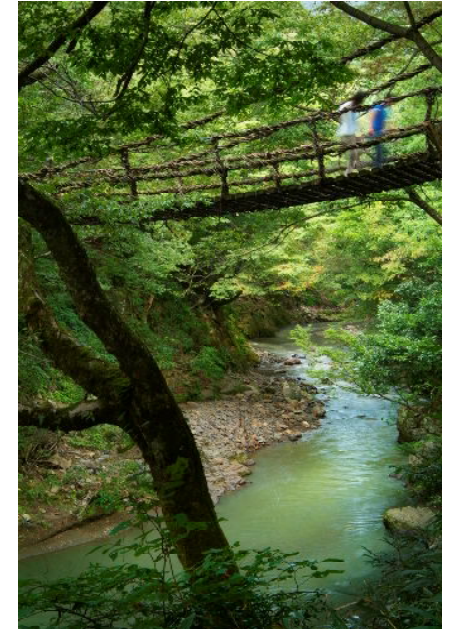
The Asuwa River originates on Mt. Kanmuri, flowing 63km west until it joins the Hino River after passing through Fukui City. The sight and sound of its babbling waters refresh both mind and soul, making it popular among residents and visitors alike. Nearby lies the Kazura Bridge, a rope bridge allowing visitors a commanding view of the natural landscape.

The waters of Ryūsōgataki Waterfall descend 60 meters of bare rock surface, a sight which has earned its recognition as one of Japan's 100 Most Beautiful Waterfalls, Fukui Prefecture's only location on the list.

The town itself is inextricably linked to this pure water, which flows through it and imbues it with life and gentle vitality.



Ryūsōgataki Waterfall



Kazura Bridge



Asuwa River (Shidsuhara, Ikeda-cho)

