

# Stroll along Hashikami Coast

Hashikami Kaigan is a scenic coast stretching 5.5 km along the northern Sanriku Coast. It is located in the southeastern tip of Aomori where the sun rise can be observed earlier than any other place. The coast boasts a changing landscape from sand beaches and reefs to grassy areas, and offers sites for fishing and beach activities. It is a certified as Michinoku Shiohaze Trail, a long distance trail developed by the Environmental Ministry, and as a Japanese Geopark.

## Sea trail

Distance: Approx. 5km  
Required time: 2 hours

This hiking trail offers a great blue ocean view. Admire seasonal coastal plants, enjoy time with retired local fishermen or talk about fish with people who came here for fishing. You can enjoy the coastal walk anyway you like. So many things are waiting to be discovered.

The trail is marked as the Orange line on the map. The time required to complete each segment is shown at the bottom of the map.

### A Oja coast

Beach activities are allowed within the designated range at this shoaling beach with reefs. Paintings by local children decorate the coastline.

### Useful information

Fresh seafood is available at great prices

There are several fish stores along the coast of Hashikami. Storefronts displaying fresh seafood are a common sight in Hashikami. Most of it is fresh right out of the ocean. The freshness and low prices attract many customers from out of town.

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### B Aomori Aquaculture Promotion Association

Key fishery station that farms and harvests. Young abalone and flounder are harvested here.



### C Tsunami monument

There are several tsunami monuments to commemorate the 1896 and 1933 tsunamis. The monument for the 2011 tsunami was built in the Oja district. The slogan that saved people's lives is engraved on it.

### Retro semaphore signal

A semaphore signal is mechanical signal for train operation. Flags are kept in a horizontal Stop position or lowered 45 degrees to the Go position on the side of the track. It was used from November of 1924, when the Hachinohe Line Hashikami Station was inaugurated, until June of 2005. It is one of the rare long lasting signals on the JR East network. The tiled roof resembles the station building back then. Location: JR Hashikami Station

### E Kominato Fishing Port

The central fishing port in town and hub of harvesting marine products. Its quay is a popular fishing spot.

### D Tomarigawa Shrine (Isogata Daimyojin)

The story goes that a monstrous octopus attacked people and drowned them. The shrine was built to ease the spirit of the octopus. Octopuses are believed to have power over eye illness and have been worshipped for that reason in this shrine. It is also a famous spot to watch the sunrise on New Year's Day.



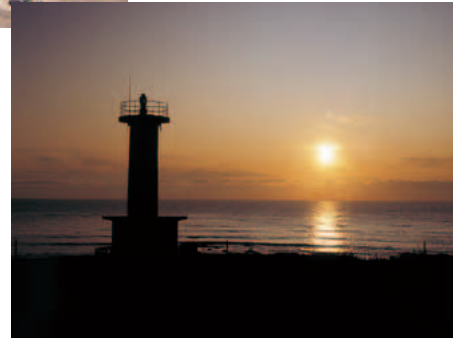
### F Akaishi Daimyojin

Akaishi Daimyojin is located in the area where the Goddess of Kannon appeared riding a cow. As this cow wanted to accompany her forever, the cow was turned into a red rock (cow rock) so that everybody can view it between waves.



### G Hashikami Lighthouse

Towering in the middle of Nijuichitai, Hashikami Lighthouse on the south-eastern tip of Aomori is known as a place where the sun rises earlier than anywhere else in Aomori. It is also a place for the Ichigoni Festival.



Tsunami monument located here



### Useful information

### Delicious marine delicacy Ichigoni Festival

Dates: Sat and Sun in late July every year.  
Place: Kominato Kaigan (Hashikami Lighthouse)



Original Ichigoni

The largest event in town held to celebrate the local specialty, *ichigoni*. *Ichigoni* with local sea urchin and abalone is offered at a reasonable price and attracts many tourists from Aomori and beyond. This gift from the ocean pleases everybody's palate. Fireworks displays and other attractions during this festival are great opportunities for summertime fun.

### H Kenzakai Ishi rock

This rock marks the boundary at sea between Hashikami-cho, Aomori and Hirono-cho, Iwate. This area is a rich ground for sea urchin and abalone. The dispute over the boundary was difficult but was settled in 1951. Monuments were built on land and in the sea. The one in the sea is engraved with the word "boundary."



\* 2km from Kenzakai Ishi to JR Hachinohe Line Hashikami Station, 800m to Kadonohama Station