The KENRYUKYO Gorge

A Hidden Scenic Treasure of Niigata

Walk Round 45 mins



The Taiko-ishi (Dram rock)
No one knows why this huge rock sits here



The Torii Gate and Bridge to the Shrine



A downhill path to Kenryu-bashi Bridge



Kenryu-bashi Bridge is covered with moss



Unique rock formations are created by the river



Huge rocks stand beside the river

The Sanjin-sugi (Three Sacred Cedar Trees)



The roots of cedar trees are intertwined



The Fudodaki Waterfall and the Turtle Rock→



If you have no plans today or some free time, Kenryukyo Gorge is a wonderful place to enjoy the natural beauty of Niigata.

At Kenryukyo Gorge, you can see gigantic rocks and waterfalls. The flow of the river has created impressive scenery throughout the gorge.

The Ryu no Kenbori (Dragon's Pothole)

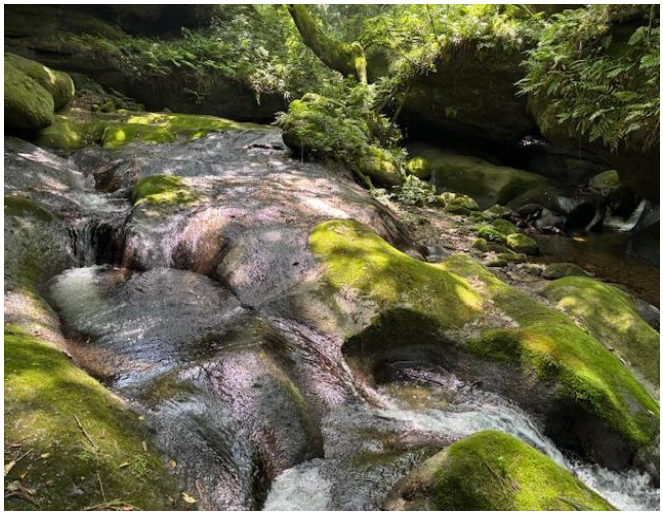


← Legend of Dragon Deity

There is a small pothole near Fudodaki Waterfall. "Ryu no Kenbori" has a legend about a dragon maiden.

Long ago, there was a young man named Hikosaburo who lived in Arakawa Village. At that time, the village often suffered from drought and water shortages.

One day, he saved the daughter of a dragon deity. She told him: "I will keep water beneath the huge rock. When you need rain, stir the pithole with a tree branch." After that, the village no longer had problems with water.



Many potholes can be seen along the river flow



The Misoginotaki Waterfall

The shape of this waterfall is very impressive. Normally, waterfalls become wider toward the bottom but this one has an inverted triangular shape.

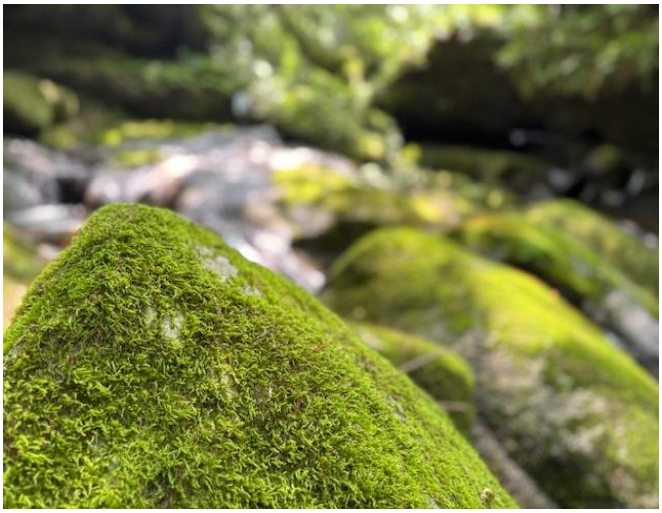


The gentle flow of water over the huge rocks creates a relaxing atmosphere



The beauty of the water is incredible

The green moss on the riverside rocks refreshes the mind



A Concept Map of Kenryukyo Gorge

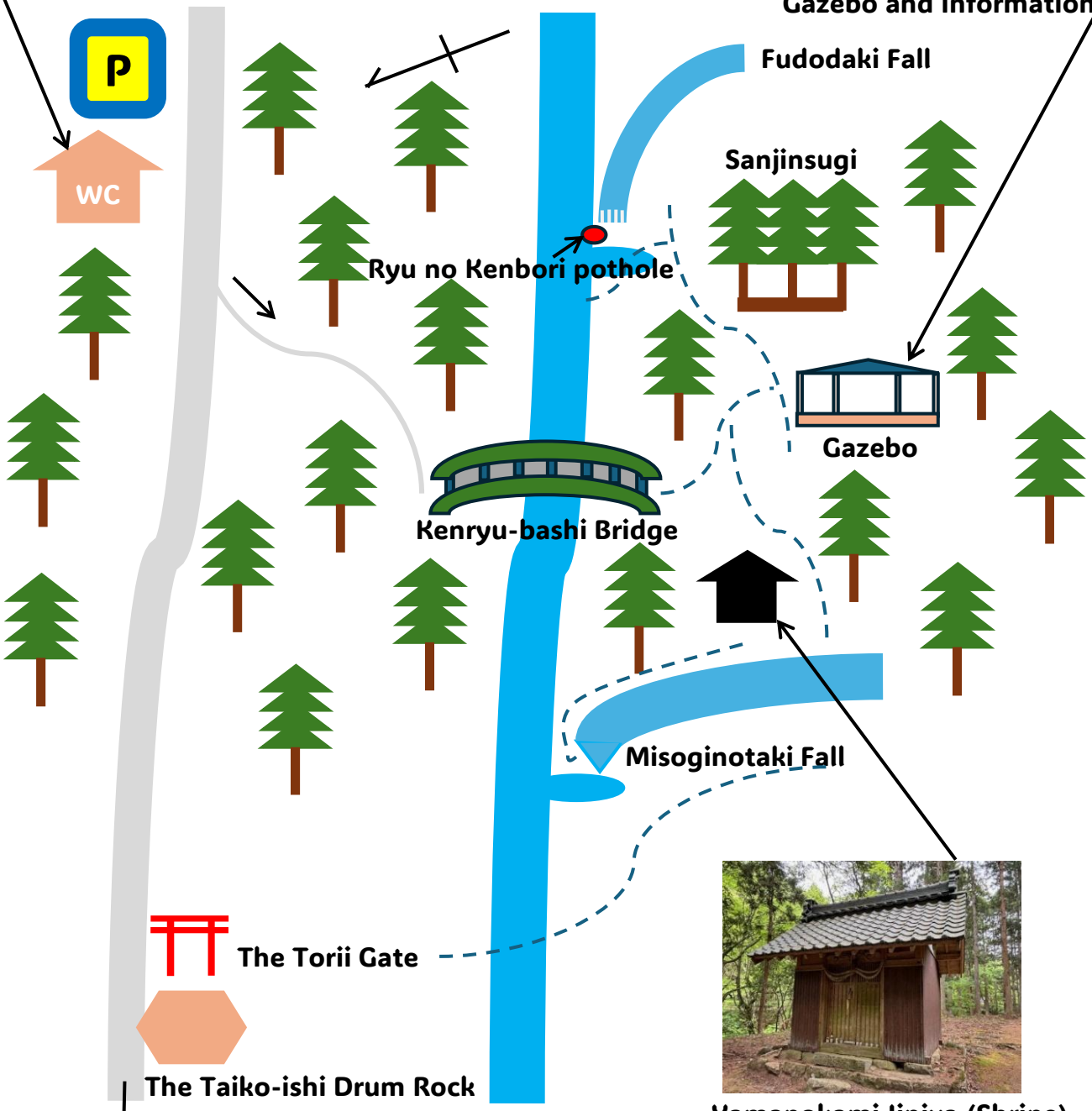


There are no clear signs indicating the sightseeing spots.
This concept map will help you understand the locations and facilities.

Be careful of BEARs and other wild animals.
Please carry a bearbell when walking in the area.



Gazebo and Information



Yamanokami Jinjya (Shrine)

to Arakawa Village

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