

Shiga Highlands Area (19 Ski Grounds)

<p>Overview</p>	<p>Shiga Highlands are one of Japan's largest ski resorts, where you can enjoy skiing in 19 ski grounds with just one lift ticket. Take advantage of the whole area using free shuttle buses and lifts, and experience the runs used by athletes during the 1998 Nagano Winter Olympic Games. The ski resort is located on 1,400m to 2,300m above sea level, and equipped with over 80 ski runs, over 60 chairlifts and gondolas. Enjoy excellent and real powder snow in Shiga Highlands!</p>
<p>Photo</p>	
<p>Winter Season</p>	<p>From mid-November, 2015 to mid-May, 2016 (Subject to change due to the snow condition)</p>
<p>Classes in English</p>	<p>English classes are scheduled to open.</p>
<p>School</p>	<p>Sugiyama Ski School http://www.sugiyamaskischool.com/ <u>In English, German, Japanese and Spanish</u> Classes offered: ski, snowboard, free style, powder guide for junior and senior players PR: From young to old, and beginners to experts, we offer variety of classes for every one.</p> 
<p>Snowmobile Experience</p>	<p>Shiga Highlands Prince Hotel http://www.princehotels.com/en/ski/shiga_kougen.html (English) Lion Adventures (Outdoor tour company) http://hakuba.lion-adventure.com/en/shigakogen/ (English)</p>
<p>Recommended Food</p>	<p>There are variety of restaurants including <i>Izakaya</i> Japanese-style pub, Italian, Chinese, Japanese and Nepalese restaurants, bakeries and cafes.</p>

<p>Place of Interest Nearby</p>	<p>Jigokudani Wild Monkey Park (Snow Monkey Park) 30 min. to one hour from Shiga Highlands by local bus http://www.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/japanese/html/top_j.htm (Japanese) http://www.jigokudani-yaenkoen.co.jp/english/html/top_e.htm (English)</p> 
<p>Hot Spring</p>	<p>Please enjoy many different hot springs in Shiga Highlands: Hoppo Onsen is said to have been named after the sound of hot steam gushing out from the ground. In Kumanoyu (Bear's Hot Spring) Onsen where bears are said to have healed their injuries, please enjoy bathing in the green-colored spring water. The water at Kidoike Onsen is colorless and clear, and feels soft to the touch. Hotaru Onsen is in the deepest part of the mountains. Shigayama Onsen is right below Giant Ski Ground. Takamagahara Onsen is located on the north slope of Mt. Higashi Tateyama. From Makuwa Onsen, you can enjoy beautiful views of the Kakuma River valley. Maruike and Hasuike Onsens draw hot spring water from Mt. Nishi Tateyama, using natural head.</p> <p>50 out of 100 hotels and inns at Shiga Highlands offer hot spring bathing. There are no bathing facilities without accommodation, but some hotels and inns offer a bathing plan without staying overnight.</p> <p>Shiga Kogen Tourist Association http://www.shigakogen.gr.jp.e.qn.hp.transer.com/ (English)</p>
<p>Accommodation</p>	<p>Accommodations registered under the Snow Resort Alliance: http://www.snowlove.net/japan/contents/shigakogen_hotel.html (English)</p>
<p>Wi-Fi Information</p>	<p>Wi-Fi is available either in the lobby, or both in the lobby and guest rooms at all hotels registered under the Snow Resort Alliance.</p>