



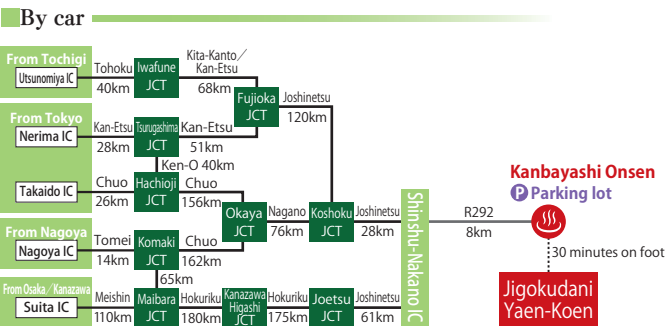
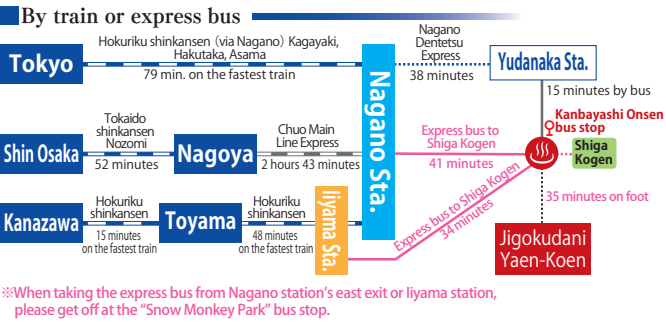
Since its opening in 1964, Jigokudani Yaen-Koen (Wild Snow Monkey Park) is known by people far and wide as a place where the intriguing natural habitat of Japanese macaques can be observed year-round.

Jigokudani (lit. Hell's Valley) is located in the Yokoyu River valley, which originates in Shiga Kogen National Park in northern Nagano prefecture. The monkeys live amongst the bountiful, though unforgiving, natural habitat found here. The monkeys are known for bathing in the onsen (hot spring) during the cold winter months, and in recent years people around the world have come to know and adore them as the "Snow Monkeys." Many researchers and photographers also often visit the area giving way to numerous accomplishments.



ACCESS

How to access Jigokudani Yaen-Koen



Hours of operation
April – October: 8:30 – 5:00
November – March: 9:00 – 4:00
Open year-round
※As the animals are wild there are times when none are present in the park.

Entrance fee (tax included)	General admission		Group admission (20 people or more)
	Adults (age 18 and older)	800yen	680yen
	Children (age 6 and older)	400yen	340yen

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The snow monkeys show a variety of facial expressions throughout the four seasons. Observe them in their natural habitat as you stand at the edge of the wild.



To the visitors of Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

Hours of operation

Hours of operation during the summer months are 8 : 30 a.m. to 5 : 00 p.m. (winter hours are 9 : 00 a.m. – 4 : 00 p.m.) , however even during the hours the park is open the monkeys are not always present. The hours of operation are only a guideline. The Japanese macaques found at Yaen-Koen are wild animals. Depending on the weather, the hours of operation are subject to change without prior notification. When you visit please make your plans with some allowance in your schedule.

Clothing and footwear

Please dress accordingly and wear the appropriate footwear for the weather. In particular, during the winter there is a large amount of snowfall and occasionally a chance of a blizzard. Please dress in appropriate clothing to protect you from the cold. Snow is removed from the roads and footpaths and anti-slip solvent is applied, however when there are frozen patches they are extremely slippery. We therefore recommend bringing snow boots or crampons with you. (Leather shoes, sneakers, high heels, etc. are extremely dangerous.)

Toilet facilities

There are no toilets along the way between Kanbayashi Onsen and Jigokudani Yaen-Koen (a roughly 30 minute walk over approx. 2km) . Please use the toilets found at the Jigokudani Yaen-Koen parking lot or inside Jigokudani Yaen-Koen.

Transportation and parking

We ask that guests use public transportation as much as possible as there are limited spaces available in the parking lot. *The route from Shibu Onsen is closed during the winter (December – March) .



Observe the behaviors of
each individual monkey
within the troop.



Observation notes

Monkeys are the closest animals to humans. They resemble humans in many ways including the shape of their hands and how they use them and the contour of their faces. They also have features unique to monkeys such as the shape of their hind feet and how they use them. Please try and observe the differences between the bodies of people and other animals.

Japanese macaques live in groups called “troops,” and are highly social animals. The monkeys depend upon and support each other. Observe the behaviors of each individual monkey within the troop.



Points to remember when observing Japanese macaques



Keep as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not touch or scare them.



Do not show or give them any food.



Do not bring dogs, cats, or other pets inside.



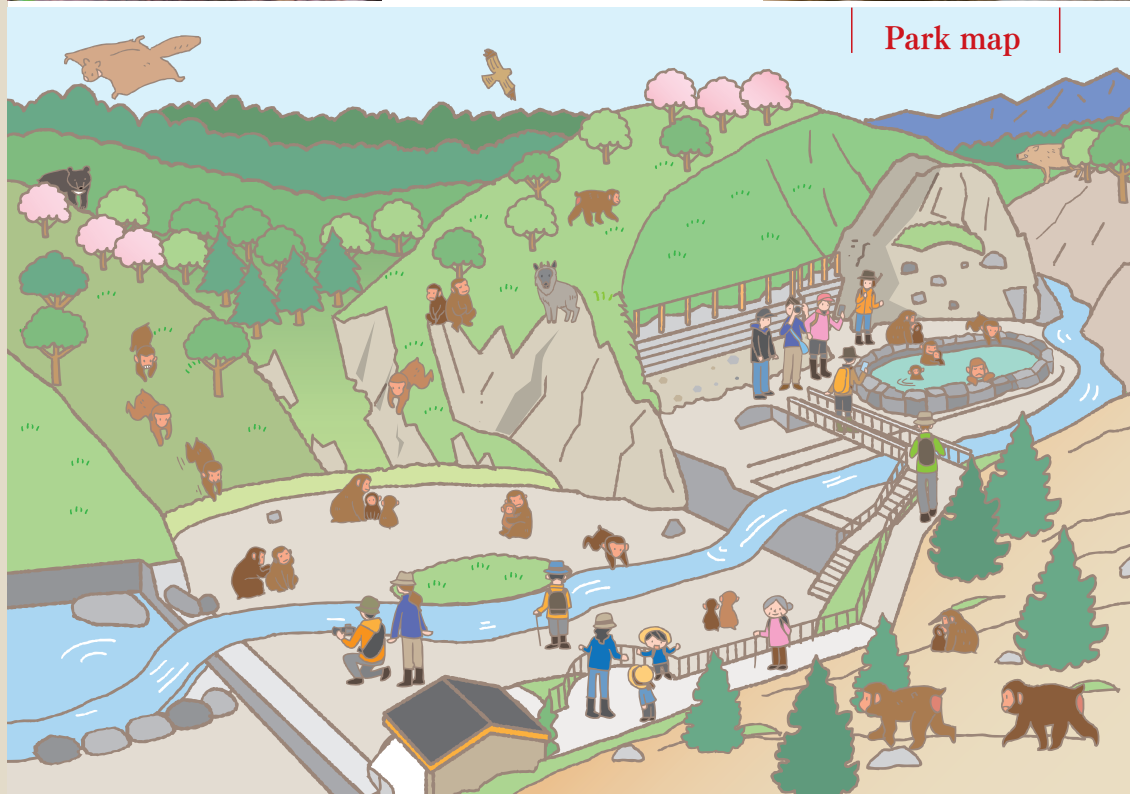
Photography (camera and video) is permitted.

Be careful when filming

- Placing a camera in the water, the use of drones and selfie sticks, or any other special filming equipment is prohibited.
- When filming, place as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not bring your camera or mobile phone too close to the monkeys.

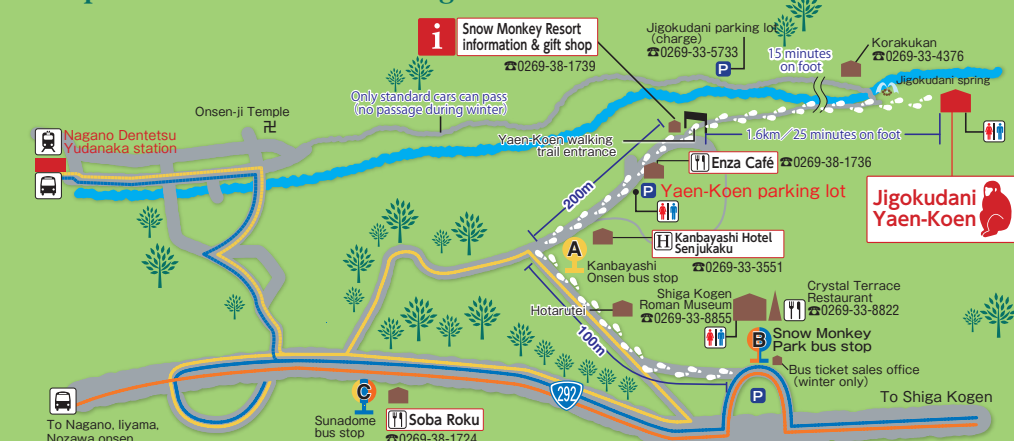


We appreciate your cooperation to ensure a safe observation experience.



Park map

The path from Yudanaka to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen



Yellow Line

Please get off the bus at Kanbayashi Onsen bus stop

[Yudanaka ↔ Kanbayashi Onsen]

※ This bus does not stop at the B bus stops.

Blue Line

Please get off the bus at Snow Monkey Park

[Yudanaka ↔ Snow Monkey Park/Shiga Kogen]

※ Shiga Kogen line

Orange Line

Please get off the bus at Snow Monkey Park

[Nagano ↔ Snow Monkey Park/Shiga Kogen]

[Nazawa/Iiyama ↔ Snow Monkey Park/Shiga Kogen]