**ACCESS**

**By train**
- Limited express train (45 min.)
- Local train (50 min.)
- Transfer to JR Bus
- JR Bus (15 min.)

**By bus**
- Suppo-Sanmi-Kitama (non-stop) 1 hr 20 min.

**By car**
- Hidaka Expressway (40 km)
- Hokkaido Expressway (100 km)
- National Highway (108 km)

**Mt. Apoi Geopark Visitor Center**
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URL: http://www.apoi-geopark.jp/

- Opening period: April – November
- Open every day during periods of operation
- Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Free admission
Information center for learning about and enjoying the geology, ecology, and people of Samani

Mt. Apoi Geopark Visitor Center serves as a hub for Mt. Apoi Geopark. It provides a wide range of information on Samani’s geology, natural environment, history, and culture, and on local climbing opportunities. Requests to stay at Apoi-sanroku Family Park Campsite can also be made there.

Topographical model of Mt. Apoi Geopark (Samani)

This 3D topographical model covering almost the whole area of Samani exhibits a contrast in terrain between the town center to the west and the Apoi Mountains to the east, and also highlights local geosites.

Samani Landscape Panels and Dioramas

The Earth Science Zone highlights peridotites and other local features of Mt. Apoi. In its center are displays of dioramas and panels depicting Mt. Apoi, Oyako-iwa Rocks and other Samani landscapes. This zone is the ideal place to learn about how local landscapes formed.

Diorama of Alpine Flora on Mt. Apoi

This diorama reproducing flower fields near Umanose (the western ridge of Mt. Apoi) showcases the typical beautiful blooms seen in each season.

Highlighting of peridotites

Rocks in Samani

A window into the dynamics of the earth

Mt. Apoi Geopark

Abnormal view of Mt. Apoi Geopark

Geological narratives in Samani

Emphasizing peridotites

Alpine flora

Historical narratives

Mt. Apoi Geopark

Tunnel from the Meiji Period

This cross-section represents a tunnel dug in the Meiji Period (1868 – 1912) in what is known today as the Hidaka Yabakei area.

Peel Specimen of a Fault

This specimen is actually from the Hidaka Main Thrust in Mt. Apoi Geopark, where two tectonic plates in eastern and western Hokkaido once collided.

Alpine Flora Calendar

This rotating drum showcases the blooming seasons of flowers that open in succession on Mt. Apoi over a period of around six months. Rotate the drum to see flowers that bloom in each season.

Areas with a wealth of things to see!

- Horoman peridotite commentary panels
- Video Area
- Alpine flora commentary panels
- Historical commentary panels
- Industrial commentary panels