

# 11 Miki-toge Hago-toge Pass



**1 Signpost**  
This stone signpost reads, "Left for the Kumano-michi."



**2 Viewpoint near the pass**  
Once you reach Miki-toge Pass, you can take the trail towards the sea to the viewpoint. There are some benches on the top with a view of the Sea of Kumano and the town of Mikiura.



**3 Shishigaki**  
The path crosses this stone fence built farmers about 300 years ago to keep wild boars from destroying rice paddies.



**4 Katahane five-ringed tower**  
This Gorintō ("five-ringed tower") was put here about 400 years ago. In Buddhist thought, the five levels of this tower represent the five elements that make up the universe. It is thought that this is a grave of a local lord.

- **Distance** / Approx. 6Km from Mikisato Station to Kata Station
- **Walking time** / 3hrs.
- **Level** / ★★★
- **The Course** / Thanks to the locals, this old road has been excavated in recent years. It is still broken up in places where the original road couldn't be found, but you can catch views of the ocean through the trees now and then. The stone fences stretches on and on from the pass. This and the abandoned terraced fields and rice paddies gives us a peek in to how life used to be.