

The process to reach the Happo-Shirakami geopark from the World Heritage Site

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1. Promotional Meeting for Happo-Shirakami Geopark.

When a part of Shirakami mountains were registered as an UNESCO World Heritage site in 1993, many people in Happo-town wondered why no valuable mountains became treasure mountains in the world. But some people found that is the most important occurrence.

At that time, the Happo town were underpopulated area. Then the administration of Happo town became to built a new woodpass from Happo town to Nishimeya village in Aomori pref. through Shirakami mountains covered with virgin beech forests. But this plan went out because of Japanese recognized the forests were true treasure in the world.

In Happo town, two volunteer organized Association of Shirakami nature and Association of Shirakami guid. Who wants to be guid the area must get the qualification for this purpose, they learn botany, zoology, physiography, and geology. Who learned above mentioned them might have preceeded experiments. So they could understand the purpose of Geopark easily.

An important point of learning shows as follow.

1. Greentuff movement
2. Lifting up land and physiography
3. How to guid at the field
4. How to teach for children outdoor lessons

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