

# Hiking map

## Mt. Gassan & Mt. Yudono

**1 Gassan Resthouse**



This is where the bus to **Gassan Hachigōme** will drop you. Inside the building, you will find a small restaurant/café, souvenirs and equipment (sunhats, sunglasses...). The toilet are located in the other building facing Gassan Resthouse.



**2 Busshōike Goya**



This little mountain lodge serves meals, snacks and drinks to the hikers. It is also a mountain lodging option for those who wish to stay for the night in Mt. Gassan. We ask for the visitors who wish to take a rest or eat their lunch box inside to buy a little something inside the shop as a participation for the inn's maintenance fees.



**3 Gassan Shrine**



This is the final step of Mt. Gassan's hiking trail. Nearby, you will find toilet and a resting area called **Gassan Chōjō Goya**. They provide food and lodging. You can continue further to Mt. Yudono or go back to Tsuruoka, or also try the other hiking trails (not included in this brochure).



**4 Yudonosan trail**



Do **NOT** turn left at this point, as this will bring you to Hijiori Onsen. If you want to continue to Mt. Yudono, you need to take the path forward. Please make sure you have enough energy and water supplies with you before continuing further. The elevation loss is rather harsh. You can rest at **Gassan Chōjō Goya** behind you first.



**5 Gakkō-zaka**



This is the most dangerous part of the trail to Mt. Yudono. From this point, you will find a succession of ladders that you will have to climb down in order to get to Mt. Yudono. In case of rainy weather, the ladders can become very slippery. Please be very cautious when climbing down this part.



**6 Yudonosan Shrine**



Photos are forbidden from this point. The reason lies in the giant red rock from where Mt. Yudono's holy hot water is gushing out. It contains a holy deity that shall not be represented, neither in photos, videos, nor drawings. Please refrain from taking pictures. The purification ritual costs 500 yen per person.



### You will see...



Green hiking tracks From July to early September  
Autumn grass From mid-September to October



Jizō Buddhist statues Native flowers

**Hiking season:**  
**July 1st - September 15th\***

*\* Hiking trails are practicable until Early October but the buildings (lodges, restaurants, toilets...) are closed past this date.*

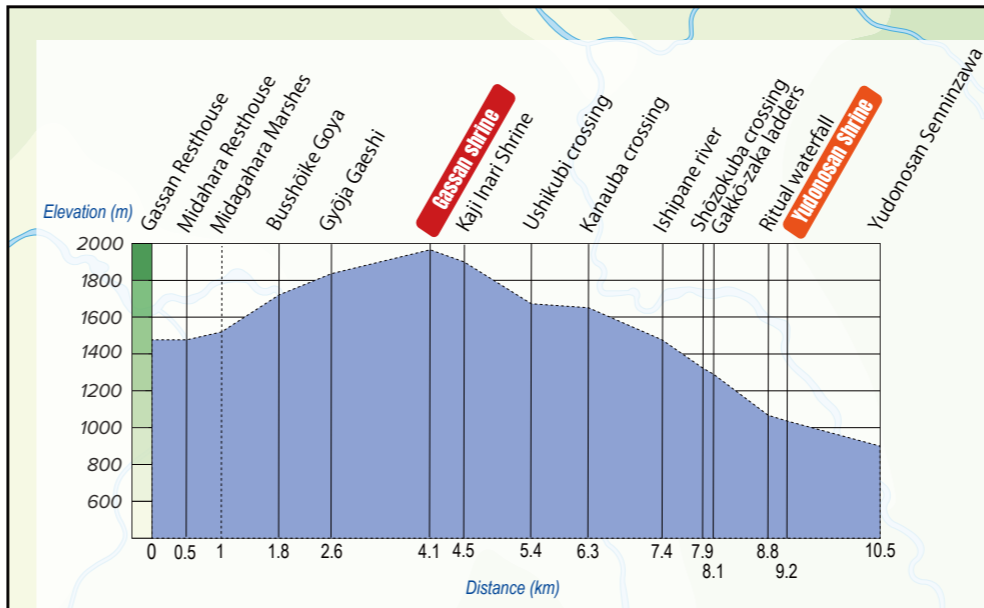
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Kaji Inari Shrine Mt. Ubagatake



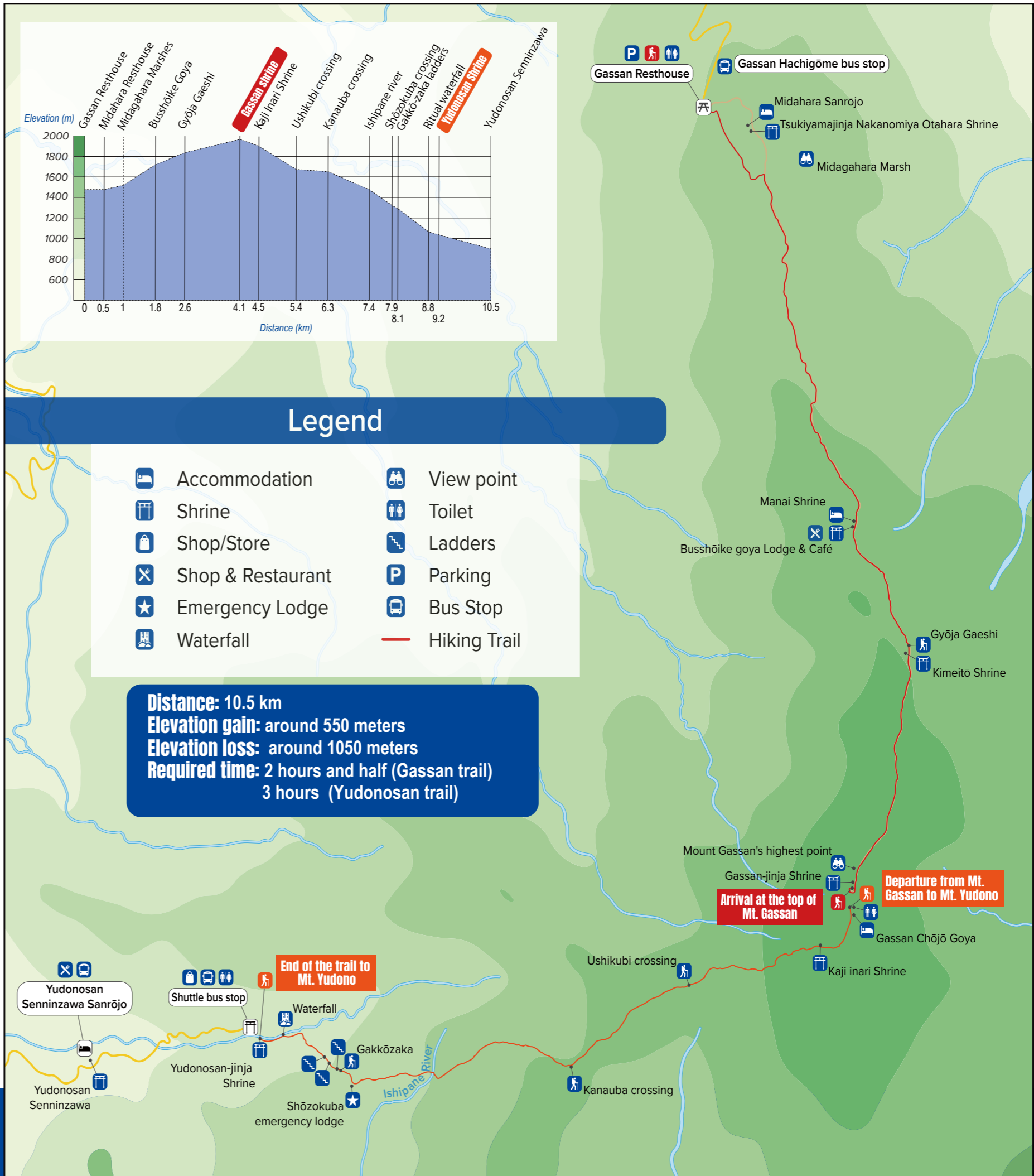
Shōzokuba crossing (turn right to go to Mt. Yudono) Yudonosan Senninzawa



### Legend

	Accommodation		View point
	Shrine		Toilet
	Shop/Store		Ladders
	Shop & Restaurant		Parking
	Emergency Lodge		Bus Stop
	Waterfall		Hiking Trail

**Distance: 10.5 km**  
**Elevation gain: around 550 meters**  
**Elevation loss: around 1050 meters**  
**Required time: 2 hours and half (Gassan trail)**  
**3 hours (Yudonosan trail)**



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