

Escape to Somewhere Local

If you've lived in Iwaki for a while and are unsure what sights you'd like to see next, there is a place where you can enjoy looking at virtually all of them at once. The Yunodake Panorama Line is a scenic route that winds up Mt. Yunodake in the Joban region of the city. About halfway towards the peak, the narrow mountain road widens into a parking area that offers a spectacular view of the city and its 60km stretch of coastline.

The front and back cover photos of this edition were taken at the same location and angle to contrast the daytime and night-time scenery. During the day, you can see Spa Resort Hawaiians at the foot of the mountain, and you should also be able to see Iwaki Marine Tower and Onahama Port in the distance on a clear day. On the other hand, the night offers a more tranquil view when the whole city lights up and appears like fireflies in a field.

Although you will need a car (or some sturdy legs if you're thinking about peddling a bike up the mountain!) to reach this spot, Yunodake is ideal for local residents to enjoy a weekend escape without actually having to escape Iwaki.

Thank You Iwaki Vision Readers:

This will be my last edition as editor of Iwaki Vision. Whilst it has been a struggle to come up with new content over the last few editions, it has been a great privilege to be able to contribute 17 volumes to this series over the last five years (I'd like to think that my writing and editing style has improved – even if just slightly – over such a long period of time!). There are too many people to thank for providing ideas or information for the articles or assisting me in some way or another along the way. As we enter the era of “Beautiful Harmony” in Japan, I wish the next generation of Coordinators of International Relations the best of luck in maintaining Iwaki Vision in some form or another.

– Ben

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