

“Sugi no Osugi” Giant Cedar

“Sugi no Osugi” is famous as the tallest Japanese cedar tree and estimated to be 3,000 years old. Sugi no Osugi is actually a pair of trees called “Minami Osugi” (“South Giant Cedar”) and “Kita Osugi” (“North Giant Cedar”). Since the two trees are merged at the root, it is also called “Meoto Sugi” (“Wedded Cedar”). Minami Osugi has a circumference of about 20 meters at its base and is some 60 meters tall, while Kita Osugi is about 16.5 meters around and is approximately 57 meters tall. Sugi no Osugi was designated by the central government as a special natural monument in 1952. It is also believed that Sugi-no-Osugi can make visitors fulfill their long-cherished wishes. A famous singer once visited there as a young child and prayed to acquire vocal skills, and later became one of Japan’s best singers.

INFORMATION

Address : 794 Sugi, Otoyo Town, Nagaoka County, Kochi Prefecture

Access : Ōtoyō-chō is located 35 km north of Kōchi City (about 40 min by car).

Sugi no Ōsugi is located near Ōsugi Station (JRShikoku), about 37 km north of Kōchi city.

It is best to take the Ōtōyo highway exit and follow National Road 32 towards Kōchi for about 3 km.

Ōsugi Station can be reached in 35 minutes by express train on the Dosan Line from Kōchi train station (JR).

The Sugi no Ōsugi is located about 800 m from the Ōsugi Station (JR)

