



Geopark Site: Kujūkushima Islands, Nikaho Area

A long time ago, this area was part of the sea. About 2500 years ago, part of Mt. Chokai collapsed and created many small hills below the mountain. Some of the hills formed in the sea, creating islands. About 200 years ago, an earthquake caused the land to rise, and the water between the islands dried up. Today, the area is used as rice fields with small hills between them. It is still called Kujūkushima: "99 Islands."