

San'in Kaigan Geopark educational field trip plan by and for high school students.

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The San'in Kaigan Geopark Promotion Council provides many wonderful hiking courses and driving maps for individual visitors who want to experience the park's dynamic geological and cultural features. However, very little information and resources are available for group visitors, especially junior and senior high school students, who want to use the Geopark for educational purposes. Also, the lack of an education system using the Geopark was apparent. We saw this as a problem since one of the most important reasons Geoparks exist was for geotourism and education. So the five of us high school students planned an educational field trip to be carried out at our school, in cooperation with the San'in Kaigan Geopark Promotion Council. Our plan consisted of group field works, and activities with the local high school and university covering both geological and cultural materials. Our goal was to create a highly versatile field trip plan which could be provided to other schools to be used as a model. Although we could not make the trip plan come true, we will present the plan in the hope of future use.