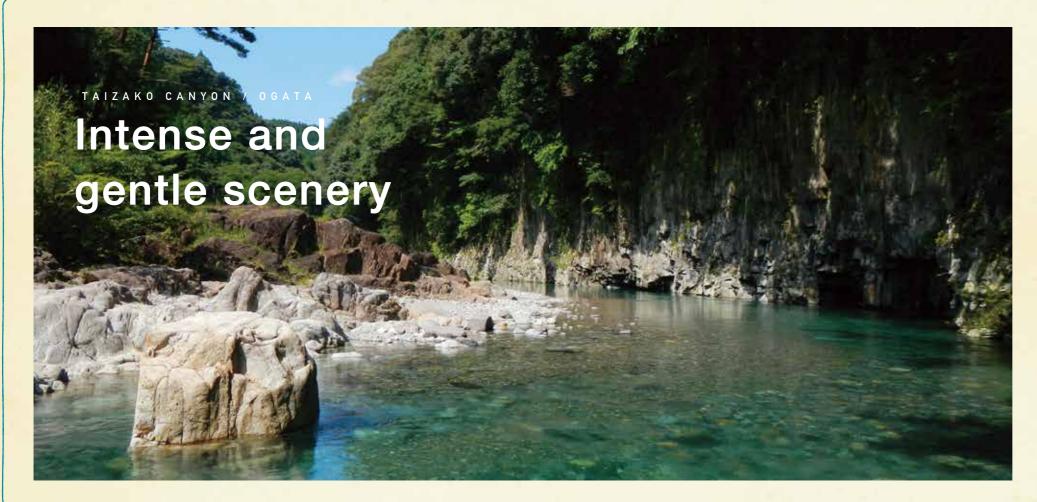


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Taizako Canyon

Clear and beautiful Okudake River flows far down from Taizako Canyon. The cliff has many longitudinal crevices. This deep canyon was formed 90,000 years ago following a series of eruptions of Mt. Aso. The large eruptions produced a super large pyroclastic flow, which completely covered a river that existed there. In the 90,000 years since then, natural spring water from the Sobo mountain range created this deep canyon, exposed rocks formed by the pyroclastic flow, and produced incomparable scenery. The height of the rock wall of Taizako Canyon exceeds 70 meters, and it shows columnar joints that are characteristic of rock formed by massive amounts of high-temperature pyroclastic flow.

The longitudinal crevices in the columnar joints created the sheer cliffs.