The Lake Shikotsu Visitor Center aims to introduce the nature of Lake Shikotsu in an easy- to-understand and interesting manner so that visitors to Lake Shikotsu can enjoy the splendid nature of the area. Why don't you embrace nature based on the knowledge and information available here at the Visitor Center? An encounter with dynamic nature awaits you. The area surrounding Lake Shikotsu abounds in facilities designed to help you get acquainted with nature, including nature observation trails and the Wild Bird Forest.

**Area map**

Lake Shikotsu Visitor Center

**Access**

- **Car**
  - Chitose IC
  - Sapporo City
  - Prefectural road National Route 453
  - Approx. 25 km

- **Bus**
  - New Chitose Airport
  - Sapporo City
  - Via Chitose City National Route 453
  - Approx. 55 km

**Information on usage**

- Opening hours: 9:30 – 17:30 (9:30 – 16:30 in winter)
- Closed: New Year holidays; Tuesdays in winter
- Admission: free of charge

**Inquiries**

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Information about the Center

Mountains that are active even now adorned by beautiful alpine plants which allow us to breathe freely... A vast forest that keeps mankind at bay... Lake Shikotsu, which fascinates people with its mystic deep-blue color.

The nature of Shikotsu has a mysterious charm – a forest, lake, mountain, the ecology of living nature and more. Please enjoy the lively attraction of nature.

Shikotsu Nature Exploration Terminal

Explanation of the historical geography of and places of interest at Lake Shikotsu are introduced with images, photographs and a topographical model.

Topographical model of the surroundings of Lake Shikotsu (crystal diorama)

Diorama of a tree at the bottom of the lake and underwater conditions