Shikotsu-Toya National Park

National park with a total area of 99,473 ha. with two major caldera lakes (Lake Shikotsu and Lake Toya), characteristic volcanoes (Mt. Yotei, Mt. Usu and Mt. Tarumae) and many hot springs (designated in 1946)

Access

Car
Approx. 2 hr. from Sapporo (about 100 km)
Approx. 1 hr. from Muroran (about 60 km)
Approx. 2 hr. 40 min. from Hakodate (about 130 km)
Approx. 20 min. from Lake Toya Spa Resort

Bus
2 hr. 20 min. from Sapporo (bound for Lake Toya Spa Resort)
Get off at the “Toya-Mizu Station” Bus Stop and walk 15 min.

Information on the opening of the House

- Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Mon. (When Mon. falls on a national holiday, it is closed on the next day), year-end and New Year holidays
- Free admission

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Natural Craft
Try making objects using leaves and pebbles that are near at hand. Why not enjoy easy, rustic and interesting craftwork?

Nature Hike
See, touch and comprehend the nature of areas by Lake Toya. You will experience nature along with a guide while smelling the odor of the trees and earth.

Cooking
How do you make soba and Uden noodles? Is it true that you can make dumplings with petitons? Check it out! (Reservations required)

Biotope
Biotope refers to an area where a wide variety of indigenous wild animal life and plant life live together. We have restored a waterfront environment in Zoekaya (zoo-like house) as a place for nature observation.
Plenty of information for visitors to have more fun around Lake Toya, ranging from wild birds you can watch now to the origin of the lake. Takarada Nature Experience House is a hub facility for experiencing the nature around Lake Toya. While providing information and knowledge useful for getting in touch with nature, the House serves as a place to engage in experience-based activities.

**Entrance Area**

Programs available at Takarada Nature Experience House and nature information are introduced at the Entrance Area.

**Nature Information Guide Zone**

In addition to providing seasonal information on wild birds and flowers, a guide answers questions concerning the nature of Lake Toya and questions visitors have about their experiences around the lake.

**Information Exhibition Zone**

The 3D model of Lake Toya introduces places of interest and walking routes. The origin and organisms of Lake Toya are also explained using exhibition panels.

**Experience Study Zone**

Experience programs, such as a buckwheat noodle making class and a craft experience course, are practiced in this zone.

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**Waterfront Countryside – Takarada Camping Site**

The camping site adjoining Takarada Nature Experience House has cottages and a site available for auto-camping. Walking on the Path in the Forest of Waterfront, which encircles the camping site, you can enjoy observing nature.

**Outline**

- Opening period: April 23 – October 31
- Hours: Check-in: 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (30 minutes before); Check-out: 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. on
  - **Mori** (4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- Admission fees: Adults: ¥700 per night, children (elementary school to middle school): ¥300 per night
- For more information about the use of the camping site, call: 0142-82-9777.

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**Mill**

Buckwheat harvested at Takarada Nature Experience House is also ground at the mill. With earthen floors and an open hearth room you can enjoy a feeling of how farmers used to live in the past.

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