A Guide to the Major Hot Springs

Omote Daisetsu Area
Sounkyo Hot Spring
This is the largest hot spring in central Hokkaido, where hotels and shops stand along streets. It is a sulfur spring, and is located on the national route and railway line which connect Asahikawa with Abashiri and Tokachi area. It is a major stop along the Hokkaido round tour, as well as a base for sightseeing in the Sounkyo Gorge and Daisetsuzan mountaineering. There are spots nearby where you can fully enjoy the beauty of the valley, such as Ryunoi Falls, Ginza Falls, and area called Oboko in the uppermen of the gorge.

Tokachi Mountain Range Area
Shiregane Hot Spring
This sulfuric spring was excavated in 1950. It is the closest to Mount Tokachi. A 3km-long promenade of the Japanese White Birch leads from the entrance.

Tokachidake Hot Spring,
Fukiage Hot Spring
These hot springs have been designated as national health resorts. They are acidic springs located at the base of Mount Tokachi at an elevation of about 1,200m, near the zone of Creeping Pines. Fukiage Hot Spring is situated slightly below Tokachidake Hot Spring, half way to Higashidake.

Higashi Daisetsu Area
Nukabira Hot Spring
Nukabira Hot Spring is the Higashi Daisetsu Area’s largest base for visitors, and there are many facilities including inn. It is in a simple thermal hot spring. The Higashi Daisetsu Museum, a ski area, and Kitore-No-Mura (Birds Village) nature trail are all located in this district.

Hot Springs surrounded by Mother Nature
There are many other tranquil hot springs that maintain a simple, mountain-bath atmosphere, surrounded by forests. Azutae Hot Spring and Kogen Hot Spring, are located in the Omote Daisetsu Area. Shikaribetsuono, Shikaribetsukyo (designated as a national health resort), Tomuraushi, Horoku, and Yamada Hot Springs are all located in the Higashi Daisetsu Area.

The Pleasures of Hot Springs

There are numerous hot springs at each mountain base in Daisetsuzan National Park. From the major hot springs to the more rustic “secret” ones, each hot spring has its own character.

Tenninkyo Hot Spring
This sulfate hot spring, which opened in 1909, is one of the oldest in Hokkaido. It is used as a base for sightseeing in the Tenninkyo Gorge. From the end of the roadway, there is a walkway along the river leading to Hagoromo Falls.

Asahidake Hot Spring
This chloride spring is located at the base of Mount Asahi, at an elevation of about 1,050m. It was discovered in 1914. Along with Sounkyo Hot Spring, it is used as a base for mountaineering in Daisetsuzan. The former name, Yukomanbe, means “a river that runs towards a hot spring” in Ama, and you can still see hot springs emanating near the Yukomanbe River even now.

Festivals and Events

Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival
From mid-January to mid-March, ice figures are illuminated to create a magical world.