# **Use of Parks**

National Parks are areas where visitors not only conserve nature, but also have opportunities for education, health and recreation.

Every year more than three hundred million people participate in outdoor activities such as climbing, walks, tours, and hikes in national parks.

Hiking trails, picnic area, and other park facilities are provided and maintained for public enjoyment.



## **Enjoying Nature**

National Parks have various programs for public enjoyment and outdoor education.

#### Activities

Various programs are provided for visitors such as mountain climbing, hiking, skiing, camping, canoeing, snorkeling, bird watching according to visitors' experiences, interests and physical strength.

#### **Visitor Centers**

In order to help guests understand their history and natural environment, visitor centers are located in the main areas of national parks. Visitor centers provide information and orientation through displays, slides and videos, as well as outdoor classrooms and interpretation services.



Nasukogen Visitor Center



Nature observation and studying marine biodiversity by snorkeling

### Let's access to the Internet.

he National Parks homepage (http://www.env.go.jp/park/) introduces the scenery and nature of the National Parks. You can get the latest information on the National Parks, the event information such as natural observation meetings and the information of animals and plants, etc. through this page. In addition, you can download the beautiful scenery of National Parks. This homepage also provides the latest live images (%).



The National Parks homepage

Through this homepage, you can obtain information to help you plan your park visit before you go, or you can enjoy finding the characteristics and nature of each National Parks without visit.

\*Links to the Internet Nature Institute (http://www.sizenken.biodic.go.jp/).