HAKUSAN National Park and Eco Park of UNESCO As Sacred Natural Site

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History

- **8th Cty** Founded by Buddhist priest Taicho, according to legend
- **9th C** Opening of 3 worshipping trails followed by the establishment of many inns and temples which flanked the trails.
- **1868** Separation of shrines and temples
- **20th C** Developed sites for modern mountain-climbing and recreation
- **1962** Designated as Hakusan National Park
- **1982** Designated a MAB Biosphere Reserve
Three trails for mountain-climbing worshippers opened in 9th century

Shirayama-Hime Shrine
Hakusan Shrine at Heisenji Temple

Nagataki Hakusan Shrine
2. Sacred Natural Site
Sunrise at top of the mountain
Prayers to HAKUSAN at foot of the mountain
3. The modern significance of HAKUSA National Park
Ecosystem Services from HAKUSAN

• Biodiversity
• Food
• Water
• Hydropower
• Hot spring

Cultural, intellectual and spiritual inspirations etc.
Blessed with abundant alpine flora
Map of the area near the summit

Mountain Climbing Notes

1. As a general rule, you climb mountains at your own risk. Mountain weather can change quickly, and when the weather is bad, conditions can be very dangerous. If the weather is bad, the best decision is to cancel your plans for mountain climbing.

2. Get into physical shape, and select a schedule and course that best suits your physical condition. The general rule is to leave early and arrive early. When planning to stay the night, plan to arrive at the lodging area two hours before sunset. Climbing at night is extremely dangerous; do not do this.

3. Be sure to carry rain gear, protection against the cold, a change of clothes, and emergency rations.

4. Always inform family and friends of your hiking schedule and course. Also be sure to fill out the Registration Form at the start of each trailhead.

5. The Natural Parks Act absolutely forbids collecting or bringing animals, plants, or rocks from or into Hakusan National Park.

6. In order to protect the vegetation, prevent damage to the mountain and prevent you from being lost, be sure not to stray off the marked trails.

7. If hiking alone, attach bells or other noise-making items to your gear, and watch carefully for bears. Do not take dogs or other pets on the mountain.

8. Every year, the mountain is very crowded on weekends from the end of July to mid-August. For the best climbing experience, if at all possible, make a climbing plan that avoids these times.

9. When climbing in spring or autumn, conditions can be as dangerous as climbing in winter, so be very aware of the weather and pack warm clothing and the right equipment.

10. There are no garbage cans on Mt. Hakusan. Do not throw your garbage away. Always pack it out and take it home.

11. Do not discard cigarette butts on the ground.

12. Do not bring bicycles or other wheeled vehicles on mountain trails.

13. The only camping facility is located on Minamiryugaba.
Hakusan Murodo

since 9 century

2400m
4. The Basic Concept of Managing Nature of HAKUSAN
HAKUSAN National Park 49,900ha

Biosphere Reserve (UNESCO-MAB) = EcoPark

Strict Protect zone 17800ha

Mt. Hakusan
National HAKUSAN Wildlife Sanctuary

35900 ha
HAKUSAN Japanese Serow Protected Area

Japanese Serow
(*Capricornis crispus*)
• HAKUSA Forest Ecosystem Protected Area

1990
148 km² (Core Area 60 km²)
Established in 2011 (Japanese Geopark)

Theme
“Water nurtures life – on the way through the mountains, rivers, and sea.

Hakusan Volcano
Various Protected Areas in HAKUSAN

• HAKUSAN National Park
  
  1962  477 km²  (Core Area  178 km² )

• HAKUSAN Wildlife Sanctuary
  
  1969  359 km²

• Mt. HAKUSAN Biosphere Reserve (UNESCO-MAB)
  
  1980  480 km²  (Core Area  180 km² )

• HAKUSAN Japanese Serow Protected Area
  
  1982  356 km²

• HAKUSAN Forest Ecosystem Protected Area
  
  1990  148 km²  (Core Area  60 km² )

• HAKUSAN TEDORIGAWA Geopark
  
  2011  755 km² (Same Area of National Park)
Hakusan Nature Conservation Center

CHUGU Visitor Center

BUNAOYAMA Animal Observatory
Hakusan Tourism Association

Pan-Hakusan Protection, Use and Management Association
Managing HAKUSAN

- Balancing religious consciousness and nature preservation ideology
- Eternally sharing HAKUSAN’s natural blessings among local residents and the national public
- Including the historical knowledge and local culture into national park management
- Establishing ecotourism and appropriate guidance
- Sharing the burden among the administration, local community and users.
Thank you very much.