

Shikotsu-Toya National Park

Living Volcanoes and Quiet Blue Lakes:
a Museum of Volcanic Activity.

Located in the southwestern part of Hokkaido Prefecture, Shikotsu-Toya National Park is a park where visitors can not only see two large caldera lakes - Lake Shikotsu and Lake Toya - but also variously shaped volcanoes and volcanic landforms - such as Mt. Yotei, Mt. Usuzan, and Mt. Tarumae. In addition to a large and diverse range of hot springs, much volcanic activity can also be observed, such as the jigoku ("hell") phenomena of gasses belching from fumaroles, and the park can truly be called a "Living Volcano Museum". One of the benefits of this volcanic activity is the popular and bustling hot springs tourism areas that are representative of Hokkaido Prefecture, including

Noboribetsu, Lake Toya, and Jozankei. The breathtaking landscape comprising interweaving lakes, forests, and volcanoes soothes peoples hearts and minds. Lake Shikotsu is also famous for being at the northern limit for non-freezing lakes, and the distinctive deep blue color of the water surface is highly appealing to park visitors. The park's location close to central Sapporo City and Shin-Chitose Airport makes it easy for many people to visit. In addition to people visiting by private car or tour bus to see volcanic phenomena and experience nature, or on sightseeing tours for hot springs recreation, etc., people come to the park to climb mountains and observe the alpine vegetation.

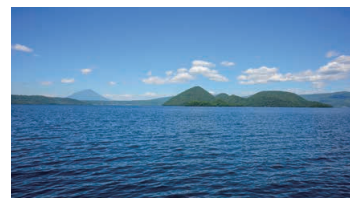
Date of Designation :
May 16, 1949

Area : 99,473 ha

Related Prefecture :
Hokkaido



Enjoy the ocean, rivers, and other water scenery



Lake Toya



Takarada Nature Observation Trail
Waterfront Forest Lane



Enjoy the mountains and flora



Jigokudani



Mt. Usuzan



Experience culture and local life



Yamasen Steel Bridge



Oyunuma Ponds



Meet the wildlife



Black Woodpecker



Ezo Chipmunk

Itinerary

Touring around a "live volcano museum" by walking and canoe

The Lake Toya Vicinity is called "live volcano museum" because of the active volcanic activity in the area. In the vicinity of Mt. Usu with its 20-thousand-year-long history of volcanic activity, Toyako Onsen was created by an eruption in 1910 while Mt. Showa-Shinzan was formed by a series of eruptions from 1943 to 1945. Learn about the danger of the volcanic activity, local awareness of preparing for natural disasters, operation of hot springs and agriculture, and living in harmony with nature through this guided walking tour of buildings and roads impacted by eruptions as well as craters. Stroll a wood chip walking promenade on Nakajima Island floating in Lake Toya and canoe in the caldera lake while enjoying the beauty of nature created by volcanic activity to the fullest.

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Day 1

Canoe at Lake Toya to view the astonishing landscape of a UNESCO Global Geopark from the lake surface

- 9:00 ● New Chitose Airport
 Train
- 10:45 ● JR Toya Station
 Taxi
- 11:45 ● Lunch
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 12:45 ● Taxi

- 13:15 ● Short canoe tour
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 14:45 ● Geopark scenery viewing from the lake
- 15:15 ● Toyako Visitor Center,
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 16:15 ● Volcano Science Museum
- On foot or by taxi

- 16:30 ● Hotel (Toyako Onsen)

Day 2

Learn about the dangers posed by volcanic activity and the awareness of locals of preparing for volcanic activity and experience the scenery of local agriculture

- 9:00 ● On foot or by taxi
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 Thinking about volcano disaster prevention Natural threats from volcanic activity and living in harmony with nature
- 9:15 ● Guided tour of the Konpira Crater stroll course and Foot of the Mount Nishiyama Crater stroll course
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 11:45 ● Taxi

- 12:00 ● Lunch
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 12:00 ● Memanbetsu Airport

- 13:15 ● Guided tour of Lake Toya observatory and Mount Usu crater floor observatory course
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 15:15 ● Taxi

- 15:30 ● Hotel (Toyako Onsen)

Day 3

Boat ride to Nakajima Island which was formed by an eruption after the caldera was created and stroll along a wood chip walking promenade

- 8:30 ● On foot or by taxi
 On foot or by taxi
- 9:00 ● Exploration of the forest of giant trees in Nakajima in Lake Toya
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 11:15 ● Feeling nature's power on an uninhabited island where a forest of giant trees remain
- 11:45 ● Lunch
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 12:00 ● Taxi

- 13:45 ● JR Toya Station
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 14:00 ● Train

- 15:00 ● New Chitose Airport

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