

Mt. Asahidake, seen from mire pools in autumn color (Taisetsusan NP) (1)



Autumn sunset at Setonaikai Inland Sea (Setonaikai NP) (2)



Togakushi mountain range seen from Kagami Pond (Myoko-Togakushi renzan NP)



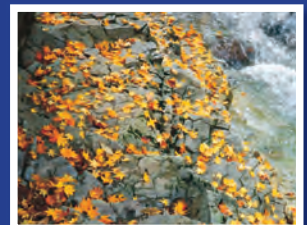
Autumn leaves and Ryuzuno-taki Fall (Nikko NP) (4)



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Seeking for the autumn color

Japan is said to have the most splendid autumn leaves because of its abundant and diverse deciduous broad-leaved forests. In fall, a variety of deciduous species, such as maple, Katsura tree and mountain ash, turn red or yellow with delicately varied shades of color, which covers the mountain surface. The vividness of autumn color is different every year even at a same location because it depends on temperature variability and moisture conditions. Japanese people go out in the fields and mountains seeking for the view of autumn leaves, which has been a popular activity since 1000 years ago. Towada Lake, Oirase Stream and Oku-nikko, and other famous spots are crowded by viewers most during autumn leaf seasons.



Experience the Japan's natural beauty

The National Parks contain the Japan's most scenic mountains and seas. While the Parks feature both preserving almost intact ecosystems and offering the enjoyment of accessible scenic delicate sites nearby residential areas. Whether you head out on foot to the mountains, immerse yourself in the wilderness of deep woods and hidden steams, seek for a grandeur scenery, or enjoy wildlife viewing, Japan's finest views will be revealed. Use information services and guides available in the visitor centers and other park facilities for your full enjoyment.



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- 1 Trekking in wetlands (Oze NP)
- 2 Diving with a dolphin (Ogasawara NP)
- 3 Bird-watching(Joshin'etsukogen NP)
- 4 Kayaking(Yambaru NP)



National Park guide Visitor Centers

Visitor centers are the park facilities introducing special qualities of natural objects and processes in the park, to assist visitors to understand better and enjoy the park. Park visitors can learn about the park's scenic views and wildlife from the presentation of replicas, posters, diorama and videos. Real-time wildlife information, such as about blooming flowers and bear sightings, and information on the best hiking trails are also available. Use these free visitor centers to plan your activities and destinations in the National Parks.



Kamikochi Visitor Center (Chubusangaku NP)