

Wildflowers found in Sarobetsu

May

June

July

August



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Entry: Free
Opening hours:
May-October: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
*Hours are extended in
June-July: 8:30 am to 5:30 pm
Open everyday
November-April: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
Closed on Mondays and at New Year (12/29-1/3)



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Ministry of the Environment Hokkaido Regional Environment
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<http://hokkaido.env.go.jp/>
Rishiri-Rebun-Sarobetsu National Park Homepage
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SAROBETSU WETLAND CENTER

Let's go to the Sarobetsu wetlands!

What does "Sarobetsu" mean?

The Sarobetsu region is named from the old Ainu name for the region "Saru o pe", which can be translated as "the river running through the marsh".

What are the Sarobetsu Wetlands?

Around 10,000 years ago, the area around Sarobetsu was a huge lake connected to the sea. The plants that grew there at time, died and gradually piled up to form a layer of peat which over 6,000 years formed the wetlands as we see them today. The poor nutrition makes the area ideal for a range of flowering plants suited to severe environments. In addition, the area is a treasure house of wildlife. The area is visited by various migratory birds, including the Bean goose, which visits every spring and autumn, and is considered a wetland area of international importance under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

What is "Nature Restoration"?

The precious natural beauty of Sarobetsu is gradually being lost through the drying out of the wetlands. Nature restoration projects are aimed at restoring the original fertility to the area, and these projects are promoted through the cooperation of many participants.

Birds found in Sarobetsu.



Dredger

A dredger previously used for mining peat from the wetlands is on display.



Sarobetsu Wetland Center

The center is a doorway to the Sarobetsu Wetlands, providing easy-to-understand explanations of the natural highlights as well as the history of the wilderness reclamation activities. The exhibition area has the theme of "humans and nature together", and offers information on various subjects including the nature, culture and history associated with the wetlands, as well as the goals and activities associated with the nature restoration project.



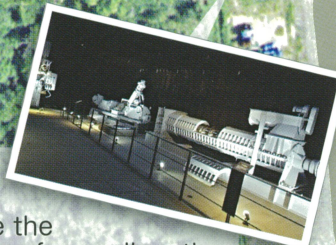
Please ask the staff if you have any questions.

There is a multi-purpose toilet for wheelchairs and ostomate users as well as a changing table for infants.



Peat Industry Hall

Here we introduce the history and images of as well as the actual tools previously employed in the area's peat industry.



Check out the remains of the peat digging

Deck 2

Deck 1

Deck 3

Deck 4

Deck 5

Deck 6

Deck 7

Deck 8

Deck 9

Deck 10

Deck 11

Deck 12

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Deck 21

wooden walkways

Outer course
1 km...30-40 min
Inner course
300m...20-30 min

See Mt. Rishiri

Observation deck

Rest House

Sarobetsu Wetland Center

Parking

Peat Industry Hall

Water Purification System

Perhaps meet with a striped squirrel!

Water Purification System

As the water released from the Wetland Center can have an impact on the wetland environment, it is purified through a 4-stage purification process.

Please take care to
 • take your trash with you
 • not pick the wild flowers
 • not feed the wildlife
 • not smoke on the wooden walkways

Let's use the facilities in an enjoyable manner