



View Gozengamine, Kengamine and Midorigaie from Onanigamine

Magnificent Mt. Hakusan

— The Showpiece of Hakusan National Park —

Hakusan National Park is a mountainous natural park covering an area of 47,700ha and focused on Mt. Hakusan. It touches four prefectures — Ishikawa, Fukui, Gifu and Toyama. It includes a series of 2,000m-class mountains, bounded by Mt. Daimonsan to the north and Mt. Dainichidake to the south.

Mt. Hakusan is one of Japan's three famous mountains, along with Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama. It is composed of three summits: Gozengamine (2,702m), Onanigamine (2,684m), and Kengamine (2,677m). It was also memorialized in waka classic poems such as Shirayama and Koshinoshirane. It was believed that gods lived on Mt. Hakusan, and a shrine, Hakusan Okugu, was built on Gozengamine summit. In 717, Taicho, a priest from Echizen Province, climbed Mt. Hakusan for the first time to practice ascetic rites, and this is said to be the beginning of the mountain style of worship. Up until the Edo period, Mt. Hakusan was an erupting volcano, and is still classified as an active volcano. Since 1659, the volcano has remained quiet, with no eruptions, but there is always the possibility that it will erupt again at some time in the future. The top of the mountain has lingering snow even in summer, and many alpine plants grow there. Mt. Hakusan has many charms, from an extensive virgin forest of beeches that provides a home for an

abundance of wildlife, to the many hot springs that gush forth from deep ravines at the foot of the mountain. In addition, it has been recognized as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, and is valued highly internationally as well. It is our duty to preserve the beauty of this wonderful mountain for the sake of future generations.

〈A Sea of Clouds and Sunrise〉 From the top of the mountain, looking over a sea of clouds, an unbroken wave of mountains is visible — Mt. Shiroumadake, Mt. Tsurugidake, Mt. Tateyama, Mt. Yarigadake, Mt. Hotakadake, Mt. Norikuradake, and Mt. Ontake. The sight of the sun climbing above the Hida Mountains (the Northern Alps) is one that you will never forget.

〈A quiet scenic plateau〉 A number of gentle slopes exist around the summit of the mountain, including Murododaira, Midagahara, Minamiryugababa, and Seijogahara, and here a wealth of alpine plants grow. Take a few moments to relax and enjoy these beautiful plateaus.

〈The beauty of a vast expanse of trees〉 Wide expanses of protected forests cover this mountainous region, including virgin beech forests, birch trees, Maries' firs, and Siberian dwarf pines, enhancing its value as a national park.

〈An additional draw — Mt. Bessan〉 Mt. Bessan (2,399m) lies to the south of Gozengamine, and has the highest peak among the range of mountains that run from Aburasakanokashira to Mt. Sannomine. Bessan Shrine is located on the summit. Hiking the course that runs from Minamiryugababa to Mt. Bessan provides splendid views of the Akaishi, Hida, and Yatsugatake mountain ranges.



Murododaira



Virgin beech forest



Bessan

From Summer to Autumn: The best time for seasonal sights and watching the sunrise/sunset

★ Approximate blooming periods of alpine plants

	Jul			Aug			Sep	
	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early	Middle
Chocolate lilies		★	Subalpine to alpine grasslands					
Hakusankozakura		★	On moist grasslands and around snow patches in subalpine to alpine zones					
Nikkokisuge (daylilies)		★	On grasslands and moist rocky terrain in mountainous to subalpine zones					
Kobaikeiso		★	Subalpine to alpine moist grasslands					
Hakusanfuuro		★	Subalpine to alpine grasslands					
Miyamakinbai		★	Wetlands and gravelly ground in alpine zones					
Iwagikyō			★	Gravelly ground in alpine zones				
Oyamaringo				★	Subalpine to alpine grasslands			



🍂 Approximate times for autumn colors

		Sep		Oct			Nov
		Middle	Late	Early	Middle	Late	Early
Murodo	2450m	🍂					
Midagahara	2350m	🍂					
Minamiryugababa	2080m		🍂				
Jinnosuke Shelter Hut	1965m		🍂				
Nakahanba	1500m			🍂			
Bettodeai	1260m			🍂			
Ichinose	830m			🍂			

🌞 Sunrise and sunset (at Murodo)

Times may vary depending on the conditions.

		Sunrise	Sunset		Sunrise	Sunset	
May	1 st	5:00	18:42	Aug	1 st	4:59	19:00
	15 th	4:47	18:53		15 th	5:11	18:45
	30 th	4:37	19:05		30 th	5:23	18:25
Jun	1 st	4:37	19:06	Sep	1 st	5:24	18:22
	15 th	4:34	19:13		15 th	5:35	18:02
	30 th	4:38	19:16		30 th	5:47	17:39
Jul	1 st	4:38	19:16	Oct	1 st	5:48	17:38
	15 th	4:46	19:12		15 th	6:00	17:18
	30 th	4:58	19:02				



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