



From Akanko Onsen

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| Kushiro-----75km | From Kushiro Airport |
| Akan City District-----44km | Roadside Station Akan Tancho-no-Sato --17km |
| Kitami-----65km | Akanko Onsen ----- 60km |
| Teshikaga (Kawayu) ----- 57km | |

Time From Akanko Onsen to Nearby Sightseeing Spots (land route)

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| Shiretoko Shari-- About 2 hours 45 minutes | Abashiri City District-- About 1 hour 45 minutes |
| Shiretoko Rausu --- About 3 hours | Obihiro City District --- About 2 hours |
| Kawayu Onsen----- About 1 hour | (Via Doto Expressway Ashoro IC - Otofuke Obihiro IC) |

● Time From Airports to Akanko Onsen (land route)

| Tancho Kushiro Airport | New Chitose Airport | Memanbetsu Airport | Tokachi Obihiro Airport | Nemuro Nakashibetsu Airport |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| About 60 minutes | About 5 hours | About 1 hour 20 minutes | About 2 hours 30 minutes | About 1 hour 40 minutes |

● Shuttle Bus (fare required)

Daily Scheduled Service

Airport Liner

Akanko Onsen ↔ Kushiro Airport

(Required time: about 1 hour 15 minutes)



Click here for details!

Daily Scheduled Service

Regular Route Bus

Akanko Onsen ↔ Kushiro Station

(Required time: about 2 hours)

*The Airport Liner runs through Akanko Onsen town (visits each hotel). *If you have a ticket, the fare will be the same even if you get off at the Tancho no Sato stop and take a later bus. Make sure to stop by Tancho no Sato! *Please contact the relevant airline for flight information at Kushiro Airport.

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(URL) <https://www.akanbus.co.jp/> Akanko Office/TEL.0154-67-2205

Inquires **Akanko Onsen Tourist Information Center**

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Website <https://ja.kushiro-lakeakan.com/> or search for



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Lake Akan Tourist Guide Book

Experience the Power of Nature Firsthand

Nature

Mountains Around Akanko Onsen

Akan-Mashu National Park is the second national park in Japan. Here you'll find grand natural vistas composed of calderas along with volcanoes and forests. Counted among the 100 most famous mountains of Japan, Mt. Meakan and Mt. Oakan attract hikers from around the globe. There is also an easy course leading to the Mt. Hakuto View Point Deck that is great even for families.

The Grand Canvas of the Great Outdoors

The untouched natural mountain and lake scenery show a different face each season. Visit Lake Akan, Lake Taro, Lake Jiro, and Lake Onneto to enjoy the scenery painted on the grand canvas of the great outdoors. If you're lucky, you may get the chance to encounter a variety of animals such as the Hokkaido deer, red fox, Euroasian red squirrel, and swan. In summer, visitors can enjoy camping, hiking and trekking, and fishing.

Winter is a great time for skiing, the ice festival, and other and casual outdoor activities on Lake Akan.



▲ [Marimo] Designated as a Special Natural Monument by the Japanese government



▲ [Red-crowned crane] Designated as a Special Natural Monument by the Japanese government

Activities Among Nature

Activity

Canoeing

The scenery of Akan as viewed from the lake is like something from another world. Don't miss the chance to experience the opportunity to truly commune with nature. Offered at the Akan Nature Center. Availability: May to October

Packed with Summer and Winter Activities

Lake Akan is the perfect place for a variety of activities year round. In summer visitors can enjoy walks among nature, hiking, trekking, fly fishing, canoeing, and other outdoor activities. In winter the area is transformed into a world of silvery white under a blanket of snow where you can ski and snowboard while taking in the magnificent natural scenery. There is plenty to do including walking through the forest or on the frozen lake on skis or snowshoes, unique Lake Akan activities such as Japanese smelt fishing, snowmobiling, and buggy riding. Come get your fill of nature in Akan.



Hiking

Why not enjoy a relaxing hike through the lush, beautiful woods of Akan? Bask in the negative ion-rich atmosphere for a wonderfully healing experience. Availability: Year-round



Mt. Oakan

This conical, active volcano towers 1,371 meters over Lake Akan. The primordial forest around the foothills of the mountain is a rarity in Japan, and a protected area. Near the summit you'll find fields of alpine flowers.



Mt. Meakan

Situated to the southwest of Lake Akan, at 1,499 meters, this active volcano is the highest peak in Akan. The foothills are shrouded in forests and lush alpine plants can be seen near the seventh station. Two small ponds can be found near the summit.



Top of the Falls at Lake Akan

This scenic spot is where the water from Lake Akan and Lake Taro converge and become the Akan River. In autumn, visitors can enjoy gorgeous views of the yellow, red, and orange foliage. This is the trail entrance to Mt. Oakan, Lake Taro, and Lake Jiro.



Trekking

Mt. Oakan and Mt. Meakan are counted among the 100 most famous mountains of Japan, and are known as popular trekking and hiking spots. Mt. Hakuto is also recommended. Availability: Early June to late October



Pleasure Cruise

This unique way to enjoy Lake Akan takes you on a tour of its gorgeous sights and the Marimo Exhibition and Observation Center. Availability: May to November



Motorboats

Choose from 6 courses that last from 10 to 45 minutes. Enjoy cruising around Lake Akan without feeling pressed for time. Availability: May to November



E-bikes (power-assisted bicycles)

Travel around Akanko Onsen with ease on power-assisted bicycles. There are also sport bikes that are perfect for beginners. Availability: May to November



Bokke Mud Volcanoes

This area is located on a promenade that starts at the Akankohan Eco Museum Center. Bokke comes from the Ainu word pohke, which means simmer. Underground gas makes the mud bubble like it is boiling, so no snow accumulates even in winter.



Lake Taro

This small lake surrounded by primeval forest at the foothills of Mt. Oakan is about the size of a schoolyard. Water trickles in from Lake Akan, creating a brisk, babbling stream. (10 minutes on foot from the Mt. Oakan trail entrance)



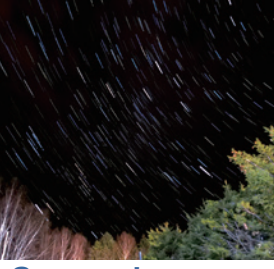
Lake Jiro

Located about 10 minutes on the trail from Lake Taro, Lake Jiro is about the same size as Lake Taro. On calm, windless days, the trees and sky are perfectly reflected in the water. (20 minutes on foot from the Mt. Oakan trail entrance)



Fishing

Lake Akan is practically sacred ground for sport fishermen. Come here to enjoy popular whitespotted char fishing, and Japanese smelt fishing in winter. Availability: May to November/January to March (Japanese smelt)



Stargazing

The incredibly clear sky here makes for beautiful star-filled nights. The night sky in Akan is unlike anything you'll find in the city. Availability: Year round



Animal Watching

Located in the hot spring town, Lake Akan, with its deep, beautiful nearby forest, is home to areas where you can encounter wild animals. Availability: Year round



Golfing (near Akan/Akan Country Club)

This impressive golf course offers an experience unique to Hokkaido where you can play while taking in the views of Mt. Meakan and Mt. Oakan. Availability: April to November



Camping

Akanko Onsen is surrounded by natural forests where you'll find a campground with various facilities. Availability: June to September



Lake Onneto (near Ashoro)

This lake located in the western foothills of Mt. Oakan measures about three kilometers around. Because the color of the water changes beautifully depending on the time of day and season, it is also called the Five Colored Pond. On windless days, Mt. Meakan and Mt. Akan-Fuji reflect off the surface of the water.



Sogakudai View Point

Sogakudai View Point, overlooking Mt. Oakan and Mt. Meakan, is located partway along the Akan Mountain Road linking Akanko Onsen and Teshikaga.



Mt. Hakuto View Point

This view point is located at an altitude of 950 meters on Mt. Hakuto, and is about a 1 hour walk one way through scenic natural spots from the Lake Akan Hot Spring Ski Gelande. On the way you can see a river flowing with hot spring water and the Bokke Mud Volcanoes.

Skiing & Snowboarding

Akankohan National Ski Area "UTARA" is the place to go if you want to enjoy quality powder snow while taking in the grand panoramic views of Lake Akan. They also offer a variety of equipment rentals. The Kids Park at the resort features a popular sledding course for small children and is surrounded by adorable snow sculptures. Availability: Mid-December to late March

Cross-country Skiing & Snowshoeing

With cross-country skis or snowshoes, you'll have no problem traversing the snow-covered trails. Enjoy an efficient way to experience the unique, magical winter scenery of Akan's natural environment. Availability: Early January to late March

Akan Training Center (Kushiro City Lake Akan Sports Plaza)

Visitors can make use of the exercise equipment room, pool, multipurpose athletic field, and an ice skating rink in winter. This is also the only place in Akanko Onsen town where you'll find a sodium bicarbonate spring flowing directly from the source. Availability: Year round (Pool: June 1 to September 30)

Stroll Around the Lake and Woods of Akan

GuideTour

A Walk in Nature

These tours offer the chance to experience the unique allure of Akan with an expert guide pointing out flora such as marimo, and fauna among the natural environment of Akanko Onsen. In winter you can walk on the frozen lake and enjoy animal watching. You may even be able to see red-crowned cranes, which are designated as a special natural monument.

Guided Tours



Fishing on Lake Akan and the Akan River

Green Season

Lake Akan and Akan River are known as meccas for fly fishing. Don't miss the chance to catch native Akan River whitespotted char and rainbow trout, whose average size exceeds 40 cm.

Availability: Lake Akan - May 1 to November 30/Akan River - May 1 to October 31
Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] - TEL: 0154-67-6276



An Invitation to a Mysterious Forest (Forest of Light)

Green Season

This special tour is only available when accompanied by a guide from the Maeda Ippoen Foundation. Enjoy hiking through a forest with deep cultural roots in Akan. The negative ion-rich atmosphere of the Akan woods await your arrival.

Availability: April to November
Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] - TEL: 0154-67-6276



Canadian Canoeing Adventure Course

Green Season

Paddle your very own two-person canoe. Head through thick reeds, duck under fallen trees, explore the forest, and enjoy an experience only possible on a Lake Akan canoe tour. A guide will provide all the support you need, so even first timers are welcome to participate. Private early morning tours are also available.

Availability: May to October
Akan Nature Center - TEL: 0154-67-2801

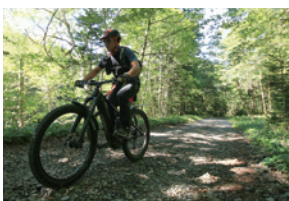


Lake Onneto & Primeval Forest Hiking

Green Season

The area around Lake Onneto is home to one of the few red spruce forests in Hokkaido. Visitors can experience the primitive atmosphere, see alpine flora, many mushrooms growing in the area, and other abundant vegetation growing year-round. It is also a famous spot for autumn foliage, with the beautifully contrasting blue lake and vivid autumn leaves.

Availability: May to October
Akan Nature Center - TEL: 0154-67-2801



A Great Tour via e-MTB (electric mountain bike)

Green Season

Hop on an e-MTB (electric mountain bike) and visit the forest, lake, and volcanoes on this tour of nature with a local guide.

Availability: May to November
Guide Shop I・MOSIR - TEL: 090-3310-1267



Early Morning Drive & Walk

All Season

An early morning jaunt to Mt. Hakuto offers great views of Mt. Oakan and Meakan, and if you're lucky, a sea of clouds as well! Enjoy a cup of coffee as you take in the view that will give you the power to last the rest of the day! For departure times and other details, please contact the office below.

Availability: Year round
Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] - TEL: 0154-67-6276



Skiing on Frozen Lake Akan

Winter Season

Put on some cross-country skis and head out on the frozen surface of Lake Akan! Enjoy the mobility of cross-country skis as you tour the frozen lake for an out of the ordinary experience. A different, exciting world awaits.

Availability: Early January to mid-March
Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] - TEL: 0154-67-6276



Snow Walking in the Bokke Mud Volcano Forest

Winter Season

Don a pair of snowshoes and head out into the back side of the Bokke Mud Volcano forest, an area that is off limits during summer. Once there, you'll enjoy a stroll through the woods while keeping an eye out for animal tracks and listening to birdsong. After making your way out of the forest and onto the frozen lake, Mt. Oakan will be there to greet you, offering a completely different way to enjoy a hike after your trip through the forest.

Availability: January 1 to mid-March
Tsuruga Adventure Base [SIRI] - TEL: 0154-67-6276



Hyo-Hyotaru Tour

Winter Season

Tour the frozen surface of Lake Akan on a Snowdog (a powered vehicle for pulling sleds, the first in Japan), ride a fat bike on the ice, and view ice bubbles on this frozen tour.

Availability: Late November to late February
Guide Shop I・MOSIR - TEL: 090-3310-1267



Get in Touch with Ainu Culture

Experience

Experience a Unique View of the World

The Ainu culture is filled with unique views of the world. Don't miss the chance to experience a culture that developed over many years to be handed down to the present day.

Activities

For inquiries on Ainu cultural activities contact the Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative - TEL: 0154-67-2727



Mukkuri Making

The mukkuri is a traditional Ainu musical instrument. It is a type of mouth harp made with a thin reed and attached string that is pulled to make music. The Ainu use this instrument to express the sounds of the wind and animals. During this activity, you'll carve the sound-making reed into the proper thickness and shape, then tie on the string to complete it.



Wood Carving

Ainu patterns are beautiful designs that have been carried down over the generations. Legend has it that they were inspired by nature, and are carved into familiar items. Take part in this activity to learn about the characteristics and meanings behind Ainu patterns through wood carving. Using materials granted by the kamuy (spirits), experience the joy of creation while getting in touch with the Ainu culture.



Embroidery

This activity teaches participants how to embroider Ainu patterns using techniques passed on from mothers to children. Embroidery, which developed as a talisman against evil, is taught in an easily understandable way by Ainu women so that even beginners can have fun. Listen carefully as they show how each and every stitch is made with a wish to protect someone special.

Reservations required

Mukkuri Making / Wood Carving / Embroidery

Group reservations for the above activities [Please apply if you have 15 or more people in your group]



Short Forest Walking Course

To the Ainu of Lake Akan, the forest is the source of all life. They have lived alongside it as it has provided a variety of necessities such as food and materials for clothing and tools. This way of living led to the belief that the forest is home to many kamuy (spirits). Walk through the forest of loru on the banks of Lake Akan during your "forest time" with an Ainu guide as they play the traditional mukkuri.



Ainu Culture Tradition and Creation "Onne cise"

The Lake Akan Ainu Art Museum located in the center of Akanko Ainu Kotan is the symbol of the settlement and serves to carry on traditions and create new culture. Here you'll find a collection of art from the area that cannot be seen anywhere else. Come see historic, traditional works of art handed down over the generations and modern Lake Akan Ainu artwork.



AINU ART GALLERY KOTAN-YA

This art and guide station is located in the Ainu Kotan. Works by Ainu artists decorated with intricate patterns are featured here. There are exhibits of precious traditional crafts and other items on display that teach about the Ainu culture and offer a deeper look into their ways. Information on the Akanko Ainu Kotan is also available. Please feel free to stop by.



AKANKO STYLE AINU ART LABO

This art and guide station is located in the Ainu Onsen town. Here you'll find works created by Ainu artists out of wood from thinnings that come from forests managed by the Maeda Ippoen Foundation. This spot offers the chance to experience Ainu culture and unique Ainu art, and also serves as an information center for the Lake Akan Ainu Kotan. Please feel free to stop by.

Experience Akan

Explore Spot

Learn About the Culture of Akan

Akanko Onsen is packed with facilities where you can learn about the Ainu culture and local nature. Don't miss the chance to delve deep into Lake Akan and the Ainu way of living.



Educational Spots



Akanko Marimukan (Tourist Information Center)

This tourist information center is located in the center of Akan Onsen town. Not only do they offer information on Akan, but neighboring areas such as Teshikaga and Kushiro as well. Here you'll find pamphlets mainly on Doto and other areas, maps, and plenty of information on recommended tours and events. The monitors here show live video of Mt. Meakan and information on sightseeing events. There is also a wealth of information on recommended restaurants and foods.

Akanko Onsen Tourist Information Center TEL:0154-67-3200



Akan Art Gallery

This bright space situated directly in front of vast Lake Akan showcases and sells works of art depicting nature and culture by skilled, emotionally engaging artists connected to the area. Come here for a novel experience of this charming spot that has drawn attention from around the world for its unique environment.

Akan Art Gallery & Art Gift Shop TEL: 0154-64-7751



Ainu Life Memorial Hall "Pon cise"

The Life Memorial Hall is a recreation of an ancient Ainu pon cise, or "small house," where you'll find exhibits of daily implements clothing, and other items showcasing the Ainu way of life. You can also listen to an ekashi (elder) or huchi (older woman) recount old stories.

Akan Ainu Crafts Cooperative - TEL: 0154-67-2727



Akankohan Eco Museum Center

This museum offers the chance to learn about the natural environment around Lake Akan, such as the lake and ponds formed by the caldera, the volcanic activity of Mt. Meakan, the deep, primeval forest that remains down to this day, and the creatures that have thrived thanks to the rich environment.

Akankohan Eco Museum Center - TEL: 0154-67-4100



Marimo Exhibition and Observation Center

Located on Churui Island on Lake Akan, this is the base of operations for marimo research and conservation. At the center, visitors will find fun ways to interact with marimo based on various themes. There are also cameras that monitor marimo so you can see their habitat in real time.

Akan Sightseeing Cruise Company - TEL: 0154-67-2511

Near Akan



Akan International Crane Center [GRUS]

This facility focuses on researching red-crowned crane biology and habits in an effort to protect the birds and spread the word on such efforts. You'll find an exhibition and video corner as well as a library here, and more than 200 red-crowned cranes visit during the winter.

Akan International Crane Center [GRUS] - TEL: 0154-66-4011



Kushiro Japanese Crane Reserve

This park opened in 1958 to protect and breed the red-crowned crane, an endangered bird designated by the Japanese government as Special Natural Monument. From spring to early summer, visitors can see these proud parents as they take care of their chicks by catching food in the streams, etc.

Kushiro Japanese Crane Reserve - TEL: 0154-56-2219

Souvenirs and Food

Shopping & Dining

Delight Your Palate with Lake Akan Specialties

Akan is home to plenty of unique foods such as cuisine made from the Lake Akan specialties of Japanese smelt, red salmon, and lake lobster as well as Ezo shika deer and mountain food. Satisfy your soul and stomach while visiting Lake Akan!



Lake Akan Specialties



Red Salmon Cuisine

Indigenous to Lake Akan, red salmon are known across the country for their beautiful appearance and delicious flavor. It is thought that they originated from sockeye salmon that made their way into Lake Akan long ago.



Famous Lake Akan Japanese Smelt

Crisply fried Japanese smelt tempura is popular among diners of all ages for its sweet flavor. Japanese smelt boiled in soy sauce also make the perfect souvenir.



Lake Lobster Cuisine

Natural crayfish grown in the pure water of Lake Akan are so popular as a high-end ingredient that they are used in meals at hotels and restaurants across the country. Visitors can try some at local eateries near the lake.



Ainu Cuisine

When heading to the mountains to gather wild vegetables, the Ainu always give thanks to the forest. Ainu cuisine features simple flavors that waste nothing, and is made with the soul and culture of its people.



Lake Akan Souvenirs

Marimo Yokan, a type of jellied bean paste bar, is one of the most popular Lake Akan souvenirs. This sweet is known because of its varied flavors and wonderful colors. There are plenty of other souvenirs such as Marimo Chan, Marimo Pudding, Marimo Tofu, and Shinpu marimo gelatin.



Marimo Ice Cream

As you eat this green soft serve, something akin to a marimo begins to emerge! These marimo-shaped treats are actually green apple flavored gelatin balls. This fun-filled soft serve ice cream is only available here.

Akan Onsen Town - Akan Sightseeing Cruise Company Shop

Hot Springs

Hand and Foot Baths Bubbling Up Around Akanko Onsen

Akan Onsen is home to many well-kept hot spring hotels and traditional Japanese inns, making it one of the leading hot spring destinations in Hokkaido. Hand and foot baths originating in Akan Onsen are available all around the town, and visitors can enjoy a seeking them out while on a stroll.



Five Happiness Bath
(In front of Pan de Pan)



Marimo Hand Bath
(Next to Katori)



Yotachan Hand Bath
(In front of Fujisawa Mingeten)



Fukuro Hand Bath
(In front of Kankodo)



Benkei Foot Bath
(Inside Hotel Akankoso)



Lake Akan Marimo footbath "Ure-karip"
(Across from Pan de Pan)

Hot Springs

Simple hot springs, sulfur hot springs, etc./temperature at source: 50 - 80° C/mild alkaline - alkaline/clear and colorless, amber

Lake Akan Events

Event

In the Forest of Akan, Where the Spirits Gather

More beautiful, more sublime.
Singing and dancing in the forest of the spirits.
Spreading out their hands in a wish for peace,
the ekashi (elders) look to the heavens and pray to the spirits.
People sing and dance to the roaring flames.
The sound of the mukhuri and tonkori ring out clearly,
blowing like the wind.



Traditional Ainu Dance "Crane Dance (sarorunkamuy rimse)"

Many kamuy (spirits) inhabit the world of men. From among these, the kamuy treasured by the Ainu of Lake Akan are particularly close to the people. These are fire, water, earth, wind, and the Sun. The traditional Ainu dance focuses on these five kamuy and the inaw while singing, dancing and praying.



Traditional Ainu Dance
"Dance of Black Hair (Futtarechui)"



Traditional Ainu Dance
"Arrow Dance (Kurimuse)"



The Akan Yukar "Lost Kamuy" is a performance that fuses traditional and modern dance, 3D CG, and 7.1 channel surround sound with five projectors to create a three dimensional stage. It was created by collection of creatives from various fields such as digital art, sound design, and dance gathering in Lake Akan.



Lake Akan Ainu Theater <Ikor> showcases traditional Ainu dances and performances of the Akan Yukar "Lost Kamuy."

Ainu dance, which came about from the Ainu way of living and how they revere and coexist with nature, expresses many things including animals, nature, hunting, play, joy, and sorrow.

Venue: Lake Akan Ainu Theater <Ikor>
Closed: December 31 to January 2
*Partial closures on October 9 and 10 due to the Marimo Festival
*Please visit the website for the performance calendar, hours, and admission.



Lake Akan Ainu Theater <Ikor>



KAMUY LUMINA

A Nighttime Walk Through the Forest of Lake Akan

MOMENT FACTORY



This nighttime walking attraction is based on the ancient Lake Akan Ainu tradition of yukar (epic poems). Don't miss the chance to take a rhythm stick (illuminated staff) in hand and experience the world of the Ainu in the rich natural environment of the Lake Akan forest.

KAMUY LUMINA

Schedule: Early May to early November
Meeting spot: Akan Sightseeing Cruise Company Marimo no Sato Pier
Required time: About 50 minutes

*Please visit the website for the schedule, hours, and admission.
*Tickets are available on the website, at hotels around Lake Akan, the Kamuy Lumina ticket booth, and designated travel agencies.

Scan the QR code for the schedule, hours, and admission!



KAMUY LUMINA Search



Akan Adventure Tourism Corp.
TEL:0154-65-7121



Lake Akan Icebreaker Cruise

Lake Akan offers the only icebreaker cruise in Japan.

Mid April



Opening of Akan and the Lake

This event celebrates the start of spring and the tourism season in Akan. There are plenty of fun attractions such as a ceremony and a raffle. The icebreaker cruise is one of the highlights of springtime. Enjoy an exciting cruise on Lake Akan as the boat breaks through the ice.

April 29



Lake Akan Native "Red Salmon Festival" "Kapatcep Nomi"

Event details: Traditional Ainu fishing from a dugout canoe on Lake Akan, recreation of red salmon fishing and Kapatcep Nomi (prayer to the red salmon), Kamuy Nomi (prayer to the spirits), and Ichalpa (memorial service for ancestors) ritual, traditional Ainu dance performance

Schedule: Early July (1st Saturday)/Location: Inside the Akankogan Parking Lot

Marimo Festival

Just like the Sapporo Snow Festival, this historic event has a long history, featuring events such as a procession of Ainu torchbearers welcoming the marimo and a marimo dance.

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| Day 1 Events | ●Marimo habitat presentation ●Marimo habitat observation |
| Day 2 Events | ●Marimo dance procession/Marimo portable shrine ●Marimo welcoming ritual ●Marimo protection ritual |
| Day 3 Events | ●Marimo send-off ritual ●Marimo lake send-off ritual ●Attractions <Lakeside park> |

Schedule: October 8 to 10

*Details are subject to change. Please contact the Lake Akan Tourism Association (TEL: 0154-67-3200)



Marimo lake send-off ritual

The Marimo Festival began with the idea of returning marimo to Lake Akan and protecting them.

Lake Akan Events

Event(winter)

The Ice Festival - Something Only Visitors

to Lake Akan Can Experience

Take a step out onto the frozen surface of Lake Akan at night and you will be enveloped in the cold, silent atmosphere of a pure white world. During winter, you'll find unique Lake Akan attractions and hands-on events each night throughout the season. The final event is the fireworks display launched from the surface of the lake coloring the frozen night sky, something only winter visitors can behold.

Lake Akan Ice Festival

Ice Aisu (Love) Akan

“Fuyu Hanabi”

Schedule: Early February to early March

Times

Opening7:30 pm - Ceremony

8:00 pm - Fuyu Hanabi

*Schedule and times may be changed due to weather conditions.



A Memorable,

Mystical Winter on Lake Akan

Come experience the dreamlike Ainu rituals and massive blossoming flowers of fire against the backdrop of a pure, sub-zero winter sky.

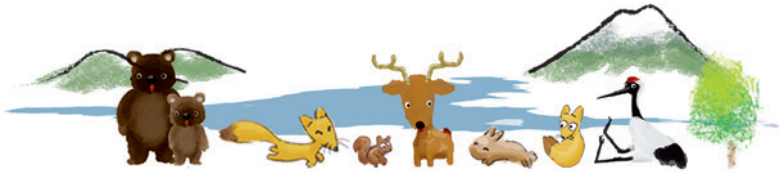


Lake Akan Ice Festival “Fuyu Hanabi”

Extreme Cold Activities on Wintertime Lake Akan

Ice Land Akan

Schedule: Daily from January 1 to March 31 (planned)



Wintertime in Lake Akan is an Icy Recreation Paradise

Ice Land Lake Akan is a wintertime only recreation spot where you can have loads of fun on the frozen surface of the lake. Come here to enjoy lots of fun activities such as ice skating, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ATV riding, snowmobiling, banana boat sledding, Japanese smelt fishing, and more.



The Slopes of Lake Akan Hot Spring

Ski Gelande Utara Offer Panoramic Views of Lake Akan



Ice Skating

This natural skating rink is created on the surface of the frozen lake. The ice is about 80 cm thick, making for an incredibly comfortable skating experience. Enjoy skating in a natural rink surrounded by mountains.



ATV Riding

Even elementary school aged children can enjoy riding these exciting ATVs on the ice. This is a great activity for parents and kids.



Snowmobiling

This activity is fun even for first timers. The 2,000 meter course can be completed in an average of 5 minutes. Enjoy dashing along the wide open spaces of frozen Lake Akan.



Banana Boat Sledding

This is a great activity for visitors of all ages and families (up to eight people). It is a thrilling ride that will shake you from side to side when cornering.



Cross-country Skiing

A path on the snow-covered frozen surface of Lake Akan makes traversal easy. Enjoy mysterious, grand scenery unique to wintertime in Akan.

Japanese Smelt Fishing

Here you can enjoy catching natural Japanese smelt after drilling a hole in the ice as well as snag fishing, which is a popular activity if you don't have much time. You can borrow the equipment on the spot so you don't need to take anything with you. Enjoy the flavors of natural Japanese smelt from Lake Akan.



Quality Powder Snow

Unique to Lake Akan

The Lake Akan Hot Spring Ski Gelande offers quality powder snow with panoramic views of Lake Akan from the slopes, and is surrounded by conifers for a truly Scandinavian feel. The longest course at 1.2 kilometers stretches across the midpoint of Mt. Hakuto, and is equipped with a two-person chairlift. Special benefits are now available, such as discounts for lift tickets and restaurants. Check the website for details.

