
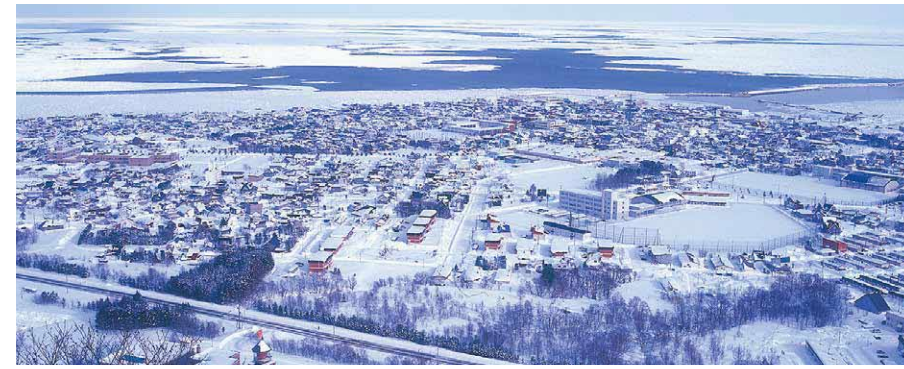


Great dining and entertainment in the idyllic town surrounded by forests and sea... 枝幸町



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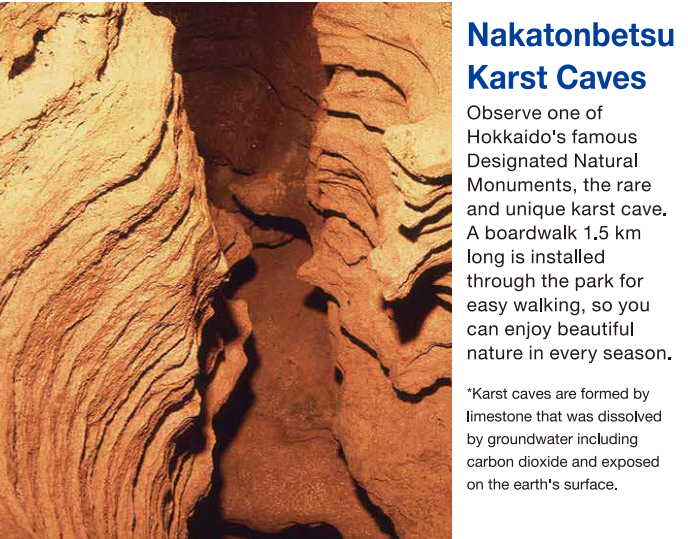


Mt. Mikasa Tenbokaku
The lookout is located on the top of Mt. Mikasa, 172 meters in elevation, on the west side of Esashi. From the lookout point, you can get a 360 degree view of the area, including the Sea of Okhotsk. In the winter the lookout serves as ski slopes. (not accessible by public transportation)

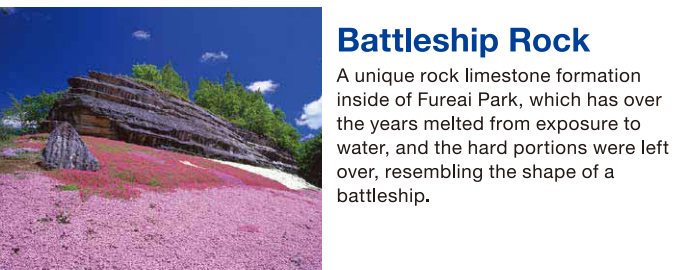
The 45th Parallel North - A power spot, rich in nature. 中頓別町



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Nakatonbetsu Karst Caves
Observe one of Hokkaido's famous Designated Natural Monuments, the rare and unique karst cave. A boardwalk 1.5 km long is installed through the park for easy walking, so you can enjoy beautiful nature in every season.
*Karst caves are formed by limestone that was dissolved by groundwater including carbon dioxide and exposed on the earth's surface.



Battleship Rock
A unique rock limestone formation inside of Fureai Park, which has over the years melted from exposure to water, and the hard portions were left over, resembling the shape of a battleship.

Utanobori Health Recovery Village
Staying in a quaint hot spring village, where you are nestled deep in the forests, and far from the bustle of the city, you are able to play, stay, dine and truly soothe your tired body and soul. (not accessible by public transportation)



Okhotsk Museum Esashi
Inside the museum that reopened in 2016, cultural artifacts from about 1200 years ago, which were designated important cultural assets, are on display, not to mention exhibits that teach visitors about animals, history and culture in Okhotsk.

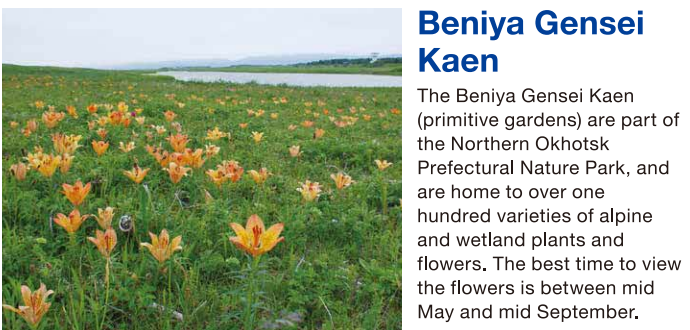
City on the sea, where swans alight on the shores of Lake Kutcharo, a reserve under the protection of the Ramsar Convention. 浜頓別町



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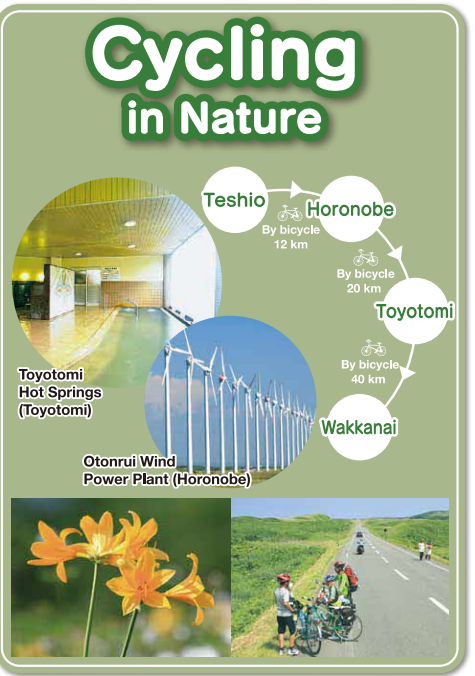
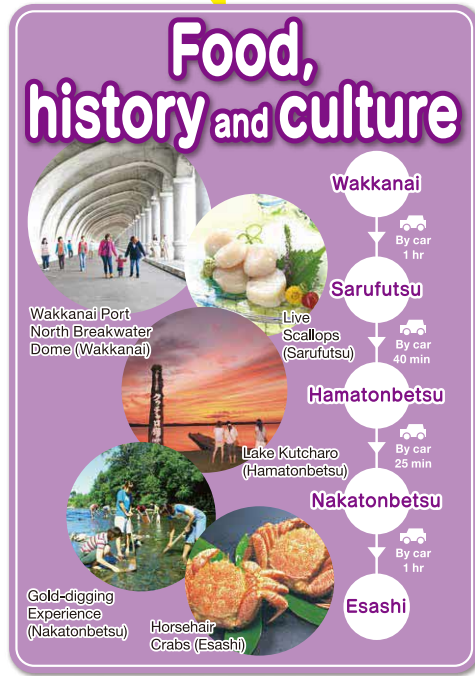


Lake Kutcharo
Protected under the Ramsar Convention, Lake Kutcharo has an aquatic bird observatory, and campgrounds. It is an essential halfway point for migratory birds, which travel between Russia and Japan. About 290 wild birds have been recorded here, and in the spring and fall, tundra swans in flocks of thousands can be seen.



Beniya Gensei Kaen
The Beniya Gensei Kaen (primitive gardens) are part of the Northern Okhotsk Prefectural Nature Park, and are home to over one hundred varieties of alpine and wetland plants and flowers. The best time to view the flowers is between mid May and mid September.

Three recommended sightseeing courses in the Soya area



Introducing three different sightseeing courses that cater to various attractions in Soya, according to genre. Please use this as a guideline for sightseeing.

Introducing the many events that take place in Soya

Here are some of the events that take place in Soya, where you can get a taste of the season, as well as its specialties. Eat great food, and have lots of fun!

Drift Ice Fest Esashi Late February
This event marks the arrival of drift ice on the coastline. Large slides, and numerous attractions for both adults and children are set up.

JAPAN CUP Dog Sled Competition in Wakkanai Wakkanai Late February
The largest dog sled race in the country, the Japan Cup is also known as the "dogs Koshien."

Rishiri Island Yuyu Running Rishiri Early June
Refresh both body and soul as you run through rich nature, and enjoy the view of Mt. Rishirifuji, one of the 100 Famous Japanese Mountains.

Flower Marathon Rebun Early June
Anyone can sign-up. Enjoy a refreshing run during the flower season.

Esashi Crab Festival Esashi Early July
A typical event of Esashi, one of the many towns that boasts large catches of horsehair crabs in Japan. Indulge in crab, crab and more crab!

Kagaminuma Shijimi Clam Festival Teshio Early July
This hands-on festival involves the ever popular digging for clams, not to mention tasting and buying fresh clams, and enjoying other events held during the festival.

Lake Kutcharo Lake Festival Hamatonbetsu Early July
Race to see who can cross over the lake from log to log first, go on a treasure hunt on the lake, and see magnificent fireworks that light up the lake at night.

Sarufutsu Tourism Festival Sarufutsu Mid July
The largest event of Sarufutsu, various events are held, and visitors can purchase fresh scallops and other specialty products.

Toyotomi Sakhalin Surf Clam Festival Toyotomi Late July
Enjoy delicious local cuisine made with Sakhalin surf clams, games, stage shows and more!

Wakkanai Port Antarctic Festival Wakkanai Early August
Take part in two dances, the Hokkai Teppen Dance, and Antarctic Dance. Other events also held.

Lat 45°N Summer Festival Nakatonbetsu Early August
Many vendors line the venue, while visitors engage in Furusato folk dances, compete in marathons, and enjoy various sports event held during the festival.

Uni Uni Sea Urchin Festival Rishirifuji Mid August
An event dedicated to sea urchin, so that lots of people can taste Rishirifuji famous "uni," sea urchin.

Rishiri Round Trip "Fureai" Cycling Rishiri Late August
Beautiful nature is the stadium for this cycling tournament which also allows visitors to mingle and share with other cyclists.

Teshio Fall Foods Festival Teshio Early September
"Salmon grabbing," is the main event of this fall festival, in which you get to take home the salmon you catch! Try the delicious, fall foods served on site.


Reindeer White Fest Horonobe Mid December
Interact with the fascinating reindeer on the "Reindeer Tourist Farm."

Soya Area in Hokkaido

A valuable 360 degree experience

Soya Tourism Association

City surrounded by lush greenery, and the powerful Teshio River 天塩町



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Teshio Riverside Park
The park is located at the mouth of the Teshio River, the second longest river in Hokkaido. Green lawns, and Mt. Rishiri rising above the horizon on the Sea of Japan, is an impressive sight. The grand panorama of the sinking sun is especially worth seeing.

Dairy farming and scallop farming is big in Sarufutsu. 猿払村



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Roadside Station [Sarufutsu Park]
Sarufutsu Park, located along Rt. 238, which runs through vast pastures and alongside the Sea of Okhotsk, is a roadside station with accommodations, restaurant, gift shop, public baths, campgrounds and more. It is a comprehensive facility to meet all your needs while driving, and especially if you are looking for a place to stay.



Esanuka Line
A scenic road, where not even buses travel, with an exhilarating view of the road that leads into the horizon. Native Rugosa roses bloom in the primitive gardens on the Sarufutsu side, (not accessible by public transportation)

Scallops
Like planting a seed and carefully watching it grow, scallops in Sarufutsu are carefully raised over a period of five years before they are harvested and shipped out. The taste of these scallops raised in northern Okhotsk, which also boasts the largest haul in Japan, is also quite exquisite!



Kagaminuma Seaside Park Camping Grounds
The perfect campground, situated between the mouth of Teshio River, and Kagaminuma Marsh, where you can take in the commanding view of the Sea of Japan and Mt. Rishiri.



Shijimi
From long ago, Teshio-grown basket-clams have been considered one of the "three delicacies of Ezo." These large clams are full of rich and classy taste.

Where the winds of latitude 45 blow... 幌延町



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Reindeer Farm
Reindeer, the heroes of Christmas stories, as they pull Santa's sleigh, delivering presents to good children, are in fact real. Approximately sixty free range reindeer live on the farm; visitors can see their cute eyes and antlers up close. There is also a restaurant on site.



Blue Poppies
A rare type of blue poppy that grows in high elevation (approx. 3,000 to 5,000 meters), often referred to by climbers as the "celestial fairy." The blue poppies usually bloom between mid June and mid July.

Latitude North 45 Monument
As you proceed due north on the Ororon Line, you come to the Sarobetsu Plains, and the Lat 45° N Monument. Behind the monument, gorgeous views of Mt. Rishiri and sunsets melting into the Sea of Japan can be seen.

