

Takiguchi Waterfall

Overview

The Takiguchi Waterfall is about five minutes by car from the Akankohan Eco Museum Center. The waterfall is at the foot of the Mt. Oakan Trail. Lake Akan is long, with small islands dotting the lake's surface that resemble a miniature garden, located just past its narrow inlets. The waters of the lake flow into the waterfall, and then to the Akan River. Products of eruptions by Mt. Oakan, the small islands of Kamenoko and Jukyuretto seem almost man made.

Plant Life

The scenic beauty of Takiguchi is complemented by the purple flowers of Ezo-murasaki-tsutsuji (*Rhododendron dauricum* L.), which blooms in spring, while Hakusan-shakunage (*Rhododendron brachycarpum* D. Don ex G. Don var. *brachycarpum*), a pink and white flower which blooms in summer. In autumn, the colorful foliage of the trees reflected in the lake is a striking sight.

Activities

There is a cruise boat which departs from Marimo-no-Sato Pier. It lasts around 85 minutes and is held from mid-April through late November (cruise service is irregular in April, but begins normal operation starting in May).