

Mt. Fuppushi

Overview

In the Ainu language, Fuppushi means a “place with Sakhalin fir.” Unsurprisingly, a forest of Sakhalin fir stretches all the way to the 1,200 m summit of the mountain. Mt. Fuppushi is located southwest of Lake Akan.

Plant Life

Mt. Fuppushi, Mt. Meakan, and Mt. Oakan are all about the same altitude, but they are home to very different plants. While Sakhalin fir can be seen up to the highest point of Mt. Fuppushi, alpine flowers such as Meakan-kinbai (*Potentilla miyabei Makino*), Meakan-fusuma (*Arenaria merckiioides Maxim.*) and black crowberries grow on Mt. Meakan's summit, and a creeping pine zone can be seen on Mt. Oakan. The reason for this is linked to when volcanic activity ceased on each of the mountains.

Although hiking is allowed, there are no marked trails on Mt. Fuppushi.