

Kushiro Marsh Observatory Walkway Loop

The Kushiro Marsh Walkway Loop is a forest trail approximately 2.5 km long. The majority of the trail is a raised wooden boardwalk, with steps and a suspension bridge. The 1.2 km section from Izanai Square to the Satellite Observatory is accessible by wheelchair. Along the walkway, there are signboards providing information about Kushiro Marsh. Going clockwise, visitors will pass Izanai Square, Habataki Square, the Satellite Observatory, Tancho Square, Hidamari Square, Komorebi Square, and Fureai Square. The trail splits at two locations, leading to Aosagi Square and the Onnenai Visitor Center to the north, and the Hokuto Archaeological Site to the south. Aosagi Square, the Satellite Observatory, and Tancho Square offer unique and constantly-changing seasonal views of the expansive Kushiro Marsh.

Habataki Square

Habataki Square is in a peaceful forest setting.

Satellite Observatory

At an elevation of 80 m, the Satellite Observatory provides a stunning 180-degree panorama of the vast marshland plateau. From this viewpoint, it is possible to see distant mountain ranges and parts of Kushiro City. Coin-operated binoculars are available.

Tancho Square

Through the trees, Tancho Square offers views of the marshland, downtown Kushiro city, and the Pacific Ocean.

Hidamari Square

Hidamari Square, located at one end of the suspension bridge, has a spacious rest area. The Hokuto Archaeological Site is accessed by leaving the Walkway Loop at Hidamari Square.