

Overpopulation and Environmental Issues

Damage from Deer Feeding on Vegetation

Problems Caused by Overpopulation of Deer

The large resident deer population damages plants and tree bark. This, in turn, is altering the natural landscape of Oku-Nikko. The park is implementing countermeasures to conserve the environment, including fences to keep out the deer.

Problems with Invasive Species

Invasion of Non-native Plant Species

Humans have introduced non-native plants to Oku-Nikko, which have thrived, damaging native plant species. Volunteers remove these alien species in order to help restore the natural environment.