

Searching for Wild Animal Tracks

Even if you are not fortunate enough to spot a wild animal, there is a lot of evidence of the presence of animals to be found in Oku-Nikko; tracks, droppings, and food leftovers are the usual signs. Japanese deer tracks, for example, are frequently found around Lake Yunoko, and animal tracks and monkey droppings can be seen from the wooden walkways near the hot spring sources of Oku-Nikko Yumoto Onsen.

Rabbit

Japanese deer (*Cervus nippon*)

Japanese marten (*Martes melampus*)

Japanese squirrel (*Sciurus lis*)

Asian black bear (*Ursus thibetanus*)

Deer droppings

Bear nests (left by foraging bears)