

The Seasons of Oku-Nikko: Spring and Summer

Snow thawing in Oku-Nikko in April heralds the beginning of spring, when the air is filled with the song of migratory birds and the croaking of frogs. At the beginning of May, the Oku-Nikko landscape is transformed by the delicate, red-hued blooms of Akayashio (*Rhododendron pentaphyllum* var. *nikoense*). Late May is azalea season, while flowers in the wetlands bloom between June and August. The spring and summer are ideal times to enjoy viewing the lovely flora on a hike or strolling.