

## The Seasons of Oku-Nikko: Autumn

Starting in late September, the grasses in the Odashirogahara Wetlands and surrounding areas become a mosaic of red and orange. This signifies the beginning of fall in Oku-Nikko. In October, azalea leaves deepen to a crimson hue and the foliage of Japanese oaks (*Quercus crispula* Blume) turns bright yellow. Each year, many people come to the many lakes and waterfalls of Oku-Nikko to see the glowing autumn colors. Ryuzu no Taki and Yudaki Falls are particularly popular spots. The multicolored foliage here contrasts brilliantly with the majestic waterfalls.