

Kegon no taki Falls

Kegon no taki Falls is a 97-meter tall waterfall fed from Lake Chuzenji. It is designated one of Japan's three great waterfalls, and is one of Nikko's forty eight best-known waterfalls. There are different theories about where the waterfall got its name. In Japanese, the characters in the name "Kegon" mean "flower" and "stone." The name is thought to be a reference to the azaleas that bloom on the cliffs where the waters cascade down.

Throughout the year, the powerful roar of the falls cascading over the stone cliff fills the air.

In summer, house martins (*Delichon dasypus dasypus*) fly around Kegon no taki Falls. When it snows in the region, the smaller cascades framing the main waterfall often freeze, creating a stunning winter landscape.

At the top of the Akechidaira Ropeway, the observation deck offers breathtaking views of the entire waterfall, Lake Chuzenji, and Mt. Nantai — three of the most spectacular sights in Oku-Nikko.