

While covered in snow during the winter, this course's name is firmly planted in spring. The Shakunage Trail is named for the rhododendron, a spring flower beloved by the Japanese, varieties of which can be found throughout Japan. The brightly colored blossoms grow in profusion in alpine areas, and Kusatsu is no exception.

The larch-bordered Shakunage Trail holds the title of “Most Popular Trail with Families” at Kusatsu Onsen Ski Resort. The gentle slope is wide and 3,200 meters long, making it easy enough for beginners while still interesting enough for more advanced skiers. A final run on this scenic route is a great way to end a day on the slopes.

Level: Easy

Course length: 3,200 meters

Average slope degree: 8 degrees

Maximum slope degree: 12 degrees