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The meadows of the Masumizu Highlands are stunning natural scenery, and are home to diverse species of plants, butterflies, and birds. The view from here encompasses the western face of Mt. Daisen, which bears a strong resemblance to Mt. Fuji, Japan's most famous and symbolic peak. Because of this, Mt. Daisen is sometimes called Hoki Fuji or Izumo Fuji, "Hoki" being the former name for western Tottori Prefecture. The lower areas look out on the coast along the Sea of Japan, including the Yumigahama Peninsula, Sakaiminato Port, and the Oki Islands. Watching the sun setting into the Sea of Japan at dusk is a truly special experience.

### The Meaning of "Masumizu"

The name "Masumizu" is believed to carry the meaning of "an abundance of crystal clear water," and refers to the high-quality spring water that abounds in these highlands. These springs are said to never dry up, and for centuries, farmers and travelers have stopped here to quench their thirst.