

Sandankyo: Kurobuchi Pool and Kurobuchi Pool Ferryboat

Kurobuchi Pool, about 3 kilometers from the south end of the trail at the Sandankyo Front Gate, is a tranquil spot where hikers can take a rest. The water in the large pool is devoid of strong currents and safe to approach. Kurobuchi Pool is surrounded by steep, forest-covered cliffs 100 meters high, and trekkers can expect to be awed by the views.

From mid-April to late November, visitors can board an old-fashioned ferryboat and see the towering cliffs up close. The small boat is rowed around the cerulean Kurobuchi Pool, giving visitors an intimate look at this secluded place. The boat also stops by the restaurant Kurobuchiso, which was first opened as an inn in 1926. Located in the middle of the gorge, it serves coffee and light meals prepared using local ingredients, and offers visitors an opportunity for replenishment in the midst of nature.