

Mt. Rausu

Mt. Rausu (1,661 m) is the tallest mountain on the Shiretoko Peninsula and is part of the Shiretoko mountain range that runs along the spine of the peninsula.

Dominant vegetation on the mountain includes Japanese stone pine (haimatsu; *Pinus pumila*) and Sakhalin fir (todomatsu; *Abies sachalinensis*), which grow at lower elevations (1,000 m or lower) than on Honshu, the main island of Japan.

There are two trails up the mountain, beginning in the towns of Shari and Rausu. They are open from the beginning of July to mid-September.

The summit affords views across the peninsula, and on a clear day, it is possible to see as far as Kunashiri Island and the Kuril Islands chain that stretches between Russia and Japan.