

Mt. Mashu Trekking Trail: spectacular views of one of the world's most translucent lakes

The Mt. Mashu Trekking Trail follows the caldera rim and overlooks Lake Mashu, a striking, deep-blue caldera lake, before rising steeply to the 857-meter summit. The trail affords multiple views of Lake Mashu and its clear waters, as well as the dramatic terrain that makes up Akan-Mashu National Park.

A separate path that can be picked up 1.6 kilometers from the summit of Mt. Mashu leads to Mt. Nishibetsu, offering serious hikers the opportunity to scale both mountains in one trek. Be aware there are no toilet facilities anywhere on this route, and from mid to late summer, mountain ticks and horseflies make long sleeves and pants a necessity.