

Nishiki Pond

Nishiki Pond is a rust-colored pond 20 minutes southwest of Lake Akan on Route 949, and about 1.5 kilometers from Meakan Onsen on the way to Lake Onneto.

The pond's reddish-brown color comes from its iron-rich sediment. It is a quiet spot in early summer, when the color of the water contrasts with the deep green of the surrounding Sakhalin spruces. In winter, it is a popular destination for visitors snowshoeing from Meakan Onsen. In spring, the area around the pond blooms with pink Hakusan rhododendron flowers (*Rhododendron brachycarpum*).

The water from Nishiki Pond flows into Lake Onneto and contributes to the high mineral content of the lake's water. There is a spot on the Lake Onneto East Bank Trail where you can see Nishiki Pond's iron-colored water merge with the bluish-green water of the lake.