

Nishiki Pond

This orange pond 20 minutes southwest of Lake Akan by car gets its red color from sediment rich in iron. In summer, the color of the pond provides a startling contrast to the green of the surrounding spruce forest. In winter, it is a popular spot with hikers on snowshoes who make the trek from Meakan Onsen. In the spring, rhododendrons bloom bright pink around the pond. You can see where Nishiki's reddish water flows into bluish-green Lake Onneto from a spot on the Lake Onneto East Bank walking trail.