

Shirafuji Falls

Shirafuji Falls is a waterfall on the Hakusui River in the town of Ashoro. Its powerful 20-meter cascade gives visitors a chance to witness the force of nature close-up. The waterfall is an accumulation of runoff from Mt. Meakan, and the water's brownish appearance comes from the mountain's volcanic soil and high levels of sulfur.

Consider stopping by Shirafuji Falls on the way to Lake Onneto and Meakan Onsen. The waterfall is located just off Route 241; a sign on the highway marks the entrance. It is 15 minutes by car from Lake Akan, about 4 kilometers after the turnoff from Route 240 and 2.5 kilometers before the turnoff for Meakan Onsen. A gravel forest road leads to a clearing that serves as a parking area. The falls can be reached via a steep path about a 5-minute hike downhill from the clearing.