

## **Sugatami Pond Walking Path**

This loop path leads to Sugatami Pond. The round-trip is 1.7 kilometers and takes around an hour to complete. The path lies in the alpine zone and climbs to an elevation of 1,670 meters. Alpine-zone vegetation is low-lying, with few trees.

Along the way, look for the volcanic vents that emit hot sulfurous gases from Mt. Asahidake. The wide variety of alpine plants you can see from the path bloom during the short summer season. Birds such as the pine grosbeak and small mammals such as the northern pika are among the rare wildlife that can be observed here. This area is a designated Special Natural Monument of Japan.

Protect the delicate alpine environment by keeping to the path. Do not pick the flowers or remove plants, rocks, pebbles, or lumps of sulfur. Please take all your waste with you.