

## **Dakesawa**

Dakesawa is a gently sloping glacial valley with marshy swampland as its base. Many photographs of the Kamikochi highland valley feature the sloping greenery of Dakesawa, visible from Kappa Bridge in Kamikochi, contrasting with the clear blue waters of the Azusa River and the white of the snow-capped mountains. The colors of the landscape mark the changing seasons, with lingering snow in the higher valleys in spring, large meadows of orange and pink mountain wildflowers in summer, and foliage in fall.

The valley includes several hiking trails, with the more gently inclined routes accessible to families and day-trippers coming from Kamikochi. The Dakesawa Goya Hut, a mountain lodge built in 2010 to accommodate hikers, stands at an elevation of 2,170 meters. It takes about three hours to hike there from Kamikochi, and the lodge generally operates between April and November, with food, beverages, and overnight accommodation available.