

Welcome to Shirakami-Sanchi's Southern Gateway

Step inside the Shirakami-Sanchi World Heritage Conservation Center to learn about Shirakami-Sanchi's primordial beech forests, the geological and historical forces that have protected them, and the reasons this remote mountainous region has been listed as a Natural World Heritage Site.

The center is free to enter, and full of colorful, multilingual displays. The exhibits inside feature the plants and animals of Shirakami-Sanchi and explain the vital role beeches play in sustaining its ecosystems. Nature advisors are ready to answer questions and put visitors in touch with local guides and programs. The center also provides multilingual maps and pamphlets with information on hiking trails and other scenic spots.