

Overview of Hakusan National Park

Hakusan National Park receives around 600 metric tons of annual snowfall.

Over thousands of years, the snow has eroded Mt. Hakusan's landscape to create dramatic rock formations, plummeting waterfalls, and crystalline alpine lakes. It also provides refuge for wildlife and is the backbone of local traditions.

Regulations and Guidelines

Mt. Hakusan became littered with trash due to an influx of hikers in the 1960s and 70s. Although the area's natural beauty has been restored by local clean-up initiatives, a number of rules must be followed to protect the mountain for future generations.

There are no trash cans on the mountain. Please carry out everything you bring in.

All mountain lodges on Mt. Hakusan require reservations for overnight stays.

During peak periods, hikers must park their vehicles at the Ichinose Visitor Center and take a shuttle bus to the Bettō Deai trailhead.

Please scrape your shoes on the seed-removal mats provided to combat the spread of invasive plants.

Hikers must stay on established trails to avoid disturbing plants and wildlife.

Please cap the ends of your trekking poles to prevent damage to the trails.

In places where the trail is narrow, please yield to hikers traveling uphill.

The weather on Mt. Hakusan can change quickly, and most trails require good physical fitness and careful planning. Pack appropriately and file a mountain climbing registration form online or at the trailhead before beginning your hike.