**Welcome to Hakusan National Park**

Hakusan National Park is a 49,900-hectare nature reserve that surrounds the snow-capped peaks of Mt. Hakusan (2,702 m). In 1962, it became Japan's twentieth national park. The park is at the intersection of Ishikawa, Fukui, Gifu, and Toyama Prefectures, and roughly 80 percent of its land is covered in old-growth forest. Mt. Hakusan's volcanic landscape and alpine environment support ecosystems with exceptional biodiversity.

*Global Recognition*

Hakusan National Park lies within the UNESCO Mount Hakusan Biosphere Reserve, which was established in 1980. Biosphere reserves are model regions for sustainable development that balance conservation and people's livelihoods.

In 2023, UNESCO further designated the city of Hakusan and its environs the Hakusan Tedorigawa UNESCO Global Geopark. The rock layers around Mt. Hakusan date to the Early Cretaceous period

(approximately 130 million years ago) and have yielded valuable fossil specimens, including early mammals, plants, and dinosaurs.