

Information Counter



The Information Counter provides visitors with seasonal information about nature in the Lake Shikotsu area, fishing and mountaineering, and bird-watching/nature observation group activities, etc., and also has panel displays introducing the national park and showing maps of the local area.

Lounge



In the lounge, relax freely and enjoy reading, resting, or chatting while viewing at Lake Shikotsu.



In the Lecture Room you can watch a high-resolution video of the beautiful nature in the Lake Shikotsu area (approx. 15 minutes).

Lecture Room



Utilization of Natural Energy

The electrical power used in the Visitor Center's facilities is provided by natural energy sources, with electricity partly supplied by solar power generation (by which energy from the sun is converted into electricity) and differences in geothermal temperatures used in air-conditioning.



● Single-story partially reinforced concrete wooden building
Building Area 1,203 m² Total Floor Area 997 m²

The Lake Shikotsu Visitor Center introduces the nature of Shikotsu in a friendly, easy-to-understand manner so that visitors to Lake Shikotsu can fully enjoy the nature of the lake area. Leap into nature based on the knowledge and information you have acquired at the Visitor Center! Rich encounters with nature are waiting for you. Around Lake Shikotsu there are various facilities for enjoying nature, including nature observation walkways and wild bird forests.



Access

- By Car Approx. 28km from Chitose IC (Hokkaido Prefectural Route 16)
Approx. 55km from central Sapporo City (National Route 453)
- By Bus Approx. 55minutes from New Chitose Airport (via central Chitose City)

Visitor Center Guide

- Opening Hours 9:00-17:30 (December-March 9:30-16:30)
- Closed December 29-January 3 and every Tuesday December-March
(If Tuesday is a public holiday, Wednesday)
- Admission Fees Free of charge

Inquiries

Lake Shikotsu Visitor Center

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Lake Shikotsu Visitor Center Website <http://shikotsukovc.sakura.ne.jp/>
Natural Parks Foundation Website <https://www.bes.or.jp/>

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Forest World



Shikotsu's forest scenery and environment



Display of an actual tree :
Betula maximowicziana, (Monarch Birch);
Diameter 1.2 m

Bird Voices

Mountain World

Plants that have adapted to the harsh weather conditions on Mt. Tarumae.



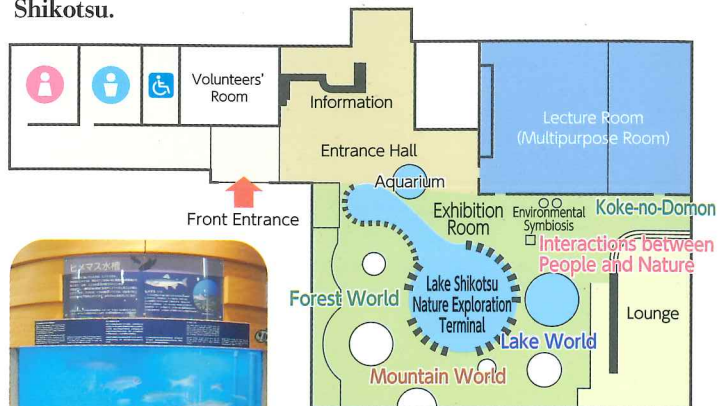
Tarumaiso
(Pennellianthus frutescens)



Information about the Center

Mountains brightly carpeted with alpine plants exuding a sense of sweetly breathing life even as volcanic activity continues; forests so deep and rich that it is as if they are keeping human activity at arms' length; a mysterious lake brimming with transparent water that spellbinds people's hearts —

Please enjoy the forests, lake, and mountains; the wild-life that live here; and the many other attractions of Lake Shikotsu.



Kokanee (Himemasu) Aquarium

Lake Shikotsu Nature Exploration Terminal

The history and highlights of the Lake Shikotsu area are introduced through videos, photographs, and relief models.



Relief model of the Lake Shikotsu Area (crystal diorama)



White-tailed eagle
(Haliaeetus albicilla)

Interactions between People and Nature



Koke-no-Domon
(Moss-gateway)

Full-scale (approx. 9 m) high wall graphic

Lake World

Lake-bottom tree-root diorama and underwater scenes

