

Discover Your Favorite Giant Trees!

Nikko National Park

Enjoy a short tour of the giant trees
in Nikko National Park



Nikko National Park was designated as one of the oldest national parks in Japan in 1934. It is a popular tourist destination in the North Kanto region, and is famous for its magnificent natural landscape, historical Buddhist temples and Shinto shrines, such as Lake Chuzenji, Kegon Falls, and Nikko Toshogu Shrine.

The upper part of Nikko National Park, located above Iroha-zaka Slope, is called Okunikko. It takes extra time to reach it, but it is a wonderful natural environment. The giant trees around the lakeshore, far from the noise of the city, provide a sense of calm and tranquility.



Kegon Falls

[Access]

- By car: a 20-minute drive to Spot 1 (the Taro Fir Tree) from the Nikko Interchange on the Nikko Utsunomiya Road.
 - By train: About 1 hour and 50 minutes from Asakusa Station (Tokyo) to Tobu Nikko Station on the Tobu Nikko Line on the "Kegon" Super Express. About 2 hours from Shinjuku Station (Tokyo) on the Utsunomiya Line, or the Tobu Nikko Line on the "Nikko" Super Express.
- Cars can be rented near the station.

1 Japanese Fir tree near Nikko Station Japanese Fir (*Abies firma*)

It appears much larger than life when seen close up. You may spot deer droppings under the tree. The tree trunk is wrapped in black netting to prevent wild deer nibbling the trunk. Thanks to this protection, the Taro fir has grown in a healthy shape with a nice straight trunk and canopy of vivid green needles.



Trunk girth : 600 cm
Height : 30 m
Est. age : 350 years
Location : Tokorono, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture
(Latitude: 36.761775, Longitude: 139.6092139)

3 Katsura tree in Nikko Yumoto Onsen Katsura tree (*Cercidiphyllum japonicum*)

The Katsura, featuring heart-shaped leaves, prefers wet sites and often grows with multiple trunks. It has a beautiful pyramidal form, and its layers of spreading branches remind people of delicate lace. Its foliage is also attractive, especially its blue-green summer color and yellow hues in the autumn. Its fallen leaves give out a sweet caramel-like perfume.



Trunk girth : 475 cm
Height : 16 m
Est. age : Unknown
Location : Yumoto Onsen, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture
(Latitude: 36.80451944, Longitude: 139.4214556)

2 Japanese Cedar and Japanese zelkova at Hanaishi Shrine Japanese Cedar and Japanese Zelkova (*Cryptomeria japonica* and *Zelkova serrata*)

Although this cedar is somewhat smaller than the other giant cedars in Nikko's other famous temples and shrines, it has its own historic dignity, as it has kept watch over local people as a sacred tree for 600 years. The mossy Zelkova also has a saintly presence due to its shape, which comes from its knotty trunk and having lost all its main branches.



(Japanese Cedar)
Trunk girth : 560 cm
Height : 19 m
Est. age : 600 years
Location : Hanaishi 1954, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture
(Latitude: 36.75238611, Longitude: 139.5871389)



(Japanese Zelkova)
Trunk girth : 770 cm
Height : 13 m
Est. age : 800 years

4 Japanese Oak resembling the "Thousand-Armed Kannon" Japanese Oak (*Quercus crispula*)

This Japanese Oak tree stands on the north bank of Lake Sainoko. Park your car at Akanuma Parking Lot and board an eco-friendly low-emission hybrid bus. Get off at Sainoko Iriguchi bus stop and walk along the well-made path. You will see a large oak tree with a unique form that resembles a candle stand. Some people call the oak "Senju Nara (Thousand-armed Oak)" because of its spreading branches like Sahasrabhuja, a Thousand-Armed Kannon.



Trunk girth : 597cm
Height : 21m
Est. age : Unknown
Location : Chugushi, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture
(Latitude: 36.74464167, Longitude: 139.3997611)

5 Japanese Elm in Senjugahama Japanese Elm (*Ulmus davidiana* var. *japonica*)

A 90-minute down the Senju-no-mori paved walking path from Senju Nara toward Senjugahama will bring you to Lake Chuzenji's Senjugahama Beach. You will find a large elm tree. You can take a break and relax while viewing the elm tree and Lake Chuzenji while sitting on one of the many driftwood logs that have collected on the shore.



Trunk girth : 635 cm
Height : 25 m
Est. age : Unknown
Location : Senjugahama, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture
(Latitude: 36.74705833, Longitude: 139.4212278)

