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.



[Access]

- By car: a 20-minute drive to Spot 1 (the Taro Fir Tree) from the Nikko Interchange on the Nikko Utsunomiva 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.



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 : 350 years Est. age

Location : Tokorono, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture (Latitude: 36.761775, Longitude: 139.6092139)

Katsura tree in Nikko Yumoto Onsen 3 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, Latitude: 139.4214556)



Location

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.



Trunk girth: 560 cm Height : 19 m (Latitude: 36.75238611 . Longitude: 139.5871389) Est. age : 600 years

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

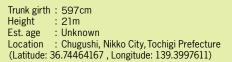
Japanese Oak resembling the "Thousand-Armed Kannon" **Japanese Oak** (Quercus crispula)

: Hanaishi 1954, Nikko City,

Tochigi Prefecture

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.



Japanese Elm in Senjugahama 5 **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 Chuzenii while sitting on one of the many driftwood logs that have collected on the shore.

Trunk girth: 635 cm Height : 25 m : Unknown Est. age



Location : Senjugahama, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture (Latitude: 36.74705833, Longitude: 139.4212278)





available from April to November, and that they run infrequently. Be careful not to miss the last bus.

Low-emission hybrid bus

Location: Hanaishi 1954, Nikko City, Tochigi Prefecture

For more information about the low-emission bus service, please refer to the following link by "Nikko Natural Science Museum." https://www.nikko-nsm.co.jp/bus.html

birds singing and leaves rustling during the 10-km