

Hiking the shores of Lake Chuzenji, an international summer resort

This hiking course takes you on a tour around Lake Chuzenji in Oku-Nikko, which once thrived as an international summer resort hosting the vacation villas of diplomats and other foreigners from many countries.

Participation Method

Ekikara Hiking (Hiking from the Station) events are hiking events that anyone can participate in easily. They start from stations throughout the eastern Japan area and consist of hiking while experiencing the historical buildings and abundant nature of the areas around the stations. Participation is free of charge, and on the day of the event, anyone can participate after signing up at the reception counter at the hiking spot!

Organization of the Event



The Day of the Event
(Reception counter at the hiking spot)
English-speaking staff available!



Collect your map at the reception counter
English maps also available.



Setting off on your hike!
Enjoy hiking at your own pace.

Points to Note:

- You will be walking for about 4 hours so please wear sturdy clothes and shoes on the hike.
- You can participate even if it is raining. In the event of rain please bring your rain gear with you.
- Please take all of your trash home with you. Thank you for your cooperation.
- Please be advised that entrance fees are charged for the following facilities:
⇒ Nikko Natural Science Museum (the Oku-Nikko Information Center is free of charge), British Embassy Villa Memorial Park, Italian Embassy Villa Memorial Park
- Repair work is being performed in the vicinity of Kohan Enchi and at the Lake Chuzenji Boat House so please take care when you pass through those areas.

Recommended Passes and Tickets for Getting to Nikko

JR EAST PASS
(Tohoku area)

JR EAST PASS
(Nagano, Niigata area)

JR TOKYO Wide Pass

JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass

Overview of the Hiking

"Hiking the Shores of Lake Chuzenji, an International Summer Resort" is a hiking event open to participation during the period from Monday, July 1 to Monday, September 30, 2019. There is no participation fee, and it would make a wonderful memory of your trip to Japan.

Date	Monday, July 1 to Monday, September 30, 2019
Application Time	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Nearest Station	JR Nikko Station
Reception Area	Nikko Natural Science Museum (Oku-Nikko Information Center)
Walking Time	Approx. 4 hours (including time viewing the facilities)
Walking Distance	Approx. 9 km
Tour Fee	Free of charge
Lunch	Please bring your own.
Guide	This is not a guided tour.

Recommended Trains

From Tokyo Station		Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko No. 201	Tohoku Shinkansen Yamabiko No. 125	Tohoku Shinkansen Nasuno No. 253
Tokyo station	dep.	6:20	7:32	8:28
		▼	▼	▼
	arr.	7:14	8:21	9:21
Utsunomiya station		JR Nikko Line		
	dep.	7:40	8:40	9:30
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	arr.	8:24	9:23	10:14
Nikko station		Tobu Bus		
	dep.	8:32	9:32	10:32
Chuzenji Onsen	arr.	9:20	10:20	11:20

[Please note]

- JR Nikko Station is about a 3-minute walk from Tobu Nikko Station.
- Nikko No. 1 is a through train operated together with TOBU Railway. Please keep in mind that people using a Japan Rail Pass will have to pay a separate fare to ride this train.
(JR East-South Hokkaido Rail Pass, JR EAST PASS (Tohoku area), JR EAST PASS (Nagano and Niigata area), and JR TOKYO Wide Pass can be used to ride this train.)

Recommended Places

British Embassy Villa Memorial Park



Built in 1896 by Ernest Satow, a British diplomat at that time, this facility was subsequently used until 2008 as a summer villa of the embassy. The interior contains various exhibits, and at "Tea Room Minami 4-ban Classic" on the second floor, you can enjoy tea and embassy-chef-recipe scones. Received COOL JAPAN AWARD 2019.

Italian Embassy Villa Memorial Park



Built in 1928 using the design of architect Antonin Raymond, this facility was used as a summer villa until 1997. It features cryptomeria bark walls incorporating Japanese designs. The interior recreates the appearance at the time it was used as a summer villa. Reopened this year after renovation that included exterior wall repairs.

Lake Chuzenji Boat House



Built in 1947 as a recreation facility for American staff of GHQ (General Headquarters, the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers), this facility was modeled after an American lakeside resort building. It features a deck extending out over the water, and inside there are various displays, including a boat presented by the embassy of Belgium.

List of places to visit

Nikko Natural Science Museum (Oku-Nikko Information Center), British Embassy Villa Memorial Park, Italian Embassy Villa Memorial Park, Kohan Enchi, Nishi Rokuban Enchi, Nishi Jusanban Enchi, Lake Chuzenji Boat House



All participants will receive gifts!



Original Can Badge & Hiking Map

Original gift (chopsticks)



*The Can Badge and chopsticks presented at the reception counter may differ from the images shown here.

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