Guidelines for Visitors to Shirakami-Sanchi

1. Stay on the trails.
2. Do not take any plants or animals home with you.
3. Littering is prohibited; take your own garbage home with you.
4. Use the restroom beforehand. Bring a portable toilet bag with you.
5. Lighting bonfires is prohibited.
6. No pets allowed.
7. Fishing is prohibited.
Japanese Macaques

The Japanese macaque is a species of primate native to Japan. They are known for their intelligence and social behavior, with complex social hierarchies and communication methods.

Japanese Beeswax Butterflies

The Japanese beeswax butterfly is a species native to Japan. It is known for its distinctive coloration and is often seen in the mountainous regions of Japan.

Brown Hairstreaks

Brown hairstreaks are a type of butterfly found in various habitats across Japan, including forests and meadows.

Shirakami-Sanchi Visitor Center

Located in Aomori Prefecture, the Shirakami-Sanchi Visitor Center is a hub for information and resources about the area.

Shirakami-Miwa National Park

A national park located in Aomori Prefecture, known for its rich biodiversity and natural beauty.

Shirakami Landscape

The Shirakami landscape is characterized by its mountainous terrain and dense forests.

Shirakami Mountains

The Shirakami Mountains are a range of mountains located in Aomori Prefecture, known for their stunning scenery.

Shirakami Sanchi

Shirakami Sanchi is a World Heritage Site located in Aomori Prefecture. It is known for its rich biodiversity, including many rare and endangered species.

Shirakami Mountains Visitor Center

A visitor center located in the Shirakami Mountains, offering information and resources for visitors.

Shirakami Mountains Guide Map

A guide map of the Shirakami Mountains, highlighting key locations and features.

Shirakami Mountains Guide

A guidebook detailing the various features and attractions of the Shirakami Mountains.

Shirakami Mountains Tourist Information

Tourist information and resources for visitors to the Shirakami Mountains.

Shirakami Mountains Natural History

A guide to the natural history and ecology of the Shirakami Mountains.

Shirakami Mountains Wildlife

A guide to the wildlife found in the Shirakami Mountains, including birds, mammals, and other species.

About Shirakami-Sanchi

Shirakami-Sanchi is a vast mountainous area of approximately 130,000 hectares located in southwestern Aomori Prefecture and northeastern Akitai Prefecture. In this area lies the world's largest virgin beech forest (16,971 hectares), which in December 1992 was registered, along with Yatsushiro in Kagoshima Prefecture, as one of Japan's first World Natural Heritage Sites under the World Heritage Convention. About three quarters of the beech forest (12,657 hectares) belong to Aomori Prefecture and about a quarter (4,344 hectares) to Akitai Prefecture. Geologically, Shirakami-Sanchi consists of thick 2 to 30 million year-old sediments of sedimentary rocks formed from sand, mud, and volcanic ashes lying on a bed of granite from the Cretaceous period (146 million to 65 million years ago). The mountains of Shirakami-Sanchi were formed by violent upheaval of these layers. The mists that climb deep valleys and a number of high waterfalls were created. Shirakami-Sanchi boasts abundant flora and fauna: animals such as Japanese black bears, Japanese macaques, Japanese serows (Special Natural Monument), black woodpeckers (Natural Monument), and golden eagles; many wild flowers and wild herbs blooming in spring and summer...