

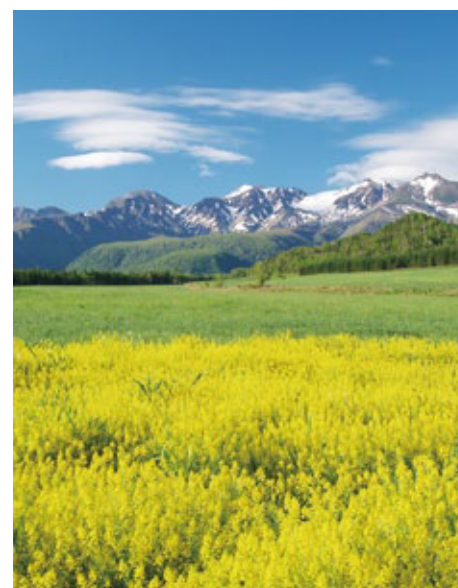


CYCLING TOUR

Hokkaido Cycling Tour

The vast land of Hokkaido is one of the many locations in the world that are inviting to cyclists. Besides clean air, delicious food and wonderful natural hot springs here, you will find even farm roads paved smooth making cycling comfortable; everything you need for a cycling trip! Eastern Hokkaido is one of the main areas of Hokkaido that cyclists seek to visit because of its unique beauty, which every cyclist dreams of riding there. One of the main reasons for this is the fact that

there is only minimal traffic but so many breathtaking beautiful scenic sites such as the Shiretoko National Park, a natural world heritage site, Lake Mashu, Lake Kussharo and more that attract inbound tourists from around the world. During flower season, Koshimizu Gensei Kaen, a primary wildflower sanctuary, gorgeous dainty wildflowers bloom at once. If you feel physically confident, we recommend you cycle through the Shiretoko Pass, around Lake Saroma and Lake Akan.



MODEL COURSE

- Day 1 Memanbetsu Airport -
Hot Spring Inn on Lake Akan
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- Day 2 Cycle along the coast of the Okhotsk
Sea and to Natural World Heritage,
Shiretoko
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- Day 3 Drive to Shari, cycle from Shari to
Lake Mashu
Return to Lake Akan by car and cycle
around the lake.
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- Day 4 Cycle from Lake Akan
through the Kushiro Wetlands and
to Kushiro.
Travel from Kushiro
to Tokachigawa Hot Springs by car.
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- Day 5 Tokachigawa Hot Springs to
New Chitose Airport, return home.
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Natural World Heritage SHIRETOKO

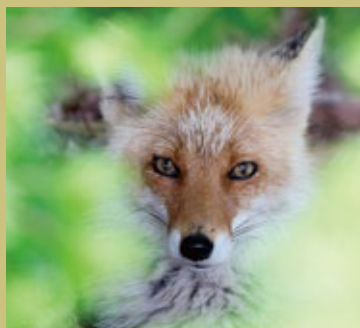


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Shiretoko was recognized as a natural world heritage in July, 2005, and is considered the "Final Wilderness" of Hokkaido. The geography of the area that repels people, the environment and drift ice create a rich marine ecosystem, while the primary wilderness creates a rich ecosystem for its inhabitants on land. Here there is everything from fields, forests, and mountains to rivers, wetlands and lakes all crowded into one area where many endangered species such as Ezo deer, brown bears, whales, orcas, White-tailed Eagles and Steller's Sea Eagles live.