

Letters from Nikko National Park

We will introduce you to the beautiful nature in Okunikko.
Listening birds chirping, take a deep breath in forest...They will give you a comfortable time.

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Miyama Stag Beetle



Willowleaf Meadowsweet



The Jizo Buddhist status

This year's rainy season is longer than usual. Even in Okunikko, which is usually above a sea of clouds is now below one. The beginning of summer is still a little way off. However the plants seem to be preparing for the summer.

●Flowers in full bloom

Willowleaf Meadowsweet (Spiraea Salicifolia)

Along the Odashirogahara marshland trail there are bright pink flowers. You can enjoy dainty flowers until the begging of August.

Japanese Thistle (Cirsium Japonicum)

Alone white birch known as the "Lady of Odashirogahara" stands in the Odashirogahara marshlands.

Japanese Thistle blooms at the feet of the Lady, making it seem that the Lady is stands on a pink carpet when you see her from a distance.

●Insects that tell us summer has come

Miyama Stag Beetle (Lucanus Maculifemoratus)

Miyama Stag Beetle wandered into the garden of the Oku Nikko Konishi Hotel. Also, I discovered Cicada's empty shells in the trees there as well. I was reminded again that the season is advancing despite the unchanging weather.

●Be aware of Bear Warning

A mother bear and her cub were spotted by hikers near Izumiyadoike pond in Senjogahara marshland, because of this, bear bells were installed around the area. Please keep this in mind while enjoying your hike.

The Jizo Buddhist status of Kanmangafuchi abyss are wearing masks, just like us. They were offered by Okami-Female managers of Ryokans - in the central Nikko area. You can see them until July 31st. You do not want to miss it. We sincerely hope that the Corona virus infection will be settled as soon as possible.

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