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.

In Okunikko, it is still rainy days. When I stopped by Ioridaki fall, a river appeared in a place that was supposed to dry up in summer.

● **Flowers**

◆ **Willowleaf Meadowsweet (Hozaki-shimotsuke)**
In Odashiroghara marshland, Willowleaf Meadowsweet (Hozaki-shimotsuke) will finally begin to bloom, and Polygonum bistorta (Ibuki-torano-o) and Geranium yesoense var. nipponicum (Hakusan-fuuro) will soon be in full bloom.

◆ **Japanese Thistle (No-azami)**
The bloom of the Japanese Thistle (No-azami) has begun, but the “purple carpet” which can be seen as a flock of the plants every year, may not be seen this year because of the shrubbery.

◆ **Multiflora rose (No-ibara)**
Multiflora rose (No-ibara) is best time to see now in Senjogahara marshland and Odashiroghara marshland. It is a plant of the Rosaceae family, you can feel a gorgeous sweet smell in the surroundings.

● **Information**

◆ **Charging a fee for Akechidaira Ropeway parking lot**
Akechidaira Ropeway parking lot has been charged from July 11th (500JPY/a car) . When riding the ropeway (round trip), a free parking ticket will be issued.

◆ **Low Emission buses**
Low Emission buses resumed early morning operation from July 17th to August 1st on weekend and holiday . If you leave before the sun rises, you can see the “Diamond Nantai“ as the sun rises from the top of Mt. Nantai. Let’s get fresh air into your body and go for a morning walk.

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