

Shiretoko Goko Lakes

Route Map



VIEW POINT
Lakeside observation Deck

1.6 km there and back
Approx. 40 min.

The beautiful Shiretoko mountain range reflect on the surface of Lake Ichiko.

VIEW POINT
Mountain range observation Deck

Approx. 0.5 km there and back Approx. 15 min.

Safe for wheelchair users.

Parking lot

Fees

cars ¥ 500
motorbikes ¥ 200

Entrance to the elevated wooden path

VIEW POINT
Okotsuku observation Deck

Approx. 1.0 km there and back Approx. 30 min.

Shiretoko Goko Park Service center
Rest facility

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To Shiretoko Pass / downtown Utoro area

Shiretoko Goko Field House

Lecture

Entrance to the ground pathway



You may get a glimpse of newborn deer in June.

3 Lake Sanko

Nemurokohone (Nuphar pumilum)

Bear claw marks

2 Lake Niko

Hokkaido squirrel

Sakhalin fir

Japanese oak

5 Lake Goko

Grebe

4 Lake Yonko

Don't touch
Poison ivy

Take a closer look at the wild animals living in the primeval forest.

Holes made by black woodpeckers

Black woodpecker

Narcissus flycatcher

Great spotted woodpecker

Elevated wooden path

Round trip

← →

Ground pathway

Long route

Short route

Traveling direction

→

Apr. 20 ~ May 9

Ecosystem Aware Season

Elevated wooden path

Free

Always free during the open season

A round trip to Lake Ichiko can be made without submitting any applications.

Visitors can walk after attending a short lecture.

Long route

Lake Goko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 3 km
Time required: 1.5 hr.

Use of long route is subject to snowfall and other conditions

Short route

Lake Niko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 1.6 km
Time required: 40 min.

May 10 ~ July 31

Bear Aware Season

Visitors can walk around only in tours led by Shiretoko Goko Lakes registered guide.

Long route

Lake Goko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 3 km / Time required: 3 hr.
* Reservations required. [web](#)

Short route

Lake Niko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 1.6 km / Time required: 1.5 hr.
* No reservations are necessary. * Only 4 tours per day.

Aug. 1 ~ Nov. 8

Ecosystem Aware Season

Descending from the elevated wooden path to ground level is not permitted.

Elevated wooden path

Visitors can walk after attending a short lecture.

Long route

Lake Goko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 3 km
Time required: 1.5 hr.

Short route

Lake Niko to Lake Ichiko
Fee required

Route length: 1.6 km
Time required: 40 min.

Elevated wooden path

Ground pathway

Elevated wooden path

The rules for users of the Shiretoko Goko Lakes ground pathway were changed in 2011. It is a new system to minimize damage to nature caused by human activities and to allow visitors to enjoy the brown bear habitat more safely.

The **elevated wooden path** : Visitors can walk on it freely during the opening hours.

The **ground pathway** : Application procedures are required when using it during certain periods.



May 10 ~ Jul. 31

Bear Aware Season

Visitors can walk around only in Registered/authorized paid tour led by Shiretoko Goko Lakes registered guide who know how to deal with bears.

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Before departure

Registered/authorized paid tour application

- Fees vary according to the tour
 - Long route : approx. ¥ 5,000
 - Short route : approx. ¥ 3,500
- Registered guides will complete the application procedures on behalf of visitors

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At the Shiretoko Goko Field House

Lecture

- Attend a 10-minute lecture
- Receive a certificate

Apr. 20 ~ May. 9
Aug. 1 ~ Nov. 8

Ecosystem Aware Season

This is the season when there is a risk of vegetation degradation due to overcrowding in the park. Visitors can walk freely after attending a short lecture.

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Convenient if done in advance

Filling out the Application form

- Downloadable on the web
- Available on site or at hotels, etc.

* Just fill in the name and address of the leader and number of people in the group.

2

At the Shiretoko Goko Field House

Payment of fees

- Pay fees by buying tickets from a vending machine (Adults ¥ 250, children ¥ 100)
- Submit the application form to the reception

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At the Shiretoko Goko Field House

Lecture

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The ground pathway may be closed due to sightings of bears or other reasons.



The guide of this tour is equipped with the expertise to avoid brown bears. The guide is well trained in what to do if you encounter a bear and will guide you safely.



In principle, if you encounter a brown bear, you should stay together, remain calm and leave the area silently while keeping your eye on the bear. It is important not to provoke the brown bear.



If you see a brown bear, please let your guide know immediately. The guide will assess the situation and tell you what action to take next.



If you have small children, Keep them in sight and close by.



The ground pathway may be closed if bears are sighted in the area.



The Shiretoko Goko Lakes area is a brown bear habitat.

Consider yourself a visitor to the bears' habitat, and try not to disturb their everyday activities.

- Do not prepare or eat food.
- Do not feed the wildlife.
- Do not litter.
- To avoid damage to swamps and other vegetation, do not leave the designated walkways for any reason.
- Do not enter restricted areas.
- Do not bring any plants or animals into the area (guide dogs are allowed).

- If you encounter a bear, don't panic, make a noise or run. Move slowly away while paying attention to the bear's movement. Never get close to bears.
- If you see a bear, inform the staff of the Shiretoko Goko Field House immediately.
- Wear trekking shoes or other suitable footwear when walking on the ground pathway.
- Mobile phones may not work in some areas.
- Bring wet weather gear or, in some seasons, protection against the cold.



Shiretoko i-box

Latest updates in Shiretoko



Visit the new Shiretoko Goko Lakes website for more user information !

<https://www.goko.go.jp/>

