

Full of places to be treasured forever

The numbers below are also shown on the map on the reverse side of this leaflet.

① Lake Tofutsu

The lake, extending from east to west with a circumference of approximately 28 kilometers, is a sanctuary for invaluable flora and fauna. It hosts whooper swans in early winter and early spring, and is known for flowers such as *Thermopsis lupinoides* (false lupines) and *Iris setosa* (Arctic irises) in summer. It also attracts avid birdwatchers throughout the year.



② Koshimizu Wild Flower Park Information Center "Hana"

Videos featuring plants in Koshimizu Wild Flower Park are shown on this center's large screen with detailed commentary, enabling visitors to feel as if they are in a theater. The facility also has a virtual studio where visitors can take composite photos for fun.



③ JR Genseikaen Station

Trains stop at this log-built station from May to October.



④ Tenrangaoka Hill

Tenrangaoka Hill has a walking trail through fields of flowers, and the scenic viewpoint at the top of the hill affords sweeping views of the Sea of Okhotsk, the Shiretoko Mountain Range and Lake Tofutsu. The Emperor Showa visited here in 1954.



⑤ Tenbo Bokusha (Scenic Stable)

This large stable standing on a vast plain offers a beautiful view of Lake Tofutsu. Horses are put out to pasture between the stable and Lake Tofutsu from early June to around October.



⑥ Furetoi Scenic Viewpoint

The second floor of this impressive white pyramid-shaped scenic viewpoint provides sweeping views of the Sea of Okhotsk, Lake Tofutsu and the wild flower park as well as a distant view of the Shiretoko Mountain Range.



⑦ Michinoeki (Roadside Station) Hanayaka Koshimizu

Directly connected to JR Hama-koshimizu Station, this roadside station houses a restaurant and café area and displays local specialty products for sale. It also has a panel exhibition area. Phone: 0152-67-7752

● Koshimizu Town Highlights



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Koshimizu Wild Flower Park

A world of wild flowers



Approx. 200 species of flowers bloom along a narrow 8-kilometer-long sand dune

Abashiri Quasi-national Park

Koshimizu Wild Flower Park

Koshimizu Wild Flower Park is located in a narrow, eight-kilometer-long sand dune area between the Sea of Okhotsk and Lake Tofutsu. Flowers begin to bloom in April, transforming the area into a colorful carpet of flowers from June to August. These wild flowers come into bloom one after another on this strip of land between the lake and the sea, almost as if they are competing with one another for beauty and loveliness. Approximately 200 species of flowers bloom here each year, and the tapestry created by these wild flowers in eastern Hokkaido's short summer is a breathtaking sight. In 2004, the park was designated as a Hokkaido Heritage site to be treasured by future generations.

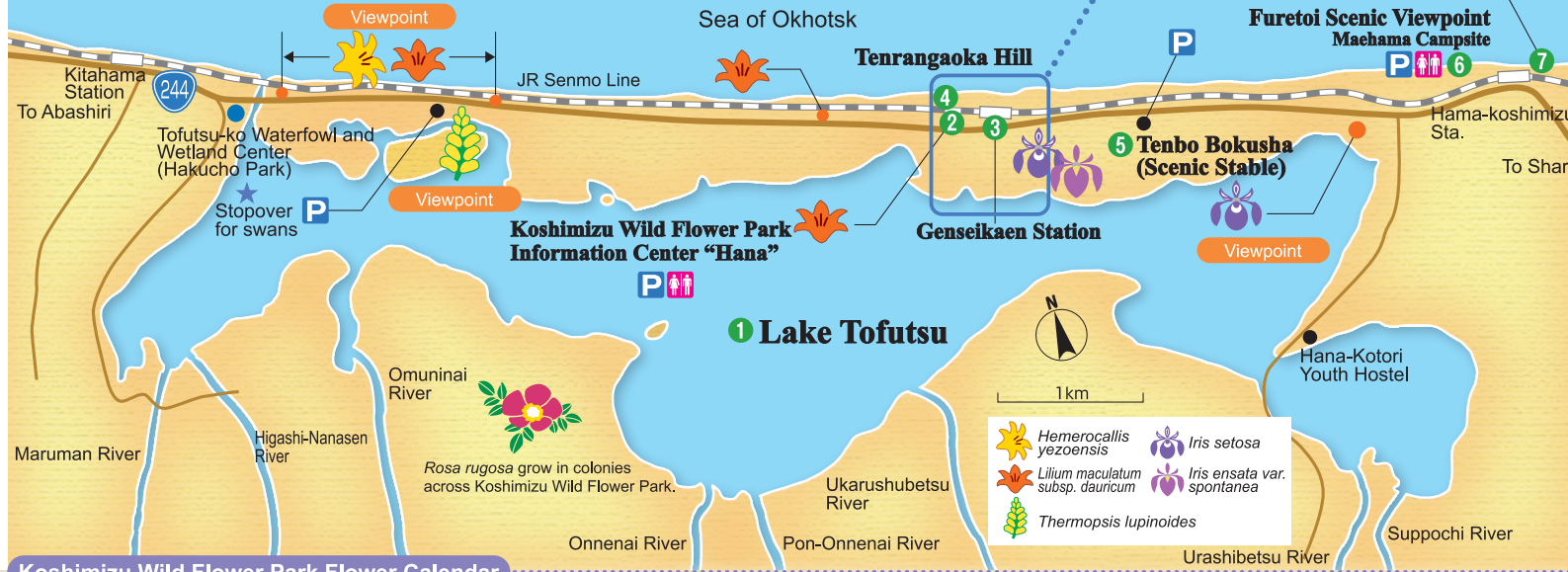
Tofutsu-ko, a Ramsar site

Being a brackish lagoon, Tofutsu-ko (Lake Tofutsu) is one of Japan's major wetlands. Since it is a wetland of international importance due to the fact that it is a major stopover site for migratory birds, it was designated as a Ramsar site in 2005.



Genseikaen Station Trail Map

A walking trail extends through fields of flowers in front of the Genseikaen Station building. A slow walk around the trail takes about 30 minutes and allows hikers to truly enjoy the flowers.



Koshimizu Wild Flower Park Information Center "Hana"

- Opening period and hours: May–September: 8:30–17:30; October: 9:00–17:00
- Admission fee: Free of charge
- *Say Cheese! Virtual Studio usage fee: 400 yen
- Phone: 0152-63-4187 ● Fax: 0152-63-4188



Free of charge

Traveling in Koshimizu Town on a rental bicycle

Why not rent a bicycle and fully enjoy your visit to Koshimizu Wild Flower Park? It takes approximately 20 minutes from JR Genseikaen Station to either JR Hama-koshimizu Station or JR Kitahama Station. *To rent a bicycle, visit Koshimizu Wild Flower Park Information Center "Hana."

Koshimizu Wild Flower Park Flower Calendar

