

Horizon in every direction

HOKKAIDO
NAKASHIBETSU

中標津



That 'I'm in Hokkaido' feeling

Nakashibetsu, Hokkaido, is in the center of Konsen Plateau. It has a pasture zone with green as far as the eye can see that is partitioned by Japanese larch windbreaks. A refreshing drive on the long, straight road that seems to divide the green plateau in two will reaffirm the fact that you are in Hokkaido.

The population, at 24,000 people, is extremely small. This large space has been controlled without interruption by nature itself since primeval times. The Shiretoko Peninsula, which has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, is just a stone's throw away. Many birds migrate here without hesitation.

From Uramashu Observatory, visitors can see a hidden view of Lake Mashu that has charmed many a traveler.



The secluded Yoroushi Onsen



Hokkaido heritage — The latticed windbreak forests of the Konsen Plateau

The gateway to **Shiretoko**, part of nature's heritage

Nakashibetsu is the gateway to the Shiretoko sky, and having the Nakashibetsu Airport, it connects the town to Tokyo and Sapporo via direct flight.

Located at the base of the Shiretoko Mountains, this town affords a view of the range, and when visitors descend from their planes

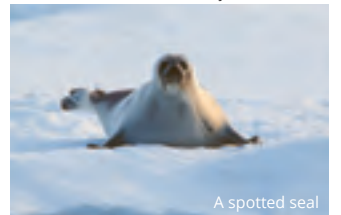
they can enjoy the feeling of being embraced by Shiretoko. The Shiretoko Peninsula, which is registered as a natural heritage site, has many cliffs on its perimeter and its severe natural environment discourages intrusion by humans. However, it is a treasury of plants and animals, and sea life such as seals and Steller sea lions, as well as various seasonal flowers, greet tourists.

Walking paths and tourism boats make it possible to safely experience the majestic nature of Hokkaido.



Killer whales

Photo by Akiko Takemura



A spotted seal

Photo by Kimiko Tamoto



Steller's sea eagles

Photo by Yasunori Kawakami



Mount Rausu in autumn

Photo by Mitsugu Ueda