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## Akan National Park 阿寒国立公園

Situated in eastern Hokkaido, the park is set in rugged mountain terrain with volcanoes, some of which are active; subarctic forests; and numerous caldera lakes. The largest lake in the area is Lake Kussharo in the north; the area surrounding Lake Akan in the southwest contains the volcanic cones of Meakandake (1,503 m; 4,931 ft) and Oakandake (1,371 m; 4,498 ft). To the east lies Lake Mashu, the second major lake, which has a transparency depth of 35.8 m (117.4 ft), one of the greatest in the world. The forests consist largely of white birch (shirakaba), Yeddo spruce (ezomatsu), and Sakhalin fir (todomatsu). Two famous hot-spring resorts are Akankohan by Lake Akan and Kawayu by Lake Kussharo. Area: 905 sq km (349 sq mi).