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Daisetsuzan National Park 大雪山国立公園

Japan's largest national park, situated in central Hokkaido amid dense mountains, gorges, rivers, and waterfalls. Daisetsuzan is a group of volcanoes, most of which exceed 2,000 m (6,560 ft), including Hokkaido's highest peak, Asahidake (2,290 m; 7,513 ft), in the north. Tokachidake, an active volcano, lies in the southwest, and Ishikaridake in the east. On the southern edge of the park are Lake Nukabira and Lake Shikaribetsu. The forests consist mainly of Yeddo spruce (ezomatsu) and Sakhalin fir (todomatsu); the park is renowned for its vast alpine meadows. The Asiatic pika, or mouse hare (nakiusagi), is found in the region. Area: 2,309 sq km (892 sq mi).