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Shiretoko National Park 知床国立公園

Situated in northeastern Hokkaido, on the Shiretoko Peninsula. This virgin mountain region consists of forests, caldera lakes, waterfalls over sea cliffs, and volcanoes. The highest volcano is Rausudake (1,661 m; 5,449 ft) in the south; on its slopes is Rausu Hot Spring, a popular tourist resort. The forests in the region consist mainly of Yeddo spruce (ezomatsu) and Sakhalin fir (todomatsu). Among the numerous species of wildlife that inhabit the region are the brown bear (higuma), a fox called the kita kitsune (*Vulpes vulpes schrencki*), and the white-tailed sea eagle (ojirowashi). Area: 386.3 sq km (149 sq mi).