

Skunk Cabbage Festival at Tsugaike Nature Park, Chubu Sangaku National Park

Tsugaike Nature Park, located at 1,900m above sea level, is home to one of Japan's leading high moors, and can be easily accessed by gondola and ropeway. The park is equipped with 5.5km-long boardwalks, and a great place for trekking from mid-June to late August, with views of Northern Alps and pretty alpine flowers.

The moors are just inside the entrance, where a large community of skunk cabbages stretches from early to late June. During the skunk cabbage season, various events are held, including rice-pounding to make rice cakes, offering complementary soup with edible herbs, and sales of special local products.



Season	Park: June 1~October 31, 2016 (tentative) Skunk Cabbage Festival: Saturday, June 11~Sunday, June 19, 2016
Location	Tsugaike Nature Park, Otari Village, Nagano Prefecture (app. 2,000m above sea level)
Fee	3,600 yen for the Panorama Way (gondola + ropeway) 300 yen for admission to the park
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Website	http://www.tsugaike.gr.jp/english/trekking/shizenen (English)
Access	By car: App. 60km or 70 min. from the Azumino Exit on the Chuo Expressway, or the Nagano Exit on the Joshin'etsu Expressway By Train and bus: Get off the Hokuriku Shinkansen at Nagano Station, and take an express bus to Tsugaike Kogen. Then take gondola and ropeway to the park for about 40 min.
Available Language	English, Mandarin Chinese