

JAPAN

FLOWER FESTIVALS IN HOKKAIDO

Much more information at:

<http://www.hanatairiku.jp/>
<http://kanko.pref.hokkaido.jp/flower/>

Under the blue sky, the ground spreads free and easy. Hokkaido is blessed with a cool climate that makes Hokkaido a "Hanatairiku (flower continent)" full of flowers. Many tourists come to Hokkaido from Japan and from all around the world to see those flowers, and go back to their homes with many wonderful impressions as souvenirs.



Lily of the valley
Late April–Mid May



dogtooth violet
May



Cherry blossoms
May–Early June



Moss phlox
May–June



Tulip
May–Mid August



Lilac
Mid May–Mid June



Lupine



Natural Flower Garden



Lavender
Mid June–Early Oct



Lily
June–September



Rose
May–October



Buckheat-Potato
June–July



Sunflower
Mid July–Mid Oct



Cosmos
Mid Aug–Early Oct



Sangosou
Late Aug–Late Sept



Farm Tomita / Tel: 0167-39-3939
 Best season: Late May - mid October
 Address: Hokusei, Nakafurano-cho, Sorachi-gun
 Highlight: When the lavenders are in bloom, the entire farm is blanketed with purple and the air is filled with a refreshing scent. <http://www.farm-tomita.co.jp/e/>



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Kamiyubetsu Tulip Park. Best season: Early May - early June
 Highlight: 1.2 million colorful tulips from 120 varieties and a large turning windmill make visitors feel as if they were in Holland. Event: Tulip Fair (May 1 - early June)
 Address: Tonden-Shigaichi, Kamiyubetsu-cho, Mombetsu-gun
 Contact: Kamiyubetsu Tourist Association / Tel: 01586-2-3600

Takinoue Park

Best season: Early May - early June

Highlight: Moss pink covers the slopes and hills and fills the town with its sweet scent.

Event: Moss Pink Festival (early May - early June)

Address: Motomachi, Takinoue-cho, Mombetsu-gun

Contact: Takinoue Tourist Association / Tel: 015829-2730

Koshimizu Natural Flower Garden

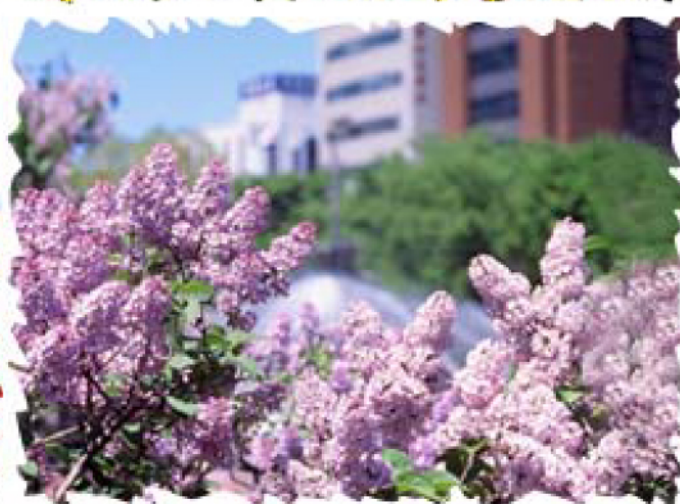
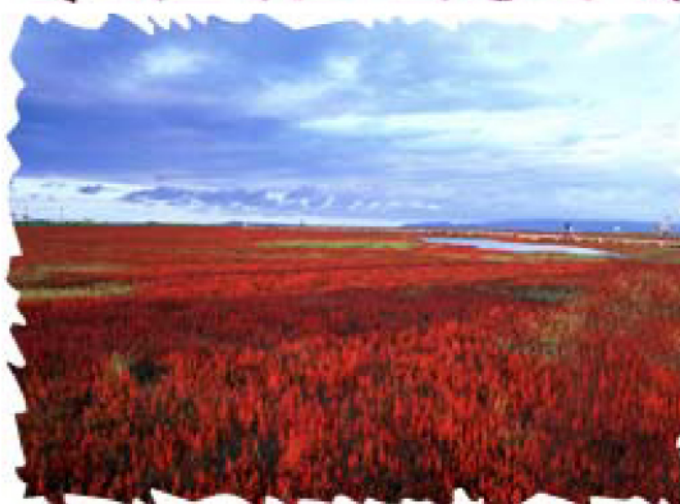
Best season: Mid June - early July

Highlight: Ezosukashi-yuri (lily family), ezokisuge (day lily) and other wild flowers representative of Hokkaido can be seen.

Address: 217, Hamakoshimizu, Koshimizu-cho, Shari-gun

Contact: Koshimizu Town Office / Tel: 0152-62-2311

<http://www.dosanko.co.jp/kosimizu/>



Lake Notori

Best season: Early September - early October

Highlight: Glassworts spread out to cover and color the shores of Lake Notori cardinal red in autumn.

Address: Ubaranai, Abashiri

Event: Glasswort Festival (on the third Sunday of September)

Contact: Ubaranai Tourist Association Tel: 0152-47-2301

Odori Park

Best season: Early May - early June

Highlight: In this relaxing park located in the center of Sapporo, lilacs, cherries and other bedded flowers bloom from season to season.

Address: Odori, Chuo-ku, Sapporo

Contact: Sapporo Parks and Greenery Association /

Tel: 011-211-2579

<http://www.sapporo-park.or.jp/odori/>

Matsumae Park

Best season: Late April - late May

Highlight: 10,000 cherry trees of 250 varieties blossom and adorn Matsumae Castle, the northernmost castle in Japan.

Event: Cherry Blossom Festival (4th Saturday of April-mid May)

Address: Matsushiro, Matsumae-cho, Matsumae-gun

Contact: Matsumae Town Office / Tel: 0139-42-2275

<http://www.e-matsumae.com/>

Taiyo no Oka Engaru Park

Best season: Late August - early October

Highlight: Ten million cosmoses, including pink, red, white and yellow ones, bloom in the 10-ha gardens; one of the largest of its kind in Japan.

Event: Taiyo no Oka Cosmos Festa (late August-late September)

Address: Marudai, Engaru-cho, Mombetsu-gun

Contact: Engaru Town Office / Tel: 01584-2-4811

<http://engaru.jp/>



Suzuran (Lilies of the Valley) colony in Memu

Best season: Late May - early June

Highlight: A colony of naturally grown lilies of the valley sprawls at the foot of Mt. Poroshiri-dake, the Hidaka Mountains' highest peak.

Address: Memu, Biratori-cho, Saru-gun

Contact: Biratori Tourist Association Tel: 01457-2-2221

Mokotoyama-Onsen Shibazakura Park

Best season: Early May - early June

Highlight: Pink and white moss pink flowers cover the slopes of hills.

Event: Nonky Land Moss Pink Festival (2nd Sunday of May - early June)

Address: 393, Suehiro, Higashimokoto, Ozora-cho,

Abashiri-gun

Contact: Mokotoyama-Onsen Shibazakura Park

Tel: 0152-66-3111

<http://www.mokotoyama.knc.ne.jp/>