



# Lake Karikomi and Mt. Sannomine

Kamikoike, Ono City and its Environs

Walking up the Uchinami River past Hatogayu Onsen, all traces of human life disappear. The road to the sacred mountain reflected in Lake Karikomi draws the traveller in to its beauty in all seasons...



The fall leaves of Lake Karikomi and snow-capped peak of Mt. Sannomine



Lake Karikomi's deep summer green<sup>①</sup>

At the foot of Mt. Gankyōji (elev. 1,690m) upstream along the Uchinami River lies Lake Karikomi, whose mirror surface is lined with beech and Mongolian oak trees. The fall brings brilliant colors to their leaves and creates a sensational view that few have discovered, beautifully reflected on its calm surface. According to legend, its name derives from the Buddhist St. Taichō driving out 1,000 snakes when journeying toward Hakusan to establish it as headquarters for his faith.



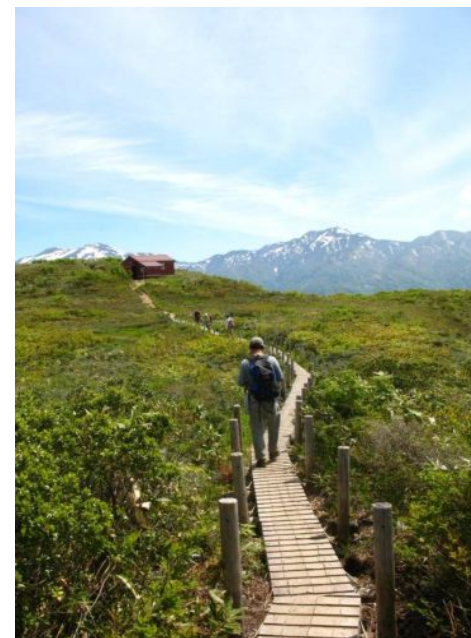
Judas trees of Hakusan Shrine (Pref. Nat. Monument) (Kamiuchinami, Ono City)



Hatogayu Onsen (Kamiuchinami, Ono City)<sup>②</sup>

Hatogayu Onsen can be found within Hakusan National Park alongside the Uchinami River, a tributary of the Kuzuryū River. From there visitors can enjoy views of Mts. Sannomine (elev. 2,128m) and Betsusan (2,399m), both part of the Hakusan Range. It is also an excellent starting point for hikes to lake Karikomi, Mt. Akasagi (1,629m), and more. Mt. Akasagi in particular is known for its nikkokisuge and sasayuri lilies paint the mountainside with brilliant colors during late June and early July.

Along the Uchinami River's nearby Hakusan Shrine stand a number of 1200 year-old judas trees. Legend has it that they grew to such heights because St. Taichō stuck the ground with his chopsticks when pausing here to eat on his way to Mt. Hakusan.



Mt. Akasagi<sup>③</sup>

