



Nature in Shibetsu

Shibetsu City, located in the center of Northern Hokkaido, is a garden city with abundant water and lush greenery. It is home to the mountains of the Teshiodake Prefectural Natural Park and is where the Teshio River, the second largest river in Hokkaido, originates. To its west lie the Teshio Mountains and to its east the Kitami Mountains stretch from north to south. The center of the city makes up the Kenbuchi and Nayoro Basins. The city covers an enormous amount of land stretching 58km from east to west and 42km from north to south for a total area of 1,119.22km² (ranking 8th in Hokkaido and 21st nationally in terms of administrative area) . The city is blessed with abundance of lush green nature as 75% of its total area is comprised of mountains and/or forests.

At our museum, we introduce visitors to the nature found in the Upper River Basin of the Teshio River originating from Mt. Teshiodake, to the history of the land in the Shibetsu region, as well as to the unique climate of the cold Northern Country and the wildlife that call it home.

