

# Nature in the Upper Teshio River Basin



Mt. Teshiodake towers above the Kitami Mountains to the east of Shibetsu. With an elevation of 1,558 meters, it is the tallest mountain north of Asahikawa (excluding outlying islands). The mountain has been designated as a prefectural natural park and is home to a number of holdovers from the last ice age such as the pika and a species of alpine butterfly known as *Karafuto rurishijimi*. It is also home to alpine plants such as the yellow-flowered rhododendron.

