

15. Kamikochi (上高地)

This place is not accessible during winter months(April 27 - Nov 15) due to snow.

You will need to file a mountain climbing notification at Yokoo Sanso. Then equip yourself with proper climbing gear. Bring warm clothes, as the weather is often cold near the summit. The view at the top of the mountain is worth the climb.

Kamikochi <https://www.kamikochi.or.jp/> Bus <http://sawayaka.alpico.co.jp/route/kamikochi/shinjuku/>

Transportation Example:

Shinjuku BT 7:15 → 11:54 Taishoike → 12:02 Kamikochi BT

Shinjuku BT 22:25 → 5:12 Taishoike → 5:25 Kamikochi BT

Kamikochi BT 15:00 → 19:47 Shinjuku BT

Kamikochi BT 16:10 → 20:57 Shinjuku BT

Price: Varies depending on the season and day of the week. (Reservation required)

One way: ¥6,600 ~ ¥10,400

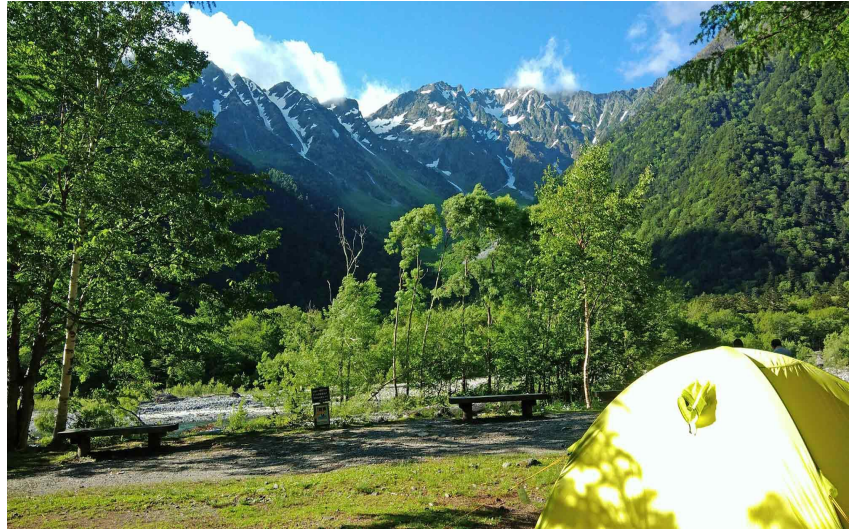


If you stay overnight in Kamikochi, consider traveling to Hida Takayama, otherwise known as Little Kyoto. See #16 for more information about this ancient town.



There are 3 campsites in Kamikochi. Those are popular campgrounds where you can fully enjoy nature.

1. Konashidaira Camp
20 minutes from the bus terminal
2. Tokusawa Camp
1 hour and 40 minutes from Konashidaira
3. Yokoo Campground
1 hour 30 minutes from Tokusawa

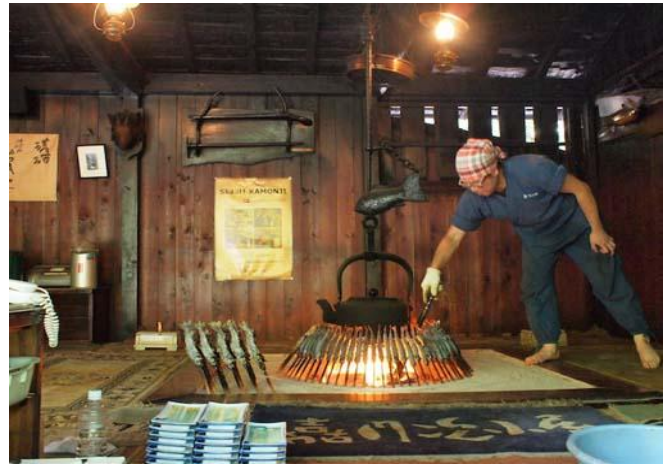


The Kappa Bridge of Kamikochi

The Kappa Bridge of Kamikochi is the most scenic spot for tourists to take photos. This picture shows the Dakezawa, Oku Hotaka Dake and a Japanese Hotel called Gosenjaku Ryokan (5,000 scale Hotel) at the left side of the bridge. Excellent apple pie from this hotel is recommended.



Kamonjigoya is located at the entrance of Myojin Pond. It used to be a mountain lodge where climbers could stay. Now it is crowded with people who come to eat the famous grilled rockfish.



Beyond Kamonjigoya is Myojin Pond, where the Okumiya of Hotaka Shrine is located. The calm water surface will give you peace of mind.

For day trips, the late bus at 1:30 pm departs here at 2:30 pm for Kamikochi Bus Terminal. It is an hour's journey to Kamikochi BT.

BT has a souvenir shop and a post office, where you can buy postcards and send them to friends.

Myojin Second Pond



One day, when I was walking toward BT, a group of monkeys from the left came out and walked with me for a while. Many wild animals live happily here.