

Pristine Water

Crystal-clear water flows throughout Kamikochi in babbling rivers, streams, and natural springs, making for awe-inspiring scenery that will soothe the soul.

The Magnificent Nature of Kamikochi



Clean Air

Thanks to the strict measures that are taken to protect the environment, such as prohibiting personal cars, Kamikochi's air remains crisp, refreshing, and pristine.

Rare Wildlife

Kamikochi is habitat to various species of rare plants and uncommon birds, fish, and other animals such as monkeys, stoats, and bush warblers. Wildlife is protected with the greatest of care.



Beautiful Mountains

Kamikochi is one of Japan's first mountain resorts. Every year, 1.5 million visitors come here to see its majestic mountain ranges that flow with pristine streams and are covered with flourishing, green forests.



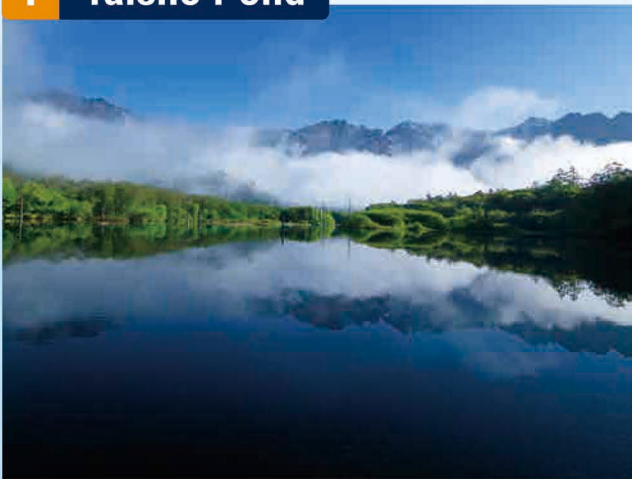
Starry Night Sky

Nestled in the mountains away from the glow of the city, Kamikochi's night sky is filled with the lights of thousands of stars. It is one of the park's most spectacular sights.

Kamikochi

Open from mid-April to November 15

1 Taisho Pond



Reflections of Mt. Yakedake and the Hotaka Mountain Range on its mirror-like surface offer some of Kamikochi's most breathtaking sights. Whether it be at dawn, at night or when the pond is veiled in a mystic morning haze, the spectacular scenery at Taisho Pond changes in flux with the time of day and the seasons.

3 Weston Memorial Plaque

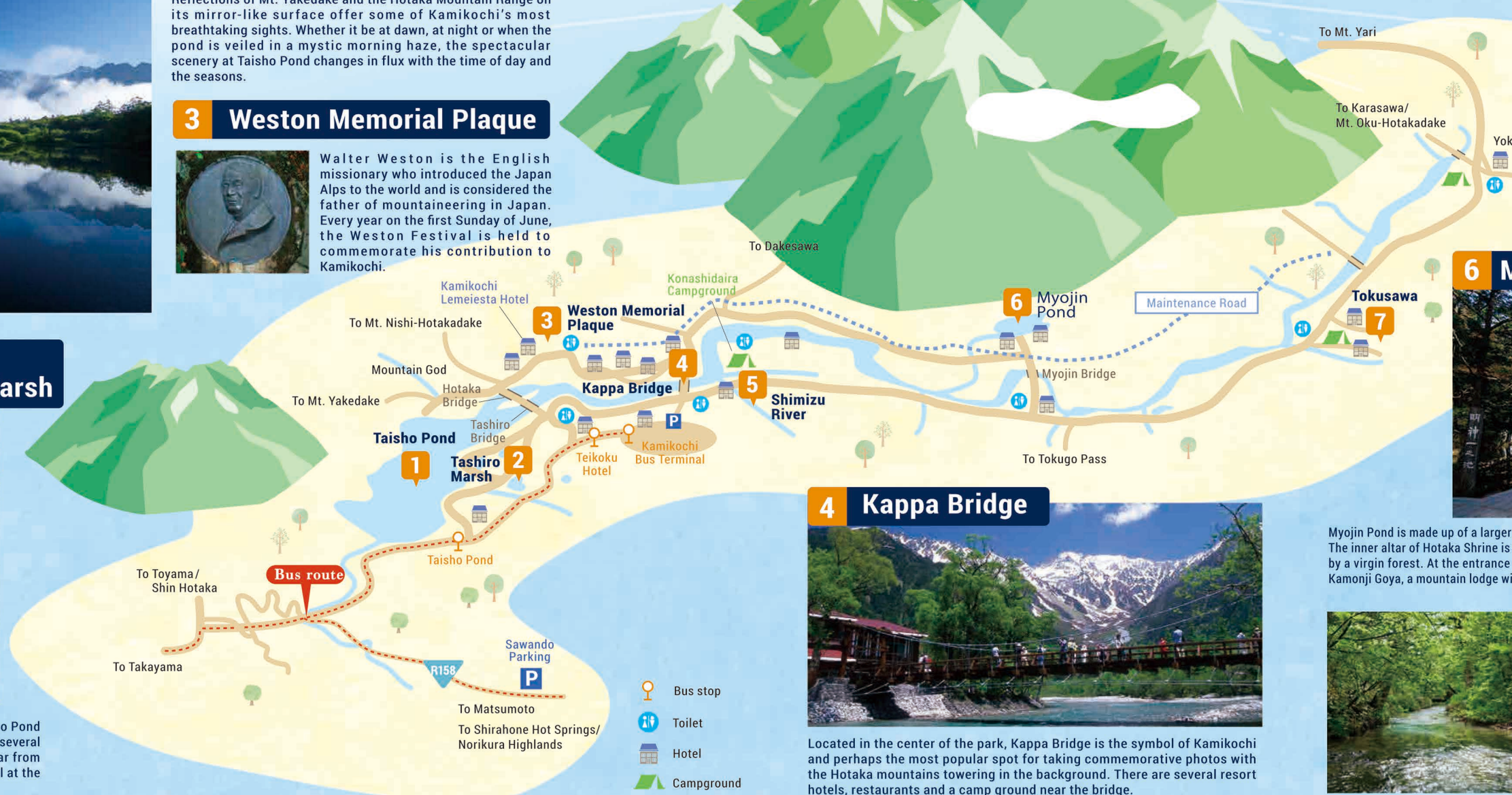


Walter Weston is the English missionary who introduced the Japan Alps to the world and is considered the father of mountaineering in Japan. Every year on the first Sunday of June, the Weston Festival is held to commemorate his contribution to Kamikochi.

2 Tashiro Pond / Tashiro Marsh



Located in the heart of a primitive forest, Tashiro Pond is filled with crystal clear water and is habitat to several species of wildflowers and alpine plants. Not far from the pond is Tashiro Marsh, where you can marvel at the magnificent view of the Hotaka mountains.



7 Tokusawa



Tokusawa is an elm forest and former pasture located about one hour upstream from Myojin Pond. It does not get crowded even during the peak season and in the spring the meadow is abloom with many species of alpine flowers. There is a campground in Tokusawa and trailheads to trekking courses leading into the Japan Alps.

6 Myojin Pond



Myojin Pond is made up of a larger pond and a smaller pond that are joined together. The inner altar of Hotaka Shrine is located at the edge of the pond and is surrounded by a virgin forest. At the entrance to Myojin Pond, you can enjoy grilled river fish at Kamonji Goya, a mountain lodge with a history dating back over 100 years.

4 Kappa Bridge



Located in the center of the park, Kappa Bridge is the symbol of Kamikochi and perhaps the most popular spot for taking commemorative photos with the Hotaka mountains towering in the background. There are several resort hotels, restaurants and a camp ground near the bridge.

5 Shimizu River



Located near Kappa Bridge, Shimizu River is a beautiful stream that originates from a natural spring and flows into the Asuza River. You can see fish and lush green aquatic plants waving in its stunningly pristine waters.