

⑤ Lake juniko(twelve lakes)/aoike pond ⑥

⑦ The Tsugaru Quasi-National Park Lake Juniko (Twelve Lakes) is a collective name for 33 lakes and ponds. These lakes and ponds extend over an area of 4 km² (1.5 square miles) on an undulating plateau, with a ranging altitude from 150 meters (492 feet) to 250 meters (820 feet). Though there are 33 ponds and lakes, it is called Juniko (Twelve Lakes) as when seen from the summit of Mt. Okuzure, only twelve could be seen.



⑦ It is said that after a major earthquake in the Edo period, a mountain stream blocked by shifted earth then swelled to become Juniko. In addition to walking trails around the lakes and ponds, there is also a camp site. Visitors can fully enjoy the outdoors through hiking, camping, nature sightseeing, and mountain climbing.

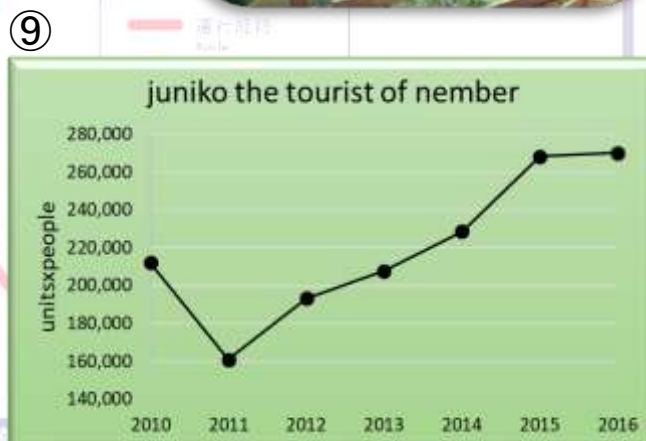


Figure 1 Number of tourists

⑩ Basic information

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- Address Matsukami, Fukaura-machi, Aomori 038-2206
 - Tel Fukaura Town Tourism Section 0173-74-4412
 - Fax Fukaura Town Tourism Section 0173-74-4415
 - URL (Japanese) <http://www.town.fukaura.lg.jp/jyunikonomori/>
 - Transportation
- ⑫ JR Goshogawa Station
- ⑫ ↓ Gono Line Resort Shirakami 1 hour 45 minute ride (¥2,010)
- JR Juniko Station
- ⑫ ↓ Bus 15 minute ride (¥360)
- Lake Juniko

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⑩ **Aoike-mystical natural beauty**

- ⑭ Aoike is a very special lake – as blue as if it were artificially colored. With a water visibility of 9 meters (29 feet), one can see withered beech trees lying submerged in the cobalt water. The reason for its blue color is still unknown, thus it truly is a mysterious lake. The best season for viewing is from spring to summer time when the leaves are fresh and new. The sight of Aoike when the sunbeam shines through the trees is simply breathtaking.

⑩ **Juniko visitor center(juniko information site)**

- ⑭ Within Juniko Station, the Juniko Visitor Center has many informational brochures about the area. There are also local produce shops and souvenir shops, coin lockers and temporary baggage storage available.

⑮ Address	JR Juniko Station Grounds 33-1 Shita-Hamamatsu Matsukami Fukaura-machi Nishitsugaru Aomori 038-2206
Contact	0173-77-3000
Hours of Operation	9:00-17:00(Beginning of April – Mid November)
Closed	End of November to end of March
Admission Fee	Free

⑩ **Juniko Station**

- ⑰ Jūniko Station is a railway station located in the town of Fukaura, Aomori Prefecture Japan, operated by the East Japan Railway Company (JR East).



⑩ **History**

- ⑰ Juniko Station was opened on September 15, 1959 as the Juniko Signal Stop. With the privatization of the Japanese National Railways on April 1, 1987, it came under the operational control of JR East, and was elevated in status to that of a full station; however, initially only the express Resort Shirakami stopped at the station. As of February 1, 1988 all normal local trains began to service the station. The station building was completed on March 19, 2005.

At the Juniko Station there is a fresh production area at Juniko Station, where souvenirs and snacks can be eaten. Aoike software limited to the Juniko station is sold there. It is a blue soft cream like the water of Aoike and it is a dark eye's yoghurt taste. There are white Shirakami soft cream that can be purchased for 300 yen, so you can also eat it with mix soft.