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NATURE  *Oirase Stream*



The Oirase Stream is a mountain stream that starts at Nenokuchi, a small town on the shores of Lake Towada which straddles the border between Aomori and Akita prefectures in northern Honshu. A number of waterfalls are scattered along the stream, which flows 14 kilometers down to another small town called Yakeyama.

*A harmonious tapestry of lush foliage and crystal-clear streams.*



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1. Frothing whitewater rapids
2. And slow-flowing stretches of placid water.
3. The magnificent Choshi Otaki Waterfall.
4. White flowers flanked by a small waterfall.



The crystal-clear stream transforms into cascading waterfalls, which give way to quiet pools and again to whitewater rapids. Visitors never tire of the ever-changing stream as it winds through the deep woods. After the long winter, beech and maple trees produce stunningly fresh, verdant foliage. Come spring, visitors can only marvel at the fresh greenery swaying in the springtime breeze and sunshine.

A road and a hiking trail run along the stream. But be sure not to spoil the scenic views by driving down the road. Instead, enjoy a slow walk along the picturesque trail from Nenokuchi.

The Oirase Stream is part of the Towada-Hachimantai National Park and is designated by the Japanese government as a special scenic spot and a natural monument.