

Ainu Culture Exhibit
Salmon Culture of Chitose Ainu



On the second floor of the Chitose Aquarium, the exhibition "I see! Salmon Room" introduces the deep relationship between "salmon," the star of the aquarium, and the culture of Chitose Ainu. The exhibition includes various Ainu fishing equipment, such as the "Marek," an explanation of the "Asirichepunomi," a ceremony to express gratitude to the salmon, and an introduction to Ainu cuisine made using salmon.

Enjoy the Four Seasons Underwater Observation Zone



Full of excitement!
Extensive Experience Menu



We offer a variety of hands-on experiences, including a springtime fry release experience, a keeper experience, and a feeding experience.

※ Please check our website and SNS for more details.

Original goods only at Chitose Aquarium are also available
Store Aqua Shop Chum



The shop offers original salmon crafts, towels, items featuring salmon and freshwater fish, and other unique products.

The latest information on Chitose Aquarium is available through various SNS and E-mail magazine!



SNS
 E-mail magazine
 registration

We deliver a wide variety of content, such as event information and daily life at the aquarium. Please register!



Access

- About 15 min. drive from New Chitose Airport
- About 15 min. walk from JR Chitose Station
- About 60 min. drive from Sapporo
- In the Roadside Station "Salmon Park Chitose"
- * Please use the parking lot of the roadside station.



Hours of Operation

- 9:00~17:00
- Shortened hours in winter: 10:00~16:00
- *Please check the schedule on our website
- Closed: Year-end and New Year holidays, and maintenance closures

Admission Fee

- Adults : 800 yen (600 yen)
- High school students : 500 yen (400 yen)
- Elementary and junior high school students : 300 yen (200 yen)

*Free for infants, discounts for people with disabilities, group rates in parentheses (10 or more people)
 *Wheelchair rental is available. Ramp access throughout the building

Web tickets are also available at a discount through the website!

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English



**Only here in Japan
 Aquarium in the river**

The Chitose Aquarium is the only aquarium in Japan with an underwater window to look into a real river, where you can witness the seasonal drama of the wildlife in front of you.





8 I see! Salmon Room

The relationship between salmon, humans, and Chitose is explained through easy-to-understand panels and videos. There's also a corner for delicious salmon recipes. The introduction to Chitose's Ainu culture is also extensive!



9 Study Room



Available for various hands-on classes and group lectures.

Observe the river in its natural state

Japan's first underwater observation window for a real river

7 Underwater Observation Zone

Beyond the window is the real Chitose River. In spring, salmon fry leave for the sea; in summer, a group of Japanese dace spawn; in fall, a powerful school of salmon makes their way upstream; and in winter, the spawning behavior of salmon and the waterfowl that dive for the salmon's eggs can be observed.



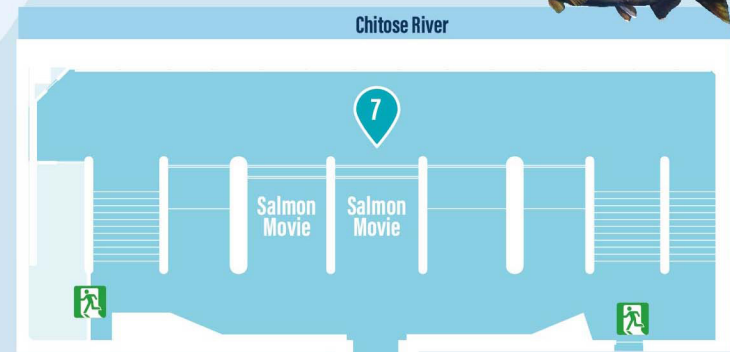
4 Waterside Creatures Zone



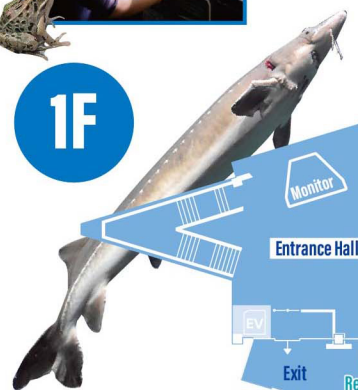
A variety of creatures living by the water, such as the American mink, which is exclusive to our aquarium among aquariums across the country, as well as salamanders and frogs, are on display.



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Depth 5 m, water volume about 300 tons

The largest freshwater aquarium in Hokkaido

1 Salmon Zone



You can observe the growth of salmon from fry to adult fish in three different sizes of tanks: small, medium, and large. In the large tank, you can see not only salmon's relatives, such as the endangered Japanese huchen, but also the gigantic sturgeon and its relatives swimming leisurely. In the fall, you can watch adult salmon returning upstream.

3 Experience Zone

A popular area where visitors can enjoy interacting with living creatures, centering on the all-around transparent acrylic touch pool with baby sturgeon and Japanese dace fishes, and a tank where visitors can have their hands checked by doctorfish. A small water bird, the Little grebe, also lives here.



2 Lake Shikotsu Zone



In the large tank where the beautiful azure-blue (often referred to as "Shikotsuko blue") underwater landscape of Lake Shikotsu is reproduced, visitors can observe a school of kokanee salmon (landlocked sockeye salmon) known as "chip" swimming in the water, small lake prawns hidden among the beautiful aquatic plants, and other creatures they encounter in the water of Lake Shikotsu.

6 World Freshwater Fish Zone



Visitors can observe a large collection of creatures from around the world that live mainly in freshwater, including a giant alligator gar and piranhas from the Amazon River.

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5 Chitose River Road

Introduces the living creatures that inhabit the Chitose River by habitat. Observe the differences in species from upstream to downstream.

