

“Houtou no Taki, Hannya no Taki Falls”

These two waterfalls can be seen from Kengamine. They both look like nothing but regular waterfalls, but this is actually the result of a reinforcement measure for which care was taken not to harm the scenery.



■ Sabo dams that melt into the scenery

The Houtou Joryu Sabo Dam is a sabo dam made with coarse stone concrete completed in 1952. Because it was designated as a Registered Tangible Cultural Property for contributing to national historic scenery in 2003, when reinforcement work was necessary due to deterioration, measures were taken to not harm its appearance.



For Hannyazawa Karyu Sabo Dam, a mold was made of the existing rock, an "artificial form" was created, and concrete was poured in. After this, the surface was colored. This cleverly makes it melt into the scenery.