



## Autumn colors (*kouyou*) in Annaka



With the weather getting cooler, the leaves start to change into brilliant shades of red and yellow. Comparable to the *sakura* season in Japan, many visitors also visit Japan for the fall foliage, or *momijigari* in Japanese. In Annaka, you don't have to travel far to see breathtaking views of changing leaves. The leaves at *Usui Lake* and *Usui 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge*

(*Megane bashi*) start changing color in late October and finishes around mid to late November. These two locations just a 5 min drive apart. At the *Usui Lake*, you can see a picturesque red iron bridge that sits in front of a dense forest background. There is a strolling path that circles the entire lake that takes around 20 minutes to walk around. At the *Usui 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge*, there's a six-kilometer nature trail was built along the disused railway lines and given the name *Apt Road*. Follow this path and you will understand what a feat it was to create such a pass, and appreciate the beautiful scenery that surrounds it. Visit

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information.

