



Climates of Asahidake hotspring area in Mid February
• Temp : Max. -7°C/Min. -13°C (Avg. of 2012~20)
• Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving

- Issuer : Asahidake Visitor Center
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- Asahidake onsen 9:00~ 17:00 (TEL) 0166-97-2153
(Closed 12/31~1/5 for the year-end and New year holiday)
- Rental (Boots/Cross-country ski/Snow shoes)
- Mountain and nature information, VR goggle experience.
- HP : <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/eng>
- FB : https://www.facebook.com/asahidake_vc

What kind of tree is this?

Todo-matsu(*Abies sachalinensis*), Ezo-matsu (Hokkaido spruce), and Akaezo-matsu(*Picea glehnii*) are common needleleaf trees in the Asahidake hotspring area. I've heard that the branches of Todo-matsu are upward branches. But in the winter, snow makes all the branches of trees go downward... So, I don't know the difference (ToT). This time, I'll let you know how to easily identify a tree even winter.

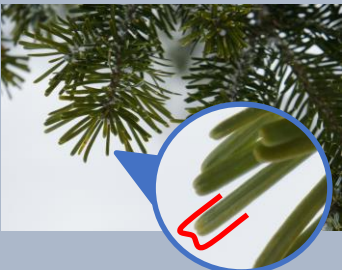


Todo-matsu
(*Abies sachalinensis*)

Ezo-matsu
(Hokkaido spruce)

Akaezo- matsu
(*Picea glehnii*)

[Leaf characteristics]



look closely, the apex of leaf is rounded and split like "M"



At a glance, it resemble Todo-matsu, but the apex of leaf is sharp like sword.



Compared to Todo-matsu and Ezo-matsu, The size of leaf is about 0.5 to 1cm short.

[Bark characteristics]



Grayish-white and flat and smooth texture.
usage => Building materials, park trees, etc.



Black-brown and peels off like shape of a scale.
usage => Building materials, equipment, etc.



Reddish brown as its name "Akaezo- matsu" and irregularly scaly
usage => High-quality instruments, a dwarf tree, etc.

Surprise ! Mountain Lover Interview — !

We interviewed mountain lovers who are introducing Asahidake attraction! The sixth member is..
Daisetsuzan Asahidake ropeway staff Kunii Naoya

Profile



- Name: Kunii Naoya
- From: Hokkaido/Asahikawa
A resident of Hokkaido for 40 years skiing and mountain climbing Now... just watching ♪
- Hobby: ♪
- Provisions: Fish sausage
- Attraction of Asahidake: You can go to the alpine zone easily by ropeway and enjoy beautiful alpine plants and nature.

Mr. Kunii, Thank you for telling your story.
It may be your turn next ...!

▶▶▶▶Stay tuned for our next issue ♪

Tour / event information

■Nature observation tour

- 【DATE】 Everyday start from 13:30 (about 1hours)
※ It may not be held depending on the number of staff, please contact us
- 【TIME】 13:30~(about 1hours)
- 【 FEE 】 ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.) ※Snow shoes is free during tour
- 【PLACE】 Asahidake visitor center
- 【PARTICIPANTS】 5 person / 1day

■ECO Tour

The Asahidake Visitor Center holds eco-friendly tours regularly.
Scan here for the latest tour information →

■Snow playground in Asahidake

In this season, snow playground will be open at public parking space in front of Asahidake visitor center from December.
Details about events and free tour will be announced on our website, Please check out!

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