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Asahidake visitor center News letter

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〒071-1472 Kamikawa-gun Higashikawa-cho Asahidake onsen
(Closed 12/30~1/5 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/foreign/>
- FB : <https://www.facebook.com/asahidake.vc>

Climate of Asahidake hotspring area in Mid January

- Temp : Max. -8°C/Min. -14°C (Avg. of 2012~21)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving



2023 is the Year of the Rabbit Introducing rare rabbits that live in the Daisetsuzan mountain range.



【Northern Pika】

It is a rare rabbit that lives only in limited mountainous areas in Hokkaido. It is designated as an endangered species on the Ministry of the Environment's red list. It is also called a "living fossil" because it came to Hokkaido from Siberia during the Ice Age. It is small in length between 15 and 20 cm, and when danger approaches, it calls out loud to its friends. It is also known for storing grass in preparation for wintering in autumn.



【Mountain hare】

It lives only in Hokkaido. It runs at a maximum speed of 80 kilometers per hour to protect itself from natural enemies. It is the fastest mammals in Japan. The secret of continuing to run at great speed without sinking in the snow is that the big feet distribute weight like skis, so the body doesn't sink. It also acts as an anti-slip because of the thick hair on the soles of the feet. It has brown hair in summer.

Asahidake Ski Course Opens! ※ B・C・D course is open!

The ropeway is in operation now and B, C, D ski courses has been opened from Dec 30th. But A course is closed due to lack of snow as of Jan 16th. ※ Course A are still closed. ※Please check the Asahidake Ropeway website for the latest information.



「Daisetsuzan Asahidake」 has been designated by Japan Mountain Heritage



On November 8th, 2022, the Japan Mountain Heritage Fund chose "Daisetsuzan Asahidake" as a "Japan Mountain Heritage."

*The "Higashikawa-cho Daisetsuzan national park Conservation Association" is recognized as an organization through their conservation efforts in Asahidake.

Japan Mountain Heritage Fund has decided and recognized mountain areas with rich environments that it wants to pass on to the next generation and mountains that strive to protect the environment with human-nature connection. Please refer to the QR code for more information.



Tour / event information

●Nature observation tour

【DATE】 Please Refer to our tour calendar

【TIME】 13:30~15:00

【FEE】 ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.) ※Extra fee may be charged for rental

【PARTICIPANTS】 6 person / 1 day

【MEETING PLACE】 Asahidake visitor center

●ECO Tour

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

●Snow playground in Asahidake

Snow playground is open in front of Asahidake visitor center in winter season.(December to March) Details about events will be announced on our website, Please check out!

