

Asahidake visitor center News letter

- Issuer : Asahidake Visitor Center staff:Daisuke Tsukagoshi
- Asahidake Visitor Center 9:00~17:00 (TEL) 0166-97-2153
〒071-1472 Kamikawa-gun Higashikawa-cho Asahidake onsen
(Closed 12/31~1/5 for the year-end and New year holidays)
- Rental (Rubber Boots/Cross-country ski/Snow shoes)
- Mountain and nature information, VR goggles experience,
- HP : <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/foreign/>
- FB : <https://www.facebook.com/asahidake.vc>

Climate of Asahidake onsen area in Late November.

- Temp : Max. -2°C/Min. -8°C (Avg. of 2012~22)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving.



【 Cross-country skiing course conditions 】

(11/29.60cm of snow) All courses have enough snow for snowcat to put in. But in some places you can still see dirt and puddles. Course conditions may change depending on the weather.



11/29 Around Campsite



11/29 Downhill and puddles

【 Hibernating & Parenting Brown Bears ~ The largest land animals in Japan 】

Brown bears build dens and hibernate for about 6 months from December to May to avoid food scarcity in winter. No pee or poop during that time. Mother bears come out later than males because pregnant mother bears give birth and nurse during their fasting hibernation. Brown bear cubs are born very small, weighing only 300-500 grams, and are raised exclusively on mother's milk during hibernation. (Two cubs are very difficult..) They grow up to about 5 kg with only their mother's milk, and after hibernation, the mother bear teaches them where to forage, and when the cubs are two and a half years old, they are finally separated from mother. Let's imagine a brown bear standing upright. Cats can hide their claws, but brown bears can't. Claw size is about 7-13 cm (average Japanese male index finger is about 7 cm) Height is 180cm-2m, weight is 150-200kg with a maximum of 400kg or more (by the way, average height of Sumo Wrestler is 185cm and weight is 162kg). The brown bear is the largest animal on land of Japan. In Daisetsuzan National Park, it is important to remember that people are stepping into the brown bear's habitat.



Mother bear and two bear cubs crossing the road (2023/9/16)

【 References 】 (Image courtesy of Hotel Deer Valley)

- Toshitaka Hidaka 「World Animals Atlas」 (NEKO PUBLISHING)
- Yasuhiko Konno · Shigeo Tanji 「Animals, and insects」 (Hokkaido Shimbun Company)
- Rakuno Gakuen Univ. 「Brown Bear Notes」

【Asahidake Onsen Hot Spring Resort Area Closing Information】

【Caution:Asahidake Ropeway Suspended】

Closed for maintenance until 12/10th (Sat). Stores and cafeteria will be closed during this period. Please check Asahidake Ropeway website for the latest information.

【 Asahidake Onsen 】 Please contact the facility directly for the latest information.

- Hotel Deer Valley: Closed for winter
- LA VISTA : Closed in 12/4-6 · 11-13
- Nutapukaushipe : Closed for winter
- K'S House: Closed until 11/30

【 Eco-tour and Event Information 】 For more information and application, please contact the Center.

■Asahidake Winter Event (no entry fee, rental fee not included)

12/10(Sun) First Snow Play (Cross-country skiing experience)

12/16(Sat) First Map Reading & Snowshoes

■Eco-tour (rental fee not included)

12/24(Sun) Asahidake-sanroku Giant Tree Watch Tour ¥2,500-

■Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk

【DATE】 Please Refer to our tour calendar. 【TIME】 13:30~15:00
 【PARTICIPANTS】 6 person / 1day 【FEE】 ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.)
 【MEETING PLACE】 Asahidake visitor center

