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Asahidake visitor center News letter

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(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 Early March.

- Temp : Max. -2°C/Min. -9°C (Avg. of 2012~23)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving.



【 Nature Information 】 Be careful when walking on the snow.

Snow holes may form under the fallen snow due to steam from the river or hot springs. Even if you wear snowshoes, it is very dangerous as you may fall down of them. There are also swamps and ponds along the ski trails and cross-country ski trails where melt water is flowing. Please be careful to stay off the trails.

You can see the bridge and the river under the snow, but they are not visible from snow surface.



Nearly 2m deep hole next to ski course.



<Alnus hirsuta, favorite food of the Ezo flying squirrel>

The *Alnus hirsuta* is widely distributed in Daisetsuzan National Park. The Ezo flying squirrel which lives in Hokkaido, likes to feed on the male flowers, winter buds, and fruit ears of the *Alnus hirsuta*. Fragments of winter buds eaten by the nocturnal Ezo flying squirrels may have fallen on the snow. In the forest, let us look for animal tracks and traces.



the Ezo flying squirrel



Fruit ears

male flower



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【Asahidake Onsen Area Information】

■Asahidake area skiing course in winter **Beware of car accidents.**

All courses are open.

Please check the Asahidake Ropeway website for operation status and the latest information.

■Cross-country ski course All courses can be skied.

■Asahidake Onsen <Closed for winter> Nutapukaushipe, Hotel Deer Valley, Shirakabasou(3/16-4/17,5/15-6/7)
<Day Spa> Yukomansou: Open only on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays in March (Hotel Closed until 4/19). Hotel Bearmonte:New Open Air-Sauna from 2/29.

【 Eco-tour and Event Information 】

For more information and application, please contact the Center.

■Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk



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

