

ASAHIDAKE VISITOR CENTER NEWS LETTER

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WINTER

[CAUTION] Please drive with caution when visibility is poor and be aware of wild animals, etc..

5 Temperature of Late Apr. (Avg. of 2012-23) max, **13** °C min, **6** °C

Topic 01 Nature Information

A black woodpecker was flying near the road around Asahidake Onsen town. The black woodpecker is Japan's largest woodpecker, measuring 46 cm in length, about the size of a crow. It is a national natural monument and is listed as an endangered species by the Ministry of the Environment. It is characterized by the black color of its entire body plumage and the red color of its head. If you hear a screeching sound echoing through the forest, they may be nearby.



black woodpecker in
Asahidake Onsen



black woodpecker

The black woodpecker feeds on ants and insects in trees and builds its burrows in dead trees and large trees. It is called "chipu ta chikap" (a bird that carves a round wooden boat) in the Ainu language because it makes a hole in the wood. The entire top of the head is red in males, while only the back of the head is red in females, which is the key distinguishing feature.

Yukomanbetsu Marshland

In the marshland, where the snow is melting, Ezo-no-Ryukinka and Mizubasho are in bloom. Flowers are blooming in sunny areas. However, there is still some lingering snow on the wooden paths, so walking on these paths requires extra care..



Ezo-no-Ryukinka

Topic 02 Facility Information

Daisetsuzan Asahidake Ropeway : suspended for scheduled maintenance by 12th-23th, May.

K's House Hokkaido : closed at 18th-20th, May.

Please contact directly them for the latest information.

[Caution]

The entrance to the cross-country ski course is a **no-parking zone!** Please use the parking lot in front of the Asahidake Visitor Center. Courses are available but the snow pressure period has ended.



Topic 03 Eco-tour & Event Information

Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk (Japanese Language Only)

Asahidake Sanroku Spring tour 24th May (Japanese Language Only)

Rental is available (Rubber boots · Cross country skiing sets · Snowshoes · Poles [size adjustable available])

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