### ASAHIDAKE VISITOR CENTER **NEWS LETTER**



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**WINTER** 

[CAUTION] Be careful of poor visibility and heavy snowfall conditions. There is a high risk of getting lost at this time of the year.

Temperature of Late max, Dec. (Avg. of 2012-24)



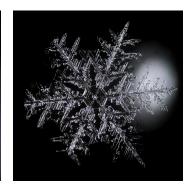


## Topic 01 (Nature Information)

As the harsh winter in Asahidake is even colder than in town, you can see the beautiful snow crystals. The classic six-branched snowflakes are called "dendritic crystals." They form when the upper atmosphere is around -15° C with high water vapor.

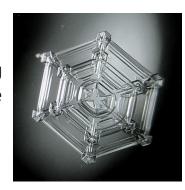






Snow crystals are fundamentally hexagonal in shape, with various forms including those with branches extending in six directions and hexagonal plate-like shapes.

Depending on conditions, they can also form needle-like or columnar shapes.



At the Asahidake Visitor Center, you can observe snow crystals under a microscope between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM. If you'd like to observe them, please ask a member of staff. \*Please note that observation may not be possible depending on weather conditions.

# Topic D2 (Facility Information)

[Asahidake Ropeway] Reopened from December 11 [Groomed slope courses] Only courses B and C are available [K's House] Reopening from December 19

\*For the latest information, please contact each facility directly.

#### < Caution >

The entrance to the crosscountry ski course is a noparking zone! Please use the parking lot in front of the Asahidake Visitor Center.



### Topic 03

## **[Eco-tour & Event Information]**

[12/27: Mount Asahidake Foot Giant Tree Watch Tour ¥3,000]

[1/17: Tennyogahara Snow shoes Tour ¥3,000]

Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk Dates (Japanese Language Only)

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





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