

ASAHDAKE VISITOR CENTER NEWS LETTER

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WINTER

[CAUTION] Snow accumulation and low temperatures cause roads to freeze! Be cautious of speed and poor visibility.

Temperature of late Jan. (Avg. of 2012-24) max, **-7** °C min, **-14** °C

Topic 01 Nature Information

Looking for a picturesque winter scenery? Take a step into the enchanting world of Asahidake, where breathtaking sights beyond the imagination await you. One cannot help but call these natural wonders shaped by relentless cold a silver art form. It is a naturally formed artistry that quietly reveals itself. This month, we will introduce you to the natural phenomena that will captivate you simply by being there.



<Fumarole>

Steam and volcanic gases erupt from cracks in the ground, heated by underground magma. On clear, windless days, the steam rises high.



<Rime Ice>

Supercooled fog in subzero temperatures freezes instantly onto trees and rocks. Common in January and February, its most striking beauty appears only under clear blue skies.



<Sun Pillars>

Flat ice crystals in the air reflect sunlight, forming vertical light pillars. They appear only in extreme cold (below -15°C), calm, clear conditions, and for just a few minutes at sunrise or sunset.

On days when the forecast promises the right conditions, be sure to bundle up and head over to Asahidake. Simply gazing at the breathtaking scenery can bring upon a quiet, awe-filled sense of wonder.

Before or after your walk, feel free to stop by the Asahidake Visitor Center. Warm up indoors while exploring the exhibits to gain an even deeper understanding of the mountain's natural beauty.

Topic 02

Facility Information

[Asahidake Ropeway service notice]

[B,C, and D courses are open for skiing](#)

[Please contact Asahidake Ropeway for the latest information.](#)

During snowfall in the forest, snow can form large clumps on branches, like those shown in the red circle. If too heavy, it may fall. Stay alert for falling snow and walk toward the center of the path rather than under trees.



Topic 03

Eco-tour & Event Information

[2/8: Explore Asahidake's Fumaroles **¥4,000-]**

[3/7: Skishoeing at Mount Asahidake Foothills **¥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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CLOSE : 31st Dec-5th JAN. TEL:0166-97-2153 FAX:0166-97-2155

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