



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

2 Temperature of late Feb. (Avg. of 2012-25) max, **-7** °C min, **-13** °C

Topic 01 Nature Information

Winter Forest Exploration :Encountering Unseen Forest Dwellers

Searching for animal tracks is one way to enjoy the winter forest.

Check out these animal tracks we found at Asahidake Onsen.

< Red Fox > Due to its narrow shoulders, its footprints form a nearly straight line. It places its hind feet directly behind where its front feet touched down, making it appear as if it walks on two legs.



These tracks are crisscrossed. They must have been wandering about this snowy field.



A red fox's distinctive footprints make it easy to distinguish from other animals.

< Ezo Squirrel > It moves forward by landing on its front paws and pushing off the ground with its hind legs. It then extends its hind legs far forward, causing its front and hind tracks to form a trapezoid.



The tracks in the foreground are from an Ezo red squirrel. It was moving away from the camera.
(The tracks in the background are from a red fox.)



It moves on the ground by hopping like this.

< Ezo Snow Rabbit > It propels itself forward by landing on its front paws and hopping on its hind legs, leaving Y-shaped tracks. In the photo, the tracks show movement towards the camera.



Its large hind legs land in front of its front legs, forming a Y shape



An Ezo snow rabbit in summer. It's leaping high with its hind legs.

While it's snowy out, why not take a walk through the forest and look out for signs of animals? Footprints can often be seen off the trails, but areas not covered by packed snow are extremely dangerous. If you spot any, please observe them from within the designated trails.

Topic 02 Facility Information

[Asahidake Ropeway service notice]

All courses A, B, C, and D are open for skiing.

Please contact Asahidake Ropeway for the latest information.

【Yukoman-so】 Closed on Mon, Feb16; Tue, Feb17; and Tue, Feb24

Topic 03 Eco-tour & Event Information

[3/7:Skishoeing at Mount Asahidake Foothills ¥3,000-]

[3/14:Cross-country skiing at Mount Asahidake Foothills Free

(Capacity:30people · Reservation required)]

【Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk Dates (Japanese Language Only)】

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

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