

# Climate of Asahidake Onsen area in Mid December

Winter issue

# 旭岳ビジターセンターだより

ASAHIDAKE VISITOR CENTER 15th Dec Issue

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- 〒071-1472 Kamikawa-gun Higashikawa-cho Asahidake Onsen 9:00~17:00 ☎0166-97-2153
- Closed for the year-end and New Year holidays
- Rental(boots/cross-country ski/snow shoes)
- Mountain and nature information
- <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/asahidake.vc>

## \* Cross-country ski course fully open



21st Nov



4th Dec

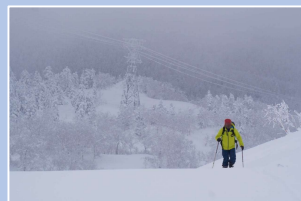
In the late November, courses was flooded by snow melting, so intersection was temporary closed. Since December, snow surface of course is stabilized, can be skiing as usual. As of 13th, all courses was fully open include the upper course toward Wasabi-swamp.

## \* Snowfalls of Tennyoga-hara(C-course)

↓ Photos of C course in 6th Dec (Photograph received from skiers.)



Inter section of course



Sugatami station

※Opening date of Asahidake ski course is decided by ropeway schedule. until permission is granted, any ski gears or equipment are not allowed to bring in the Ropeway station until permission is granted.

## ★ Christmas Wreath Making Workshops with natural materials

Annual event of Asahidake visitor center. Cause of the COVID19, reduce the number of seats to 5 and hold two sessions. The first session was held in centerpure community hall at 13rd Dec. Second session will be held at 20th Dec.

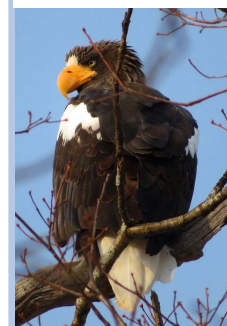


← I made "Dreamcatcher" on first session. I've been addicted to them into this these days. A workshop may held at the visitor center some day...? Maybe..



## Visitors in Midwinter

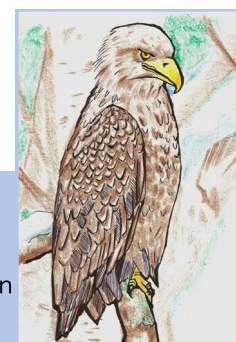
### ▼Steller's sea eagle (Species:H.pelagicus)



【Binomial name】  
*Haliaeetus pelagicus*  
【Ainu language】  
Kapatcir - kamuy  
カパッチリ カムイ Etc.  
鷲(Eagle) 神様(God)

They are known as living in Eastern Hokkaido or Okhotsk, but It is not unusual to see them at field of Higashikawa, Kitoshi forest, and around the Chubetsu River in winter. This year, a white-tailed eagle was seen in the Asahidake hot spring town in mid-Nov.

### White-tailed eagle (Species:H. albicilla科) ▼



【Binomial name】  
*Haliaeetus albicilla*  
【Ainu language】  
Onne -p  
オンネ ウ Etc.  
老大な(old) もの(thing)

They are both birds of prey, but there is characteristics. Steller's sea eagle can be often watched throughout the year, and the black kite's the tail feathers is like fan shape.



Steller's sea eagle



black kite

sometimes can watched V-shaped cut like this ↓



## \*Closed information\*

- Asahidake Ropeway ... Closed for maintenance. 4th Nov(Wed)~ 22nd Dec(Tue)
- Nutapukausipe(lodge) ... Closed in winter season
- La Vista Daisetsuzan ... Closed 26th Oct ~ next spring
- \* Please contact directly each facilities for the latest information.

## \*Nature observation tour\*

- 【Time】 Start From 13:30~(about one and a half hour)
- 【Entry fee】1,500YEN(Insurance included) +boots / snowshoe rental fee (not included)
- 【Person】 5(Maximum) 【Place】Asahidake Visitor center
- ※ It may not be held depending on the number of staff. Please contact us.

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