

# Asahidake visitor center News letter

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〒071-1472 Kamikawa-gun Higashikawa-cho Asahidake onsen  
(Closed 12/30~1/5 for the year-end and New year holiday )
- Rental (Boots/Cross-country ski/Snow shoes)
- Mountain and nature information, VR goggle experience,
- HP : <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/foreign/>
- FB : <https://www.facebook.com/asahidake.vc>

## Climate of Asahidake onsen area in early November

- Temp : Max. 0°C/Min. -5°C (Avg. of 2012~21)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving



## The first snowcap on Asahidake

The first snowcap on Asahidake was seen on **October 5th** this year, later than annual average.

Past record of the first snowcap	
2007	Sep 25th
2008	Sep 24th
2009	Sep 12th
2010	Sep 22nd
2011	Sep 22nd
2012	Oct 14th
2013	Sep 19th
2014	Sep 16th
2015	Sep 29th
2016	Sep 29th
2017	Sep 30th
2018	Sep 20th
2019	Sep 19th
2020	Sep 26th
2021	Oct 6th

### \*Snowcap (Hatsukansetsu)

The first day when the peak of mountain is covered with snow after August. It will be authorized as record when it can be observed by local meteorological observatory.

The annual average date of first snowcap on Asahidake is September 25th. In this year, it was later than average, but one day earlier than last year.

Asahidake will be winter season for about seven months. Asahidake is a heavy snowfall area with a depth of more than 2 meters.

\*You have to put on snow tires when you come to the Asahidake visitor center in this season.



Oct 5th  
The peak of Asahidake



Oct 16th  
Asahidake covered with snow

### Notice of temporary closure of Asahidake Ropeway

**PERIOD November 11th, 2022~December 10th, 2022**

There might be a change in schedule. Please check the Asahidake Ropeway website for the latest information.

## Unidentified White Objects?

One day on my way home in early November... I had witnessed something with white color for two days straight in the Asahidake onsen area. That was...Hokkaido Mountain hare! (Ezoyukiusagi) It ran away in a twinkling, but it was a Hokkaido Mountain hare that had completely turned into winter hair. The animals are also preparing for the winter.

### ● Nature Trivia ●

The mountain hare has a brown coat in summer, and turns white in winter. When mountain hare moults in winter, brown hair does not fall off and just changes to white color.



Summer coat



Winter coat

## Tour / event information

### ● Nature observation tour

[DATE] Please Refer to our tour calendar

[TIME] 13:30~15:00

[FEE] ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.) ※Extra fee may be charged for rental

[PARTICIPANTS] 6 person / 1 day

[MEETING PLACE] Asahidake visitor center

### ● ECO Tour

The Asahidake Visitor Center holds eco-friendly tours regularly. Scan here for the latest tour information →

### ● Snow playground in Asahidake

Snow playground opened in front of Asahidake visitor center in winter season. (Scheduled for winter season.)

Details about events will be announced on our website, Please check out!

