

# 2023/2/13 Issued

## 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 mid February

- Temp : Max. -7°C/Min. -13°C  
(Avg. of 2012~21)
- Beware of sudden weather change  
and winter driving



## Introduction of Snowshoes

Snowshoes are tools for walking on the snow. Snowshoes originated in Central Asia more than 6,000 years ago, almost the same as skiing. The early shapes of snowshoes resemble 'Kanjiki' as we know, attached to a mesh of leather and strings on a wooden frame for hunting and living on the harsh winter land. With the wisdom of our predecessors, we can now walk on snow more comfortably and safely. Snowshoes are an essential tool for our safety when we walk on winter mountains where heavy snow is falling or snow trekking.



## Introduction of two types of snowshoes we can rent



### 【ATLAS】

Atlas snowshoes company was started from San Francisco in 1990. The Atlas has been developed for use in mountainous areas, as opposed to traditional snowshoes that were supposed to walk on flat ground. Its light weight type is made by soft nylon that is easy for women to use.



### 【TUBBS】

Tubbs was started in 1906 by Walter Frederick Tubbs in Norway, Maine. It is a long-established manufacturer representing snowshoes with a history of more than 100 years. It is easy to take off and put on, and the heel is raised for uphill.

【Status of Asahidake ski course】 All course is open now

Recently, distress accidents have been increasing in Hokkaido due to poor visibility and sudden changes of the weather. Please pay attention to the weather information such as temperature and wind speed.

**Winter Event in Asahidake** Free entry / Capacity 10 people  
Time 10:00~12:00

\*Please contact the Asahidake Visitor Center for details and applications.

**2/19**  
**SUN**  
**2/25**  
**SAT**

### 【First Map Reading & Snowshoe Experience】

This is a limited winter event that you can walk in the forest around the center while reading map symbols and topography. (\*Snowshoes rental fee not included)

### 【Treasure hunt with a compass】

First, you learn how to use a compass, and through the coordinates given, you will search the treasure in the snow. You can learn how to use compasses while searching for treasures. Both experienced and inexperienced applicants are warmly welcomed.

## 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 →

