

# 2023/3/13 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 March.

- Temp : Max. -2°C/Min. -9°C  
(Avg. of 2012~21)
- Beware of sudden weather change  
and winter driving



### 【 Yezo sika deer (Cervus nippon yesoensis) lives only in Hokkaido 】

**Classification:** A species of deer in the family Cervidae, genus Cervus. It is one size larger in length than Cervus nippon. Length: up to 190 cm, Weight: 100 kg for females, up to 200 kg for males. Lifespan: 14-20 years. Characteristics: They have a voracious appetite both day and night. In spring and summer, they are herbivores, and in fall and winter, they feed mainly on grass, bark, young shoots, and fallen leaves. Only males have sharp horns, which are removed in spring and replaced by new horns. In summer, a white spotted pattern called "fawn pattern" is visible, but it disappears in winter. Deer are timid, so please be careful not to approach them.



【 Around mid-February, Yezo sika deer appeared on the side of the road in the vicinity of Lake Chubetsu. 】

### 【 ※ Please be careful of Yezo sika deer on the road to Asahidake Onsen. 】

More than **2,000 traffic accidents** involving Yezo sika deer occur every year in Hokkaido, with the number exceeding **4,000** in 2022, the highest number ever recorded. **More than 70%** of traffic accidents occur between **16:00 and 24:00**. Deer tend to form groups and suddenly cross the road or jump out of the way. Motorists are advised to turn on their lights early in the morning and night, drive carefully to avoid approaching deer by keeping their lights on and their speed low.

### 【 Status of Asahidake Ski Course 】 All courses are available (as of 3/13)

- Avalanches and distress accidents occur frequently in Hokkaido.
- Asahidake is a place where the weather changes suddenly.
- Please check the latest weather information and act carefully.

## 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 →

