

# Asahidake visitor center News letter

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〒071-1472Kamikawa-gun Higashikawa-cho Asahidake onsen  
(Closed 12/31~1/5 for the year-end and New year holidays)
- Rental (Rubber Boots/Cross-country ski/Snow shoes)
- Mountain and nature information, VR goggles experience,
- HP : <https://www.asahidake-vc-2291.jp/foreign/>
- FB : <https://www.facebook.com/asahidake.vc>

## Climate of Asahidake onsen area in middle December.

- Temp : Max. - 8 °C/Min. - 14 °C  
(Avg. of 2012~22)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving.



## 【 Cross-country skiing course conditions 】

Branches of trees are coming out from the edge of the course. There is a possibility of overstepping due to melting snow around wetlands. Please pay close attention to the temperature difference and weather forecast.



1/7 around Wasabi pond



1/8 Snowshoes Experience Tour

## 【 Natural Monument : white-tailed eagle 】



Species name:white-tailed sea eagle  
Scientific name:*Haliaeetus alibicilla*  
Total length:Male 75-90cm, Female 85-98cm  
Wing span:Male 199-225cm, female 202-228cm  
Weight Approx:3-7 kg Distribution :Eurasia, eastern Russia, Hokkaido, etc. Classification: Hawks, family *Cercopithecidae*, white-tailed sea eagles. Ecology: Nests in large trees along beaches, around lakes and marshes, and in river basins. They are zoophagous, feeding on fish, birds, mammals, and animal carcasses.

A white-tailed sea eagle was circling slowly over Lake Chubetsu at around 7:00 a.m. on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The wings were parallel spread and the beak was yellow with white lines around the eyes. White-tailed sea eagles are large birds of prey that fly from the Russian Far East and overwinter in Hokkaido and northern Honshu during the winter season from November to March. In Hokkaido, it breeds mainly along the coast and in lakes and marshes. Wingspan can be up to 2m or more. White-tailed eagles are classified as an "endangered" species that is on the verge of extinction. In recent years, bird strikes and traffic accidents caused by wind turbines of power generation has been increasing in Hokkaido. Pay attention and observe the precious winter birds that fly to Daisetsuzan National Park.

<Authority>Right image: Ministry of the Environment website: [https://hokkaido.env.go.jp/post\\_7.html](https://hokkaido.env.go.jp/post_7.html)

<Reference>Left image: 「New edition Birds of Hokkaido」 Minoru Taketazu/Iwao Ogawa, Hokkaido University Press.

## 【Asahidake Onsen Hot Spring Resort Area Information】

### 【Asahidake areas skiing course in Winter】

**Asahidake ski course are only available B course to C course.**

Please check the Asahidake Ropeway website for the latest information.

**Distress accidents have occurred. Avoid risks and be safe.**

### 【 Asahidake Onsen 】

<Closed for Winter season>

• Nutapukaushipe, Hotel Deer Valley

Please contact the facility directly for the latest information.

## 【 Eco-tour and Event Information 】

For more information and application, please contact the Center.

### ■ Asahidake Winter Events (no entry fee, rental fee not included)

1/20 (Sat) 「Treasure hunt with compass」 (10:00~12:00)

1/27 (Sat) 「First time reading map with snowshoes」 (10:00~12:00)

1/28 (Sun) 「Igloo making experience」 (10:00~12:00)

2/3 (Sat) 「Treasure hunt with compass」 (10:00~12:00)

### ■ Eco-Tour (rental fee not included)

1/21 (Sun) 「Chubetsu lake side snow hike tour」 ¥2,500-

2/10 (Sat) 「Asahidake Fumarole Tour」 ¥3,000-

### ■ Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk

【DATE】 Please Refer to our tour calendar. 【TIME】 13:30~15:00

【PARTICIPANTS】 6 person / 1day 【FEE】 ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.)

