

Asahidake Visitor Center News Letter

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(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 Early March.

- Temp : Max. 3°C/Min. -3°C
(Avg. of 2012~23)
- Beware of sudden weather change and winter driving.



【 Nature Information 】

Pay attention to the road conditions!



4/10 Around Asahidake Onsen(-4°C)

There is still snow around Asahidake Onsen Town in April, and we are clearing the snow. Some people come to the area wearing sneakers or athletic shoes, but their shoes are likely to get wet and the road surface will be slippery. There have also been accidents involving motor vehicles. Mountain road surfaces are prone to ice burn (road surface icing). Please drive safely with winter tires, and be careful of speed at curves and tunnels.

<Tundra swans & Whooper swans flying in Higashikawa Town>



From March to April, many whooper swans and whooper swans fly over the rice paddies and Chubetsu Lake in Higashikawa Town. They can be seen in flocks flying in a V formation in the town. The whooper swan (140 cm in length), the largest of the birds that fly to Japan, can be distinguished by the wide yellow part of its beak, while the whooper swan has a narrower yellow part. To protect themselves from enemies, swans gather in melting rice paddies to peck at waterweeds and fallen ears, and make a distinctive "ko-ko-ko-ko-ko" call. Observe the swans that can be seen during their limited season before they head north to Siberia.

Tundra Swan



(Yellow area narrower than beak)

Whooper swan



(Yellow portion is broad and pointed toward the tip)

<References>:[Illustrated book of birds]Nagahisa Kuroda.Shinji Takano(Shohgakkan)

【Asahidake Onsen Area Information】

■Asahidake area skiing course in winter **Beware of car accidents.**

All courses are open.

Please check the Asahidake Ropeway website for operation status and the latest information.

■Cross-country ski course All courses can be skied.

■Asahidake Onsen <Closed for winter> Nutapukaushipe, Hotel Deer Valley, Shirakabasou(until 4/17,5/15-6/7)

<Day Spa> Yukomansou: Open only on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays in April (Hotel Closed until 4/21)

【 Eco-tour and Event Information 】

For more information and application, please contact the Center.

■Asahidake Onsen Nature Walk



【DATE】 Please Refer to our tour calendar. 【TIME】 13:30~15:00 【PARTICIPANTS】 6 person / 1 day 【FEE】 ¥1,500 (Insurance Incl.)

