Welcome to Daisetsuzan National Park

When you visit the national park, you should stop by the visitor center. There are displays on the nature and the history of the region, and you can obtain the latest information to enjoy your visit through explanations provided by the staff. There are also a lot of nature experience events and programs.

In Daisetsuzan National Park, visitor centers at Soukkyo Gorge and Asahidake Hot Spring, and the Brown Bear Information Center at Kogen Hot Spring have been equipped by the Ministry of the Environment. In addition, Higashi Daisetsu Museum run by Kamishihoro-cho is located in Nukabira.

Soukkyo Visitor Center
Soukkyo Visitor Center, located at Soukkyo Hot Spring, provides information on nature observation trails, displays of geographical dioramas, and an introduction to Daisetsuzan’s four seasons using high-definition images. They also sponsor events such as seasonal nature walks, birdwatching, snowshoe trekking, and animal tracking.

Kogen Hot Spring Brown Bear Information Center
Located at the trailhead of Kogen Hot Spring and swap tour route. The staff provide lectures for visitors in order to prevent accidents with Brown Bears, and patrol the area for security.

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Measures to avoid accidents with the Brown Bear
There are many small lakes surrounded by forests at the eastern base of Takanegahara, and the trekking course here (using Kogen Hot Spring as the trekking base) attracts a great number of visitors in the fall when the leaves turn red and yellow. However, in this season, this region overlaps with the Brown Bear’s zone of activity. Thus humans may come in close encounter with them.

The Brown Bear Information Center was established by the Ministry of the Environment in 1994 in order to prevent accidents resulting from contact with Brown Bears. It is mandatory for visitors to go through a training course on the Brown Bear including the behavior and occurrence of the Brown Bear around Takanegahara. In addition, resident staff are making efforts to prevent accidents; they run surveillance on trails, and take measures including closing of the trails according to the latest appearance of Brown Bears or the weather condition.

Sustainable Park Use: Management Plans for Mountain Trails
Within this park, a large number of mountaineers are visiting areas between Mount Asahi and Mount Tomuramushi of Omote Daisetsu, and the southern region of Tokachi Mountain Range. Due to the increase in mountaineers in recent years, damage on mountain trails has begun to stand out, even on formerly undisturbed mountains, raising concerns about the influence on alpine plants. In order to deal with these problems the Ministry of the Environment has set management plans and the mountain route guideline for each trail according to its condition of natural environment and utilization.

Mount Asahi (Asahidake) Visitor Center
Located at Asahidake Hot Spring, the visitor center is equipped with dioramas and other displays. It provides information on Daisetsuzan’s natural environment and offers nature observation trips or other programs as well.

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Higashi Daisetsu Museum
A museum established by the town of Kamishihoro, located at Nukabira Hot Spring. This museum features exhibitions on the nature of the Daisetsuzan region. In addition, they hold nature observation trips and provide training courses for nature observation guides.

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Mountaineering Manners in the Daisetsuzan Area
1. Please be considerate to the natural environment in order to pass Daisetsuzan on to future generations
2. Please acknowledge other visitors and be considerate towards them
3. The foundation of mountaineering is accident prevention and self-reliance
4. If you are lodging at Daisetsuzan, please be cautious of your effect on the environment
5. Take especially care of the environment at times of snow and rain
6. Please follow the instructions of park rangers and other staff in charge of conservation and management of the area.