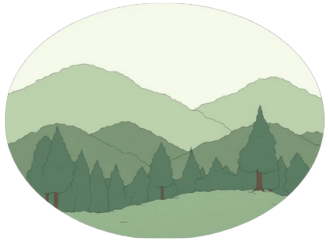
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For Those Entering Hokkaido Prefectural Forests



What are Hokkaido Prefectural Forests?

Hokkaido Prefectural Forests are forests **owned, maintained, and managed by the Hokkaido government**, and are located in 13 subprefectures (excluding Soya) and 74 municipalities.

Hokkaido Prefectural Forests can be found in well-known places such as **Mt. Yotei (Ezo Fuji)**, parts of the **Niseko** and **Daisetsuzan** mountain ranges- including **Mt. Asahidake,** as well as wetlands such as **Uryu-numa Marsh** and **Matsuyama Wetlands**.

For detailed locations of Hokkaido Prefectural Forests, please see the attached map.

Procedures for Entering the Forests

If you are entering the forest for foraging wild edible plants or forest recreation:

Please notify the relevant forest office, or fill out the necessary information at the forest entry registration booths (boxes) located on major forest roads, etc.



If you are entering the forest for purposes other than foraging or recreation:

Please contact the relevant forest office in advance, submit an application for forest entry approval, and receive a forest entry approval certificate before entering the forest.

Caution

- When driving on forest roads, please reduce your speed appropriately and drive safely. Vehicle entry is prohibited on forest roads closed with gates.
- Every year, tragic accidents occur due to overconfidence or carelessness in many parts of Hokkaido when people enter forests for foraging, mountain climbing, mountain skiing, etc. When entering a forest, be sure to inform your family about your destination and expected return time, and prepare emergency food and equipment. Avoid entering the forest alone. Also, please submit your mountain climbing plan (tozan todoke) to the police.
- To prevent hunting-related accidents, please refrain as much as possible from entering the forest for purposes other than hunting during the Ezo deer hunting season (varies by region but generally from October 1st to March 31st)

REGARDING SNOWMOBILES

Snowmobiles are not permitted within Hokkaido Prefectural Forests due to the risk of accidents and adverse effects on the natural environment, except in special cases (such as Springtime Controlled Brown Bear Capture operations, or rescue operations, etc.)



Related Websites

1. Forest Offices for each subprefecture
   https://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/sr/dyr/doyurinka/doyurin.html
2. Compass (online mountain climbing plan (tozan todoke) creation)
   https://www.mt-compass.com/
3. Areas where hunting with guns is prohibited (National and Hokkaido Prefectural Forests)
   https://www.rinya.maff.go.jp/hokkaido/apply/nyurin/attach/jyuukinnzu.html

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Map of Hokkaido Prefectural Forests

