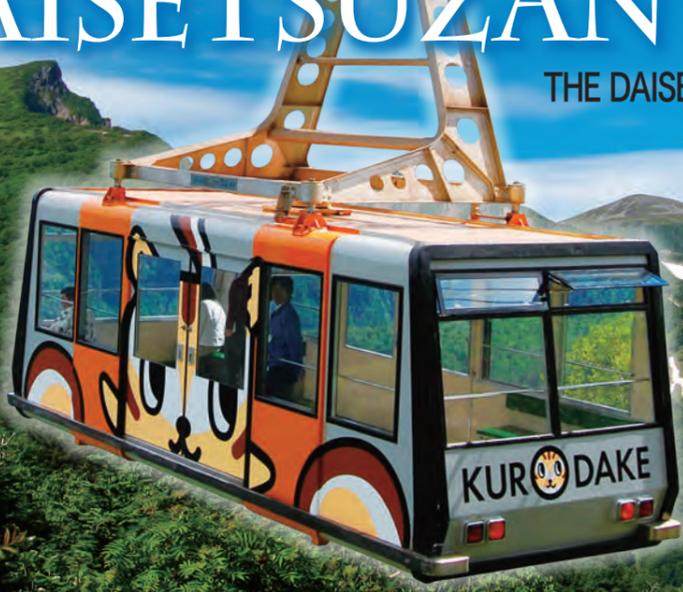


DAISETSUZAN KURODAKE

THE DAISETSUZAN SOUNKYO-KURODAKE ROPEWAY



The forest is the sweetheart of the sea.



The Daisetsuzan Mountains



Mt. Kurodake side area (The view from the ropeway going up)



Sounkyo Hot Spring side area (The view from the ropeway going down)

Events Calendar



The Gorge Fire Festival
It is a traditional festival of Ainu people that has been celebrated since old times. This colorful event is concluded by exciting fireworks.
(late July)

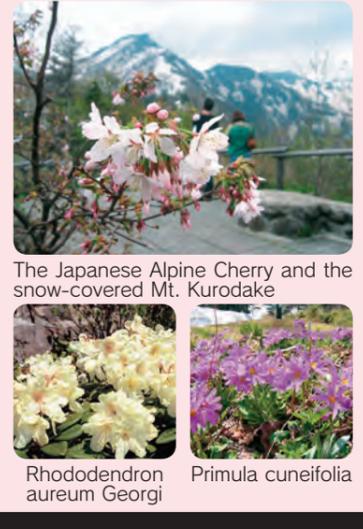
The Mt. Kurodake Hiking Race
This event is not so much a competition as it is a hike in order to make own best. Participants can hike at their own pace just enjoying the surrounding nature, taking pictures.
(early September)



Sounkyo Ice Waterfall Festival
This is a fantasy world made by cooperation of man and nature. Ice caves and galleries are lightened up with artificial lights creating fantastic and beautiful world. Don't forget to visit a shop selling all kinds of popular foods and local specialties of Hokkaido!
(late January - late March)

SPRING

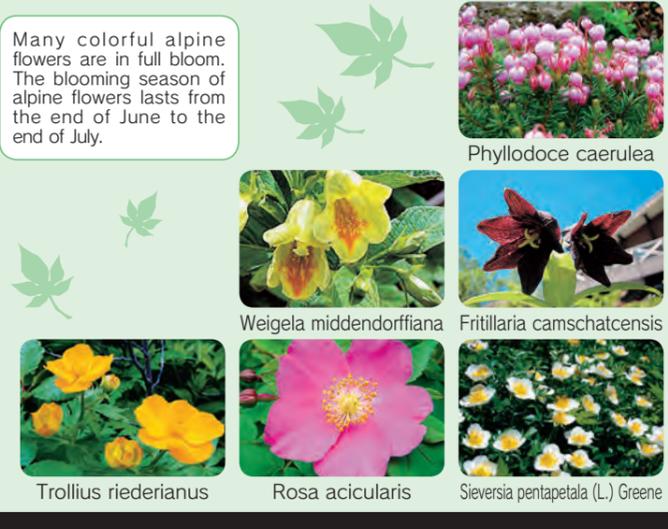
the Japanese Alpine Cherry blossoms are in bloom



Potentilla miyabei
Many Alpine plants blooming season starts when Mt. Kurodake is still covered with snow. The Japanese Alpine Cherry blossom season lasts from the end of May to beginning of June. Let's enjoy viewing cherry blossoms!

SUMMER

The alpine flowers blooming season at its peak!

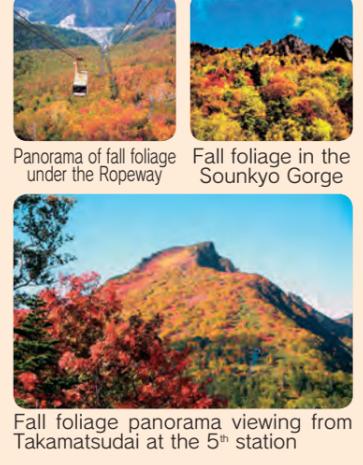


Many colorful alpine flowers are in full bloom. The blooming season of alpine flowers lasts from the end of June to the end of July.

The Four Seasons in Mt. Kurodake

AUTUMN

The best time to see fall foliage



The spectacular fall foliage season of the Mt. Kurodake lasts about a month (late September-early October). Leaves change color in the fall, starting from the mountain top and gradually spreading across the Sounkyo Gorge.

WINTER

The best time to experience the finest powder snow



Powder snow makes attractive Mt. Kurodake in winter. Enjoy skiing and snowshoeing. You can also enjoy the breathtaking view of the snow-covered Daisetsuzan Mountains.

PRICE LIST (tax included)

Ropeway rates			
ROUND TRIP	Adult	Child	ONE-WAY TRIP
Regular	¥1,850	¥950	Regular
Group discount	¥1,600	¥800	Regular
Special discount for the handicapped	¥1,350	¥700	Group discount
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			Group discount
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※Group discount (groups of 10 and more)
※Adult (Jr. high school students and older) Child (Elementary school students and younger)

OPERATION SCHEDULE

4/ 1 ~ 4/30	8:00 ~ 16:30	10/ 1 ~ 10/15	6:00 ~ 17:00
5/ 1 ~ 5/31	7:00 ~ 17:00	10/16 ~ 10/31	7:00 ~ 16:30
6/ 1 ~ 8/20	6:00 ~ 19:00	11/ 1 ~ 11/30	8:00 ~ 16:30
8/21 ~ 9/30	6:00 ~ 18:00	12/ 1 ~ 3/31	8:00 ~ 16:00

※ Ropeway runs every 20 minutes.
※ Chairlift operation starts 30 minutes after opening the Kurodake Ropeway and ends 30 minutes prior to closing it.
※ During winter the Kurodake Ropeway and chairlift are closed due to the annual check-up.
※ The Kurodake Ropeway and chairlift are suitable for wheelchair users.
※ No pets are allowed either in the ropeway or chairlift.

How to access

● **BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
From JR Kamikawa Station take Dohoku bus bound for Sounkyo Terminal. About 3-minute walk from the last bus stop.
● **BY CAR**
Drive on the Asahikawa-Mombetsu Highway, get off the Highway at the Kamikawa-Sounkyo Interchange, and drive along Route 39. Approximately 30-minute drive to Kitami district (Free parking lot is available)
(2.5 hours from Sapporo, 1.5 hours from Asahikawa)



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WELCOME TO MOUNT KURODAKE!

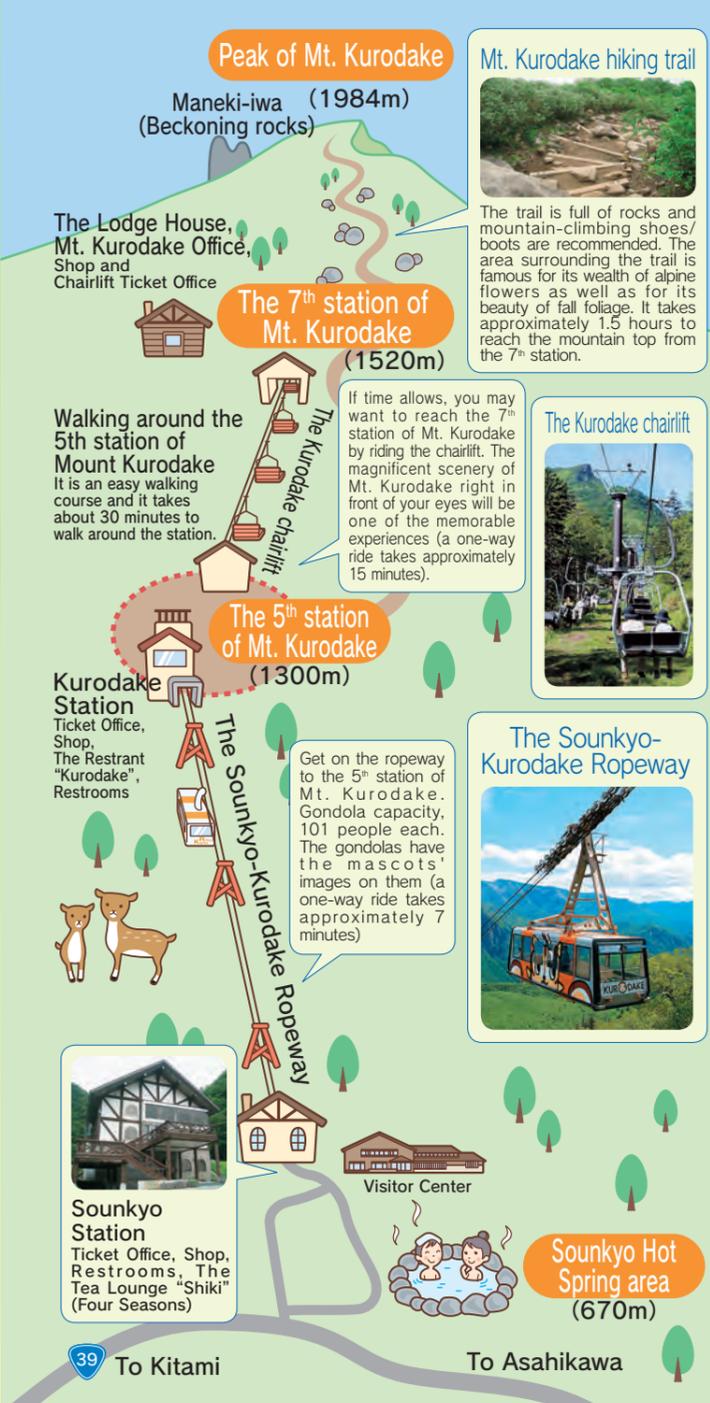
The Mascots of the Kurodake Ropeway



Naki the Pika

Shima the Chipmunk

Mt. Kurodake, known as one of the most beautiful mountains of the Daisetsu mountain range, is easily accessible by Ropeway and chairlift. Each of the four seasons on Mt. Kurodake has their own unique beauty and provides opportunities to enjoy them throughout the year: fresh green leaves in spring, a wealth of alpine flora in summer, colorful fall foliage, snow-covered slopes ideal for skiing and snow-shoe hiking in winter. Please enjoy Mt. Kurodake!



Mt. Kurodake hiking trail



The trail is full of rocks and mountain-climbing shoes/boots are recommended. The area surrounding the trail is famous for its wealth of alpine flowers as well as for its beauty of fall foliage. It takes approximately 1.5 hours to reach the mountain top from the 7th station.

The Kurodake chairlift



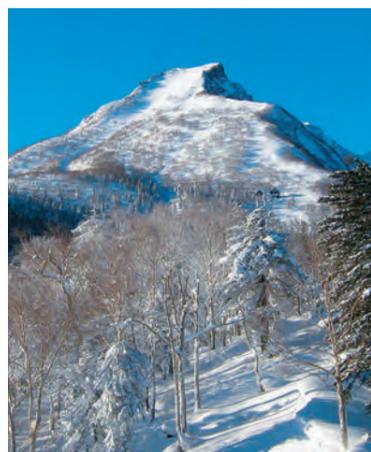
The Sounkyo-Kurodake Ropeway



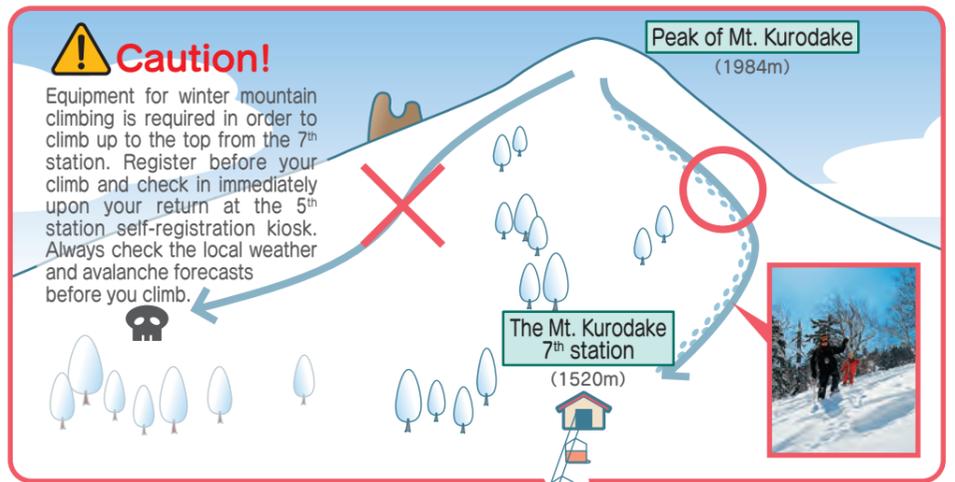
Mt. Kurodake Walking Trail Map (the 5th station)

The distance between the 5th Station Ropeway Station and the Chairlift Platform is around 200 m.

- ①Reference Hall/Contains numerous original photographs of the natural flora and fauna, as well as of the four seasons of the Daisetsu Mountains
- ②Takamatsudai/A viewing platform from where the Mt. Kurodake seems closer. The famous scenic spot for Japanese Alpine Cherry (Prunus nipponica), the Japan's late-blooming cherry tree
- ③The trees with bark-splitting caused by freezing can be observed here
- ④The 5th station Sign Post /Woodpecker holes. Woodpecker is one of the living national treasures of Japan.
- ⑤There are footprints on a promenade left by Hokkaido deer and Hokkaido fox



Mt. Kurodake covered with snow



Snow play area (the 5th - 7th stations of Mt. Kurodake)

From mid-November to early May

