

Winter Mountain-climbing on Yakushima

Currently, many mountain accidents are occurring in the mountains of Yakushima.

There will be some snow on the mountains which may be over one meter deep during December to March. Only experienced winter climbers with the proper gear should attempt winter mountain climbing. If not, it can be extremely dangerous and fatal.

The road to the Yodogawa Trail Entrance is closed due to the road damage. Some people choose Shiratani Unsuikyo Ravine and Arakawa route, and some select trails that are not commonly used. Winter mountain climbing will require careful planning with current information on mountain conditions and weather.

Check the difficulty level and the required time needed, and choose the mountain or course that suits your experience and physical strength. Consider turning back if you feel that you are in danger from a sudden change in weather or snow.

Accidents in winter mountains can be life-threatening. To prevent accidents and ensure a safe mountain climbing experience, please keep the following points in mind.

- ❁ Make sure to submit a mountain-climbing notification before your climb.
- ❁ Choose the mountain or course that suits your experience and physical strength.
- ❁ Please avoid climbing mountains alone or undertaking solitary activities.
- ❁ Take essential gear such as flashlight, rain gear, warm clothes, and sufficient food.
- ❁ It is recommended that you have your GPS turned on to help police locate you, in case of emergency.
- ❁ If you see someone without suitable clothing, please suggest they turn back.

Reference : Winter climbing equipment

< <https://www.env.go.jp/en/park/yakushima/ywhcc/tozan/equipment.html> >



Reference : Mountain-climbing routes for different levels

< <https://www.env.go.jp/en/park/yakushima/ywhcc/route/about.html> >



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