DAISETSU KOGEN ONSEN NUMA-MEGURI HIKING TRAIL

 $\bullet \bullet \bullet$ Attention in the Area $\bullet \bullet \bullet$

TRAILHEAD

Brown Bear Information Center is used as the entrance. After hearing the lecture about using the trail, please start your hiking.

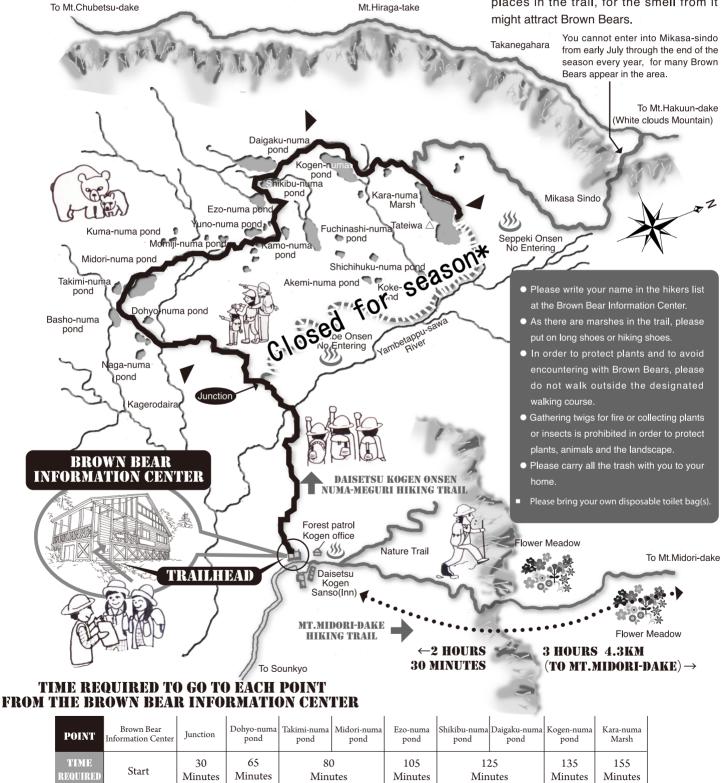
ENTRY · EXIT HOUR

Entry Hour 7:00 ~ 13:00
Final time to come down at each point
Kogen-numa pond 13:00
Daigaku-numa pond 13:30
Midori-numa pond 14:00

PLACES WHERE YOU CAN EAT

Midori-numa pondDaigaku-numa pondKogen-numa pond

Please abstain from eating in any place other than these 3 places. Boiling water or cooking using fire is prohibited in all the places in the trail, for the smell from it might attract Brown Bears.



*The path from Kara-numa Marsh to the Junction is currently inaccessible due to 2016 typhoon damage.

THE AREAS SURROUNDING DAISETSU KOGEN ONSEN NUMA-MEGURI HIKING TRAIL ARE THE HABITAT OF BROWN BEARS.

Even though Brown Bears are sometimes dangerous, if we know well about them and act to avoid unexpected encounters, we can enjoy the nature of Kogen Onsen with them.

IN ORDER NOT TO GET NEAR TO BROWN BEARS

If people and Brown Bears meet unexpectedly in such places like the corners of the hiking course, Brown Bears also might be surprised and attack people. It is important not to create this kind of situations during your hiking.

PLEASE LET BROWN BEARS REALIZE YOUR PRESENCE.

By making sound, let Brown Bears know your presence. Usually Brown Bears realize presence of people earlier than people realize their presence and then go away. Hanging something making sound on your neck like a bell, clapping your hands in places with limited eyesight, blowing a whistle will be effective. You can buy a whistle at Brown Bear Information Center.

PLEASE AVOID ACTING ALONE.

If you act as a group than act alone, Brown Bears will realize you more easily. And in case you encounter Brown Bears, if you form a group, you will have lower possibility to be attacked.

PLEASE DO NOT THROW AWAY, OR LEAVE OR DROP ANYTHING THAT COULD BE FOOD FOR BROWN BEARS.

Brown Bears are obsessed with items which they have tasted. Please do not throw away anything like leftover of noodle or coffee, snack packs, or PET bottles of soft drinks. Brown Bears which have tasted such items might get near to the people who have such items.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER BROWN BEARS



Please be calm first of all, and then act calmly and slowly.

NEVER RUN AWAY!

(If you run away) Brown Bears will attack you by instinct. Not turning your back against Brown Bears, but seeing them, please retreat slowly. When you form a group, please gather together and retreat slowly.

IF YOU FIND A BABY BEAR, PLEASE LEAVE THAT PLACE.

There should be a mother bear around the baby bear. Paying attention to the mother bear, please do not be embarrassed and then leave the place.

WHEN YOU TAKE PICTURES OF BROWN BEARS

• In order to take pictures of Brown Bears, if you leave food around the hiking course or give them food or get near to them, it will make Brown Bears get familiar to people. Then other people will be exposed to danger. Never do that.

• It is dangerous to use drones to photograph bears in the wild, as they may become panicked and threaten the safety of nearby hikers. Therefore, special permission must be obtained from the District Forest Office to operate drones.



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