

The Mt. Gassan Visitor Center is located in the northern area of Bandai-Asahi National Park – home to the peaks of Mt. Hagurosan, Mt. Gassan and Mt. Yudonosan – in the Dewa Sanzan/Asahi Region. The Center is the starting point for wildlife observation and hikes in the area bordering Mt. Hagurosan, the mountain where the three gods of Dewa Sanzan were worshiped.

History

Mt. Hagurosan
Japanese cedar-lined
stone steps

Mt. Hagurosan
Five-story pagoda

Mt. Hagurosan
Sanjin-Gōsaiiden
(Shrine of the Three Gods)

Area trail map



Alpine Flora

Mt. Gassan 8th Station/
Midagahara Moor

Peak of Mt. Gassan

Wildlife observation clubs, hiking and natural craft events are held year-round. Popular regular events include the Midagahara Moor Observation Club, the Mt. Gassan Clean-up Activity and the Winter Snowshoe Tour. For more information, contact the Visitor Center.

Center Information

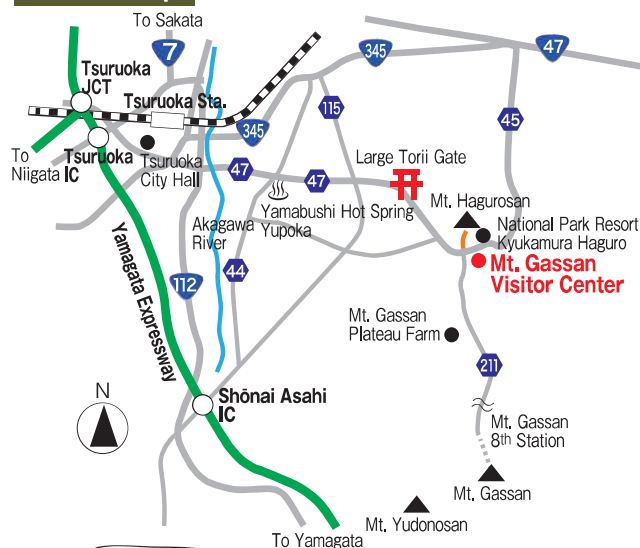
- Center Hours: 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM
- Closed: Mondays (or the following day, if Monday is a holiday) 12/29 to 1/3 (the New Year's holiday)
- *Groups may make reservations for times outside regular hours or days when the center is closed
- Admission: Free (Facility tours and outdoor lectures provided by the staff)

Transit Information

- From Tsuruoka Station on the JR Uetsu Main Line:
Take the Shōnai bus bound for Haguro-sanchō (Mt. Hagurosan Peak)
Get off at the Kōtakuji/Visitor Center-Mae stop.

Tsuruoka Sta.	40 min. by bus	3 min. on foot	National Park Resort Kyukamura Haguro
Tsuruoka IC	45 min. by car	5 min. by car	Dewa Sanzan-Jinja Shrine (Mt. Hagurosan)
Shōnai Asahi IC	40 min. by car	7 min. by bus	Mt. Gassan 8th Station
		50 min. by car	
		50 min. by bus	

Access Map



We're waiting
for you!



Mt. Gassan Visitor Center

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Bandai-Asahi National Park

Mt. Gassan Visitor Center



Tohoku Regional Environment Office,
Ministry of the Environment

Discover nature's warmth,
feel nature's kindness.

Welcome to Mt. Gassan Visitor Center

Mt. Gassan Visitor Center creates opportunities to explore nature, exhibiting and explaining the natural landscapes and geography of Dewa Sanzan, the distinctive features of the climate, and the ecology of plants and animals in ways that are easy to understand.

■ Info Desk

Staff provides useful advice about climbing Mt. Gassan or hiking in the area, including information about courses and must-see spots.



■ Film Room

Enjoy informational films that showcase the charms of Japan's national parks. Films may be viewed in the Lecture Room as well.



■ Lecture Room

Available for group lectures or training sessions. If you would like to reserve the Lecture Room, please contact the Visitor Center.



■ Entrance Lobby (Library)

The Library holds a wealth of seasonal information, books and material on the nature in the surrounding area. On sunny days, you can make yourself at home on the open outdoor terrace. In colder seasons, warm yourself by the stove.



■ Guidance Room

The Guidance Room holds fascinating information on Mt. Gassan and the other peaks of Dewa Sanzan, and on the nature, life and culture of the surrounding area. The central diorama and aerial photo corner provide a bird's-eye view of Mt. Gassan and the vicinity.



■ Visitor Center Exterior

■ Floor Plan

■ Craft Room

Try your hand at fun crafts that use local natural materials, such as woodworking and dyeing with vegetable dyes. Please inquire in advance about content, number of people attending and fees. (Groups must make reservations.)

