

CLIMBING MOUNT FUJI DURING THE OFF-SEASON

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO UIAA HIGH ALTITUDE PAPER, FUJI

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Visitors can enjoy snowy mountaineering and back country skiing before the beginning of the climbing season. It is a lot more dangerous to climb Mt. Fuji during the off-season. All the trails are closed along with the huts. Furthermore, the temperature drops. Between autumn and spring, the slopes are covered with snow and ice beaten by the cold wind. The risk of fall is very high.

The UIAA Medical Commission strongly recommends never setting foot on to Mt. Fuji during the off season without having conducted prior research and without having the necessary experience, equipment and proper plan.

In case of an accident or getting stranded, rescue teams are on hand. They will require details of your location and ascent/descent plan. All off-season visitors should complete and submit a climbing plan in which all the information is completed including the intended route, planned duration, number of people, schedule, list of equipment and contact information in case of emergency.

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Climbing plan form templates and information are available:

<u>Guidelines for Safely Climbing Mt.Fuji | Read before climbing | Official Web Site for Mt.</u> <u>Fuji Climbing (fujisan-climb.jp)</u>

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Addresses for the submission of forms is as follows:

Yoshida Trail:

Local Section, Yamanashi Prefecture Police Headquarters 1-6-1 Marunouchi, Kofu, Yamanashi 400-8586 Tel: 055-235-2121, Fax: 055-224-1180

Fujiyoshida Police Station: 5-10-13 Matsuyama, Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi 403-0016 Tel: 0555-22-0110, Fax: 0555-0110 (Ext. 309) Trailhead postbox for climbing plans

Subashiri Trail:

Higashi Fuji Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents Disaster Prevention Section, Citizen Welfare Department, Oyama Town Hall

57-2 Fujimagari, Oyama-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka 410-1395 Tel: 0550-76-6111, Fax: 0550-76-3050

Gotemba Police Station 439-2 Hokkubara, Gotemba, Shizuoka 412-0004 Tel: 0550-84-0110

Traihead postbox for climbing plans (near entrance, next to Azumaya mountain hut)

Gotemba Trail:

Higashi Fuji Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents

Disaster Prevention Section, Citizen Welfare Department, Oyama Town Hall 57-2 Fujimagari, Oyama-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka 410-1395 Tel: 0550-76-6111, Fax: 0550-76-3050

Gotemba Police Station

439-2 Hokkubara, Gotemba, Shizuoka 412-0004 Tel: 0550-84-0110

Traihead postbox for climbing plans (near torii gateway at trail entrance, next to the notice board)

Fujinomiya Trail:

Fujinomiya Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents Tourism Section, Industry Promotion Department, Fujinomiya City Hall

150 Yumizawa-cho, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka 418-8601 Tel: 0544-22-111, Fax: 0544-22-1385

Fujinomiya Police Station 160 Johoku-cho, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka 418-0062, TEL; 0544-23-0110

Traihead postbox for climbing plans (staircase landing in the rest house in front of Fujisan General guidance Centre at 5th statiin trailhead entrance)

Note: During times when the trails are closed, the post boxes on the mountain may be removed. Please mail your climbing plans to the address or number written above.