

Staying Safe Around Bears

Mt. Norikura is a fertile foraging ground for Asiatic black bears (*tsuki no waguma*). We strongly recommend you carry a bear bell, which will give bears advance warning of your presence. If you encounter a bear but maintain an appropriate distance, the danger is minimal. Always remember that we are visitors in their habitat, and we should take care not to disturb the natural environment they rely on.

If You Encounter a Bear

Asiatic black bears are naturally timid. If you startle them, however, they may panic—and the situation can turn dangerous.

Be sure to maintain a distance of 100 meters or more.

1. Do not panic or make any sudden movements.
2. Stay quiet. Do not raise your voice. Avoid flash photography.
3. Take special care to keep away from cubs. Adult bears will protect them fiercely.

Keep a Safe Distance

Carry bear bells or a radio and move in groups.

Do not get too close!

※If a bear is spotted, follow the instructions of any park personnel who are present.