

## **When climbing a mountain, you are required to submit a 'mountain climbing notification'!!**

This is an announcement from the Climbing and Volcanic Accident Prevention Office, Disaster Prevention Division, Department of Crisis Management, Gifu Prefectural Government.

According to prefectural ordinances, when climbing mountains in the Northern Alps region (Mt. Nishihotakadake, Mt. Sugorokudake, etc.), Mt. Ontake, Mt. Yakedake, Mt. Hakusan, or Mt. Norikura, you are required to submit a mountain climbing notification without fail.

Anyone who climbs a mountain without submitting a mountain climbing notification may be required to pay a fine of 50,000 yen as set out in the ordinances.

### <How to submit a mountain climbing notification>

You can submit your mountain climbing notification by dropping it in a mountain climbing notification postbox or using a mountain climbing app.

For details, please check the following website.

<https://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/site/police/4183.html>

### <Things to keep in mind>

- Please plan well in advance and bring sufficient equipment.

The weather can change suddenly in the mountains, and even in summer the temperature can drop below 10°C in the mornings and evenings.

- Mt. Ontake, Mt. Yakedake, Mt. Hakusan, and Mt. Norikura are active volcanoes.

Please bring a helmet to get ready for an eruption.

Also, please check the status of volcanic activity on the following websites.

<https://www.jma.go.jp/bosai/map.html#9/35.932/138.066/&contents=volcano&lang=e>

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The prefecture has created an English pamphlet for the following:

- Gifu Prefecture Northern Alps Mountain Climbing Guidebook

<https://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/uploaded/attachment/414484.pdf>

- Gifu Prefecture Mountain Grading

<https://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/uploaded/attachment/379321.pdf>

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