

## A few more steps further



The peak of Mt. Takao in the foliage season

A large number of people visit Mt. Takao in the foliage season. On Saturdays and Sundays, in particular, it is hard to find a modest space near its peak to sit down and take lunch.

In that case, how about walking a bit further from the peak of Mt. Takao to Momijidai or to Icchodaira? There you will find fewer people and be able to enjoy nature leisurely.



Momijidai



Icchodaira

## Thank you for using Okunoinguchi Toilets cleanly

Okunoinguchi Toilet complex on Mt. Mitake was completed in fiscal 2016. Many visitors to the Rock Garden areas and Mt. Otake use these clean toilets.

However, there had been no signpost giving its name. Since it was completed, we posted the signboard reading "Okunoinguchi Toilets."

Please continue to keep the toilets clean.



Please do not leave litter in and near the toilets!



Before posting the signboard



Working to post the signboard



After posting the signboard

## Inudoshi (the Year of the Dog) Project! Inu (dogs) that you see in the natural parks

## DOGS

It's already October. Oh, at the beginning of this year, we told you that we would write stories related to Inudoshi, didn't we? So, though a bit too late now, let us present to you a few "inu" in the natural parks.

### Inuzansho (*Zanthoxylum schinifolium*)

Leaves are bigger than those of Sansho (Japanese pepper; *Zanthoxylum piperitum*), but the fragrance of their leaves and nuts are less strong compared with those of Sansho.



### Inushoma (*Cimicifuga bitermata*)

An Autumn plant that blooms flowers like test tube brushes. Compared with Obashoma (*Cimicifuga japonica*) of the same genus, their leaves are smaller, and the buds are pastel red



### Inu (Pet dog)

Dear family member. There are various kinds of inu. Though quite different from humans as a living creature, he often "vaguely resembles" his master.



Master, some people may not like me, so please keep my lead on me!

## Operations of the Tokyo Park Rangers

- Spreading appropriate behavior in nature utilization to tourists, etc. and enlightening them about it;
- Monitoring the poaching and theft of rare species of animals and plants;
- Inspecting and performing emergency repairs of hiking trails, signposts, etc. to ensure safety of hikers and other users;
- Continuously observing and monitoring the natural environment such as inhabitation of animals and growing conditions of plants; and
- Explaining about nature as well as hiking trails and facilities to visitors to natural parks.

## Contact the following Visitor Centers for information about nature:

Takao Visitor Center	042-664-7872
Okutama Visitor Center	0428-83-2037
Mitake Visitor Center	0428-78-9363
Komine Visitor Center	042-595-0400
Yama no Furusato Mura Visitor Center	0428-86-2551