

Survey was done on harvest conditions of acorns and other nuts

Asiatic black bears, living in mountains of Tokyo, like to eat acorns and other nuts from the end of summer through fall. Their frequent appearances in populated areas are considered to have a relationship with the yield amount of acorns and other nuts in the mountains.

Therefore, the Tokyo Park Rangers, in cooperation with the Support Park Rangers, conducted a survey on their growing conditions for this year around Okutama, Mitake, Hinohara and Takao regions. (We started the annual survey in fiscal year 2013 based on the "Manual for Prospecting Appearance of Asiatic Black Bears" drawn up by the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute.)

Survey results for fiscal 2018

Mongolian oak:	Poor yield
Chestnut:	Average yield
Quercus serrata:	Average yield
Beech:	Poor yield



Hunting season starts on Nov. 15 ~ Hunters' request to hikers ~



The natural parks in Tokyo's Tama region serve as habitats for various types of wildlife and places for hunting. Hunters not only enjoy gibier cuisine but contribute to controlling the population of deer etc., which have increased in numbers in recent years, inflicting damage to crops and natural vegetation. Sometimes hound dogs run after their prey, and sometimes hunters wait with a gun away from hikers' trails. Although hunters are naturally obliged to take sufficient safety measures, they also request hikers to:

Please wear colorful clothing and not to go astray from hiking trails during the hunting season (from November 15 to around February 15 of the following year.)



Bring litters back home after enjoying outdoor funs! Mitake Valley BBQ

Thanks to booming outdoor activities, an increasing number of people enjoy riverbed barbeque and bouldering in the Mitake Valley. You see many young people and families, both Japanese and those from a variety of countries. It's really pleasant to eat outdoors, surrounded by fall colors in the beautiful valley.

It is unfortunate, though, that many people leave litters behind after eating. The other day, the Park Rangers found a huge amount of barbeque litters piled up by the side of a toilet in a riverbed facility of the national park. It was really unpleasant to see it. We Park Rangers had to take the trouble to clean up stinking litters such as cans of alcoholic beverages and food wastes.

In and near the valley, trash cans for public use are not installed. Please clean up litters and bring them back home with you so that everyone can enjoy the place comfortably.



Left out
BBQ litters



Mitake Valley



A Park Ranger cleans up litters

Emergency? Management number tag works!

Some guideposts, signposts and other facilities established by the TMG carry the "management number tag" as is shown in the photo on the right

If you discover a wildfire or accident in the mountain, what should you do?
Please notify the management number on the facility to the police or fire station. With this number, they will be able to locate the site at once and take swift action. Remember that the management number tag does work if an emergency arises.



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