

Autumn Foliage and Skating at KERA-IKE Rink 2019

(Karuizawa Hoshino Area, Karuizawa, Nagano Prefecture)

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Concept: A forest-enveloped skating rink

KERA-IKE is an outdoor ice-skating rink formed from waters frozen in the middle of the forest in late autumn and winter. It is adjacent to the Karuizawa National Wild Bird Sanctuary Forest, so many wild birds and animals live in the surrounding areas, and it is only in this area that guests can experience a skate together with beautiful nature, thus providing the perfect setting for a rink embraced by the trees. At the Karuizawa Hoshino Area, offering a variety of daytrips from Hoshino Resorts, the forest-embraced KERA-IKE Ice Rink opened for the winter season on October 18, 2019. As the fall foliage season starts in Karuizawa from mid-October, guests can enjoy a refreshing skate while admiring the beautifully colored leaves of the mountain forests.

Scarlet and amber leaves paint the rink surroundings

In Karuizawa, located on a plateau at an elevation of 1000 meters, the fall foliage viewing season starts from mid October, beginning with the reds of the ivies and maples, then moving to the vivid golds of the Japanese larches as November arrives. Gazing upon the beautiful scarlets and ambers of the leaves under the bright blue sky is an experience unique to this Karuizawa-based skating rink. Enjoy the sight of the leaves until around November 10.





Relax with a hot beverage amidst the musical calls of wild birds

At the adjacent café, enjoy a variety of hot beverages from coffee to hot chocolate. New for the autumn season, we are offering a limited-edition café latte with special fall leaf and toadstool latte art designs. These charming motifs are drawn with beet powder on the beverage's surface. Feel the atmosphere of the forest, enjoying an autumn-themed drink on the rink-side deck while listening to soft bird calls and gazing at the colorful leaves.

Safety first for young children

Starting this year, we will provide two-blade skate shoes for small children who are new to skating. For children who could only watch their family members skating, now they can wear skates with confidence and enjoy a safe and fun skate with their family. The skates are offered in the two sizes of 15cm and 16cm.



KERA-IKE Ice Rink

■Period: October 18, 2019~March 8, 2020 (Closed on November 20, 2019 and January 7-9, 2020)

*Fall Foliage season is until November 10

■Time: 10:00~16:00(Extend to 19:00 from December 21 to 23)

■Cost: Adult (from age 13): ¥1,900; Child (until age 12): ¥1,300 (includes rental skates)

Leaf and Mushroom Café Latte ¥600/Coffee · Hot Chocolate ¥500

■Skate Sizes: 15cm-30m ■Skate Type: Skates for figure skating

■Rink Size: Approximately 1,080m² (340 m² are open during the fall foliage season)

■Other: · Opening times or closures are subject to change depending on weather conditions.

- When skating, please wear a knit hat and gloves.
- Gloves available (¥300), knit hats are available for free rental

■Phone: 0267-45-7777 (Picchio) ■URL: <http://www.hoshino-area.jp/en>

*All prices include tax



Karuizawa Hoshino Area

The small town of Karuizawa has been the gathering place of poets and authors since the Taisho Period, and is still beloved by travelers and locals today for its stunning nature and culture. The Hoshino Resorts Tombo-no-Yu onsen, opened in 1915 and visited by famous authors such as Yosano Akiko, is a particularly popular daytrip destination known for its skin-rejuvenating waters. Hoshino Area, Karuizawa, Kitasaku, Nagano 389-0194 15 minutes by car from JR Hokuriku Shinkansen Karuizawa Station