

Fujisan: Trends during the past ten years, including the number of requests for assistance

Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
No. of incidents	30 (13)	33 (13)	22 (12)	25 (12)	33 (14)	48 (10)	48 (11)	59 (17)	56 (18)	62 (27)
No. of climbers in trouble	46 (15)	37 (15)	30 (15)	30 (15)	40 (17)	56 (13)	57 (13)	66 (17)	61 (22)	76 (34)
Dead or missing	1 (1)	5 (5)	7 (4)	4 (3)	3 (3)	8 (3)	10 (4)	8 (4)	6 (4)	13 (12)
Annual No. of climbers	—	—	200,292	221,010	231,542	305,350	292,058	320,975	293,416	318,565

Note: Figures in brackets () are for off-season incidents occurring outside the summer climbing period.
Since 2005, the number of climbers has been recorded using infrared counters, installed by the Ministry of Environment, near the 8th station of each climbing trail.

Examples of climbing incidents

- At 12:35 a.m. on March 9, 2012, via a 110 call, a request for assistance was received from a 38-year-old man, who said he was too cold to move. He again requested assistance at 8:50 a.m. and a mountain rescue team set out to look for him, but he was not found, even after a total of five days searching. His body remained undiscovered until the summer.
- At about 2:00 in the afternoon of December 5, 2012, via a 110 call, a request for assistance was received from a 46-year-old man who had slipped down a slope and broken his left arm. At 3:10 p.m. a mountain rescue team set out from the trailhead and a prefectural police helicopter was dispatched. Strong winds, however, made it impossible for the helicopter to get close enough to the mountain to spot the injured man. The search continued until sunset at 6:30 p.m. The man's body was found the next day.

Fujisan: Average monthly temperatures for the past 10 years

Month	Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	Temp. °C
Jan.		△ 19.1	△ 20.0	△ 18.9	△ 18.7	△ 16.9	△ 16.8	△ 17.9	△ 18.4	△ 22.5	△ 19.9	
Feb.		△ 16.5	△ 17.1	△ 17.0	△ 14.2	△ 15.9	△ 20.4	△ 15.1	△ 14.5	△ 15.2	△ 18.0	
Mar.		△ 15.9	△ 14.3	△ 15.9	△ 15.8	△ 15.0	△ 13.8	△ 14.7	△ 11.4	△ 18.1	△ 14.7	
Apr.		△ 5.4	△ 7.3	△ 8.1	△ 10.1	△ 11.2	△ 8.9	△ 8.6	△ 8.9	△ 11.1	△ 9.6	
May		△ 2.2	△ 0.2	△ 3.8	△ 1.4	△ 5.1	△ 2.6	△ 3.0	△ 4.0	△ 3.5	△ 5.6	
Jun.		1.7	2.6	2.5	1.6	1.3	1.3	0.2	1.4	1.3	1.1	
Jul.		3.4	5.7	4.8	5.2	5.1	6.3	4.6	5.8	6.9	5.6	
Aug.		6.4	6.0	6.0	6.9	6.4	6.2	6.6	8.3	6.8	7.1	
Sep.		4.1	3.8	4.5	3.7	5.4	3.7	3.4	4.6	4.1	3.5	
Oct.		△ 2.8	△ 1.0	△ 1.1	△ 1.6	△ 2.4	△ 2.5	△ 3.7	△ 0.5	△ 2.0	△ 2.9	
Nov.		△ 5.1	△ 7.5	△ 11.4	△ 8.9	△ 9.7	△ 10.4	△ 7.9	△ 10.0	△ 6.5	△ 11.2	
Dec.		△ 14.9	△ 12.8	△ 21.4	△ 13.6	△ 15.2	△ 14.2	△ 15.0	△ 15.5	△ 16.4	△ 16.7	

Note: Japan Meteorological Agency Website Weather Statistics Daily, monthly, annual data abstracted for the past 10 years Note: Triangles (△) indicate °C below freezing.

Where to submit your Climbing Plan

- As well as submitting a Climbing Plan, please also fully inform people who may be affected by your possible distress or concerned about lack of anticipated contact with you (e.g., family, alpine club, place of work, and school). ● Be sure to submit your Climbing Plan a week or so in advance.
- The Climbing Plan form can be obtained from on the Official Website for Climbing Fujisan (<http://www.fujisan-climb.jp>).

Yoshida Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Local Section, Yamanashi Prefectural Police Headquarters 1-6-1 Marunouchi, Kofu, Yamanashi 400-8586 Phone: 055-235-2121 Fax: 055-224-1180 ● Fujiyoshida Police Station 5-10-13 Matsuyama, Fujiyoshida, Yamanashi 403-0016 Phone: 0555-22-0110 Fax: 0555-22-0110 ● Trailhead postbox for climbing plans
Subashiri Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Higashi Fuji Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents Disaster Prevention Section, Citizen Welfare Department, Oyama Town Hall 57-2 Fujimagari, Oyama-cho, Sunto-gun, Shizuoka 410-1395 Phone: 0550-76-6111 Fax: 0550-76-3050 ● Gotemba Police Station 439-2 Hokkubara, Gotemba, Shizuoka 412-0004 Phone: 0550-84-0110 ● Trailhead postbox for climbing plans (near entrance, next to Azumaya mountain hut)
Gotemba Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Higashi Fuji Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents Administration Section, Administration Department, Gotemba City Hall 483 Hagiwara, Gotemba, Shizuoka 412-8601 Phone: 0550-82-4320 Fax: 0550-82-4523 ● Gotemba Police Station 439-2 Hokkubara, Gotemba, Shizuoka 412-0004 Phone: 0550-84-0110 ● Trailhead postbox for climbing plans (near torii gateway at trail entrance, next to the notice board)
Fujinomiya Trail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fujinomiya Branch, Shizuoka Prefecture Council for the Prevention of Mountain Accidents Tourism Section, Industry Promotion Department, Fujinomiya City Hall 150 Yumizawa-cho, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka 418-8601 Phone: 0544-22-1111 Fax: 0544-22-1385 ● Fujinomiya Police Station 160 Johoku-cho, Fujinomiya, Shizuoka 418-0062 Phone: 0544-23-0110 ● Trailhead postbox for climbing plans (5th stage trailhead entrance, at staircase landing in the rest house in front of Fujisan General Guidance Center)

Note: During times when the trails are closed, the post boxes on the mountain may be removed. Please fax or mail completed climbing plans to the address or number given above.

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For increased safety when climbing Fujisan*

*Fujisan is Japanese for Mount Fuji and was the name used when being designated as a World Cultural Heritage Site.

Establishing guidelines to conserve nature and prevent climbing incidents

The solitary peak of Fujisan is the highest in Japan. Weather conditions can be severe at any time of year, but many people do not take the climb seriously. As a result, many dangerous and fatal climbing incidents occur. During the summer climbing season* more than 300,000 people visit the mountain. At other times of year many climbers may also be seen. To conserve the natural environment of Fujisan and to prevent climbing incidents, the Ministry of the Environment, Yamanashi and Shizuoka Prefectures, local



administrations, tourism associations, and other interested parties have formed the Council to Promote the Proper Use of Fujisan, which has drawn up *Guidelines for Safely Climbing Fujisan*.

*Mountain trails and other facilities are typically open from early July to early September.

Three off-season regulations

1

No one is allowed to ascend the mountain unless they are fully prepared.

People who do not have sufficient knowledge, adequate equipment, and a proper climbing plan are prohibited from climbing Fujisan. Particularly during the off-season, when weather conditions may be severe, when all of the mountain trails are closed along with aid stations and toilet facilities, and when cell phone signal transmission is poor, climbing safety is a challenge.

2

A Climbing Plan must be completed and submitted.

Anyone who climbs Fujisan is personally responsible for his or her own safety. Before beginning the ascent, however, to aid rapid response for rescue in case of distress or disappearance, you must complete and submit* a Climbing Plan that lists route, schedule, equipment, group members, and who to contact in case of emergency. Be aware that, even after submitting a Climbing Plan, you may not receive permission to enter the mountain.

*Address for submission is on reverse side of plan.

3

Off-season climbers bring their own portable toilets.

Above the 5th station, huts and public lavatories are closed during the off-season. So as to preserve the natural environment, climbers must bring and use portable toilets and, after descent, properly dispose* of their contents.

*There are no disposal facilities on the mountain.