

雲取山 2006.2.11-12 山行記録

12月、丹沢でステファンと出会った際、まさか彼と2回目の山行に行くとは思ってもみなかった。しかも、別のドイツ人の友達も増えて…。

雲取山。東京で一番高い山!! 前回97年5月に訪れたことはあるが、季節が異なればその景色も完全に異なり、一緒に行くメンバーも変われば雰囲気も変わる。とても新鮮な山行だった。

【1日目】

登山口からはゆるやかな登り道。鳥居の分岐点に出たら、鳥居をくぐるべし!! (ここで右手の道を歩くと、やがて舗装された林道に出てしまい、その後、迷うでしょう…。) 三峰という地名のとおり、雲取山までは三つのピーク(前白岩山、白岩山、雲取山)があり、アップダウンを3回繰り返すことになる。雪は北側の斜面に積もっているが、それでも積雪は10cm程度だったので、今年は特に雪が少ないことを物語っている。林の中をずっと歩いていくが、冬の山は木々の葉も少なく、山全体が明るい。

雲取小屋は99年に建て替えられたとてもきれいな小屋で、快適だった。

【2日目】

雲取小屋から雲取山までは急登だが、雲取山で一気に視界が広がる。雲取山頂はまさに雲がつかめそうなほど、ふわふわした雲海を見下ろすことができ、富士山もよく見える。

ここから、七つ石山、鷹ノ巣山、六つ石山まで、非常に明るい稜線。六つ石山からは道幅の広い登山道を下り、森の中を下ると奥多摩集落に出る。しかし、雲取山頂から奥多摩集落までの標高差は1,600m以上で、ゆるやかながらも標準コースタイム8時間のロングコース。しかし我々はみな無事に、受付終了間際に温泉に駆け込むことができ、慌しくも旅の疲れを癒すことができた。

終わりよければ全てよし!! と言いたいところだけど、今回もさまざまなハプニングが待ち構えていた…。

出発からまもなくして、いきなり登山道から外れてしまったときは、みんなに本当に申し訳なかった。しかし、そんな状況でもみんなが気丈に振舞ってくれ、無事に登山道に戻れたときは、我々一人一人の体力と運の強さにも感謝した。

2日目のロングコース。下山時間が相当遅くなるのでは、ととても心配したが、青空の中を歩くのは気持ちのよいものだし、落ち葉の登山道をサラサラと音を立てて歩くのも楽しかったし、最終的にみな無事に温泉に行けて本当によかった。

青空。明るく、視界がよい冬の山
迷っても、誰も弱音を吐くことのない我々パーティー
5つ星ホテルのような山小屋(個室有、こたつあり、水洗トイレあり)
夜も更けた山小屋の部屋、小さな灯りの下で語る、みんなのストーリー
ロングコースもへっちゃらだと証明された、我らの体力
閉店ぎりぎりに駆け込んだ温泉。旅の疲れもどこへやら

SANDRA

おれの下手な英語に付き合ってくれて、本当にありがとう。You're my special Germanese friend!! (×German friend!!)

後日、Sandra の家に招かれ、ドイツ料理を振舞ってくれたその気持ちにも、たいへん感謝しています。美味しかったよ。

STEFAN

次にいつ会えるかはわからない。しかし、また Stefan が日本にやってきたら、こんな風に約束するのだろう。

「食事に行こうよ」

「OK。では集合はいつものところで!!!」

そして、我々が合流するのは、もちろん、あの美登利寿司!! (そのときは、きっと Stefan が先に着いて、店の前で並んでいてくれるかも!?)

さおりさん

今回も楽しい山へ行けて本当によかったです。それとお弁当もたくさん作ってきてくれてありがとう。その英語力も敬服するとともに、おれの英語力は…。

また次なるピークを目指しましょう。

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石川暁崇

KUMOTORI-YAMA 2006.2.11-12 Report & Impression

In December, when I met Stefan in Tanzawa, I had no idea what I go to another hiking with him. Moreover, with another German friend...

Mt. Kumotori, where is the most highest mountain in Tokyo. I had been to here in May of 1997. But if the season is different, the view also is different, and if the member is different, the atmosphere is also different. So I felt to come here for the first time..

<1st day>

It started a gentle slope from starting point for a climb. And when you arrived at the bifurcation of shrine gate, you should pass through the gate. Or, another route will lead you to the pavement, then you'll get lost the right way...)

The shrine is called "Mitsumine-shrine". Mitsumine means three peaks. Until arrived at the Mt. Kumotori, we had to pass through three peaks (Mt. Mae-Shiroiwa, Mt. Shiroiwa, and Mt.Kumotori). This means that we had to repeat up and down three times... In the north slope, there was a snow on the trail. But here only covered with snow about 10 centimeters, and it was indicated it had little snow this year. We hiked through the forest by a long way, but the trees had few leaves in the winter, we could hike the clear forest.

Kumotori lodge was rebuild in 1999, it was very beautiful and comfortable.

<2nd day>

It was a steep slope from Kumotori lodge to Mt. Kumotori. But arrived at Mt Kumotori, visibility is suddenly spread far and wide. Kumotori means "take the cloud", as it was called, we could look down the field of clouds which was floating lightly. And we also can look at Mt Fuji far away.

Then we hiked the ridge that was located from Mt. Kumotori to Okutama Sta (through Mt. Natatsuishi, Mt.Takanosu, and Mt. Mutsuishi). It was a very clear course. Passed Mt. Mutsuishi, the trail was getting wide. And finished the trail of mountain, we arrived at Okutama town. Altitude between Mt. Kumotori and Okutama town has over 1600 meters. Although the trail was gentle slope, the standard time of walk is 8 hours, it was a very long way. But we all could arrive at Okutama safely, and run into the hot spring in a hurry (the time of reception was almost closed) The hot spring made our body and spirit heal very much.

I want to say, “Finished is good, all things is good!!” but, we were experienced many happenings in this hiking.

Soon started our hiking, we got lost in the forest. I was really sorry for you. But in such a serious situation, all of us acted courageously. When we could back the trail, I was thankful for our each energy and our good luck.

On the 2nd day, it was a long distance; I was worried that it was too late to arrive at Okutama. But we walked comfortably under the blue sky, we were also enjoyed to walk on the fallen leaves, and finally we all arrived at the hot spring safely. It was the most good things.

Winter mountain, the view is very clear and wide

Our party, we all had no complain though we lost the way

The lodge, it was very comfortable like a five stars hotel

(it had many compartment, the warm table using a coal, and flush toilet!!)

Telling the story, under the small light of the room, in the deep night

The long ridge, our each energy was established

The hot spring, made our fatigue was gone

SANDRA

Thank you for communicating with me who use a broken English. And you are my special Germanese friend!! (×German Friend)

After the hiking, you invited us to German dinner in your house. I am thankful for your kindness. Every dish was very delicious!

STEFAN

I have no idea when we can see next time. But when you come back to Japan, we will naturally promise:

“Let’s go to the dinner”

“OK, now, we meet there as usual!!”

Of course, the place we meet will be “Midori-Sushi” (In that time, maybe you arrive there earlier than me, and when I arrive there, you will line up inside the restaurant...!?)

SAORI

I am glad to be enjoyed by this hiking. And thank you for preparing a lot of rice balls and sandwiches every time. And if we don’t have your ability of English...

Let’s aim to another peak!!

2006.2.20

Akitaka Ishikawa