The snow monkeys show a variety of facial expressions throughout the four seasons. Observe them in their natural habitat as you stand at the edge of the wild.
Points to remember when observing Japanese macaques

- Keep as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not touch or scare them.
- Do not show or give them any food.
- Do not bring dogs, cats, or other pets inside.

Photography (camera and video) is permitted.

- Be careful when filming. No recording a camera in the winter, the use of drones and selfie sticks, or any other special filming equipment is prohibited.
- When filming, place as much distance as possible between yourself and the monkeys, and do not bring your camera or mobile phone too close to the monkeys.

- Observe the behaviors of each individual monkey within the troop.

To the visitors of Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

We appreciate your cooperation to ensure a safe observation experience.

The path from Yudanaka to Jigokudani Yaen-Koen

Observation notes

Monkeys are the closest animals to humans. They resemble humans in many ways including the shape of their hands and how they use them and the contour of their faces. They also have features unique to monkeys such as the shape of their hind feet and how they use them. Please try and observe the differences between the bodies of people and other animals.

Japanese macaques live in groups called “troops,” and are highly social animals. The monkeys depend upon and support each other. Observe the behaviors of each individual monkey within the troop.