

Notice to backcountry skiers and snowboarders

Backcountry skiing and snowboarding is very dangerous.

In March 2018, two French backcountry skiers got lost outside the boundaries of Sahoro Ski Resort. Fortunately, they could descend the mountain by themselves after having wandered around on the mountain for nearly 3 days under the snowy weather condition.

On 19 January, 2019, two Chinese skiers were involved in an accident in an unpatrolled area of Mt. Sanpo in Frano and unable to descend the mountain. Two days later, a group of seven Polish backcountry skiers and snowboarders got lost outside the slope of Frano Ski Area. Nobody died for these accidents but they would have gone missing forever in the middle of nowhere if the weather conditions had been worse.

For the reasons mentioned above, you should pay enough attention to your safety while enjoying these activities.

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