

## **Six rules for visiting the wasabi fields**

Wasabi farmers work really hard to grow delicious wasabi in Izu. Their efforts create beautiful scenery of wasabi fields and diverse ecosystem. Please follow the six rules below, so we may continue wasabi production and pass it on to the next generation. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **1. Do not enter the wasabi fields!**

Wasabi fields are private lands. There are not enough paths for visitors to safely walk around the wasabi fields. In winter, the areas around the fields are frozen and very slippery. Please refrain from entering the fields and just observe them from the road.

### **2. Keep away from the edge of the road and areas with bad footholds!**

Wasabi fields are in mountainous areas where some roads are unpaved.

There are often cliffs with a drop of several dozen meters along the edge of the road.

If you get too close to the edge of the road or you walk around the area with a bad foothold, you might have a falling accident. Because the fields are far from even the nearest hospital, the accident could be a fatal accident in some cases. Please pay close attention to safety.

### **3. There is no toilet around the wasabi fields.**

Clear water is essential to wasabi cultivation. In order to maintain clean water and to protect it from pollution, please go to the toilet before you visit the wasabi fields.

There is no toilet within walking distance of the wasabi fields.

Please go to the toilet before you visit the wasabi field area.

### **4. Do not take any living creatures from the wasabi fields area!**

The environment of the wasabi fields is created by a mutual influence of plants, insects and fish around the field. This diverse ecosystem is one of the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems. To preserve the wasabi fields, never take any living creatures from the area.

### **5.No littering please!**

There is no garbage can around the wasabi fields. Please take your litter home with you.

### **6. Please wear comfortable clothes.**

Because wasabi fields are in mountainous areas, sometimes the temperature is low and you may feel chilly. Please dress warmly. The fields have bad footholds and you could be injured by falling down. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes to avoid any accidents.