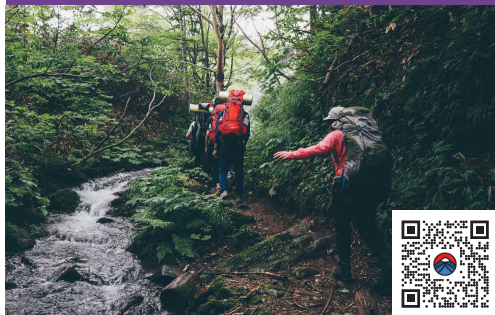




# Bankei-sanso Hut Overnight Hike

万計山荘 Hiking Map 1:25000



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1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 33' W

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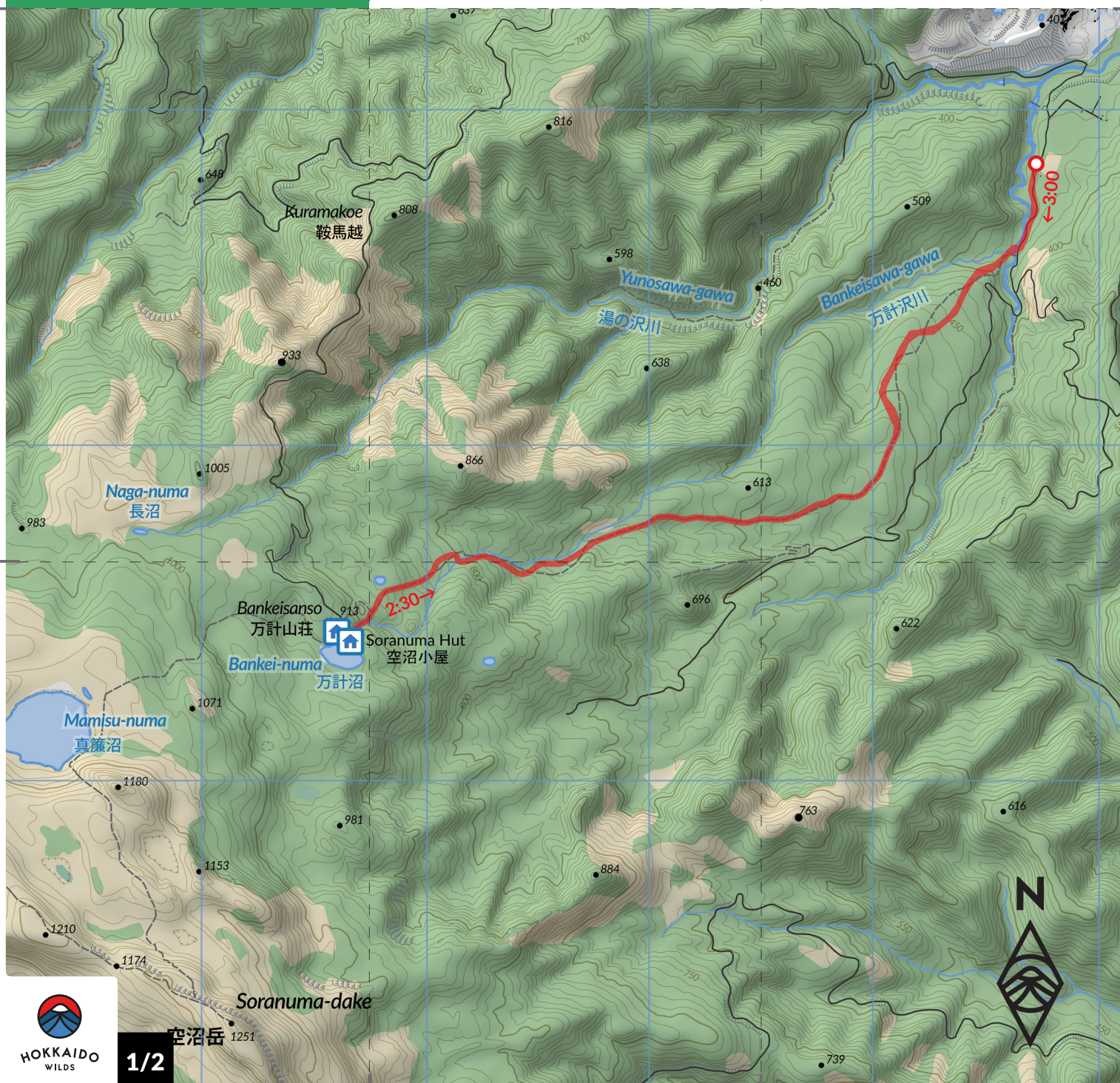
## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

	Route (time between points)		Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	National Highway		Power transmission lines
	Prefectural Road		Trees/shrubs
	Municipal Road		Rocks/cliff
	Minor Municipal Road		Onsen (hot spring)
	Walkway		Fumerole
	Bus route (bus stop)		Highway number
			Designated campsite
			Hut

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## Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	分岐	junction
cho	町	town
dake/mine	岳/峯	peak
eki	駅	station
hinangoya	避難小屋	shelter
ike	池	pond
kawa/gawa	川	river
kako	火口	crater
ko/mizumi	湖	lake
kyo	峡	gorge
numa	沼	pond
onsen	温泉	hot spring
sawa	沢	stream
taira/daira	平	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	山	mountain





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5.5hrs  
Time



555m  
Total Climb



920m  
Highest point



9.5km  
Distance



4/10  
Difficulty

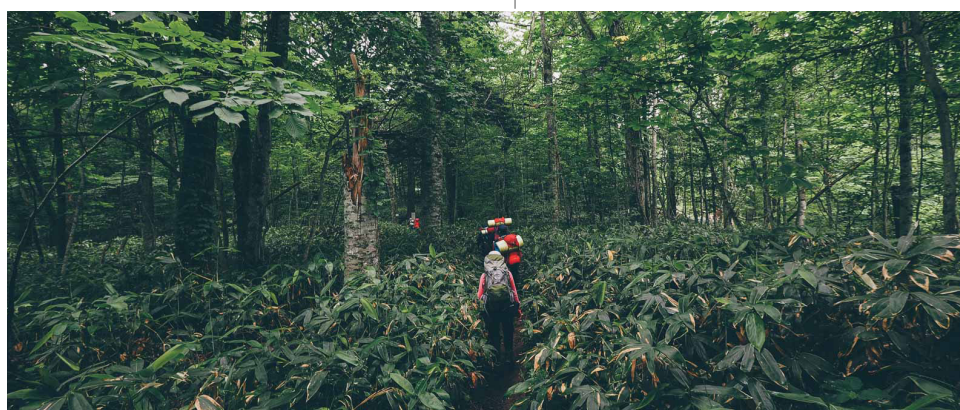


Jun-Oct  
Best season

I can't think of a better mountain hut in the Sapporo area to drag a group of inexperienced hikers up to than Bankei Sanso Hut (万計山荘, 920m). This massive two-storied hut is laid back and spacious, and the hike to get there has just enough challenge to make it a good memorable experience. We headed up there with eight first-time overnight hikers, and had a great time despite the heavy rain on the return trip. Even though we didn't manage to make it up to Soranuma-dake (空沼岳, 1,251m), the Bankei-numa Pond (万計沼) makes for a beautiful backdrop.

## LOCATION

This route up to the Bankei Pond and Bankei Sanso Hut is about 30km southwest of central Sapporo City. The trail to the hut is the Soranuma-dake hiking trail. It starts just south of Tokiwa, south of Makomanai in southern Sapporo City. The location



of the trailhead is somewhat fluid, as the original trailhead is now inaccessible due to the road being washed out. Presently, the furthest a car can be driven is about 750m ast the bridge at the back end of the quarry.

## GENERAL NOTES

The Bankei Hut can be a nice option if the weather is otherwise not suitable for climbing all the way to Soranuma-dake. Hike to the hut, stay the night, and see how things look in the morning. The Soranuma-dake trail is known to be a very muddy trail, particularly beyond the hut. Even approaching the hut, there can be very muddy patches. That said, a few of our group were in lightweight sneakers, and beyond having very muddy shoes and socks by the end of the trip, they survived.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect 3 hours to the hut, and about 2.5 hours back. The trail is marked sporadically with tape tied to trees, but the trail itself is well defined, with no junctions until reaching the Bankei Pond. Once at the pond, go right to get to the Bankei Sanso Hut. Going left across the stream will lead you to the Hokkaido University Soranuma Hut.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** As mentioned above, the trailhead location is somewhat fluid. If arriving by car, just follow the Soranuma-dake (空沼岳) signs through the quarry to the main carpark. Either park at the main carpark (about 1km from the start of the trail proper) or drive across the bridge and along the dirt road till you can't drive any further.

**Public transport:** Take the Hokkaido Chuo Bus No. 101 from Makomanai subway station (Bus stop No. 7) to Soranuma Futamata (空沼二股) bus stop – the end of the line on the Soranuma-line (空沼線), around 22 minutes on the bus. From the bus stop it is a 2km walk to the trailhead. As of Jan 2017, the earliest bus from Makomanai Station was at 7:18am on

weekdays and 7:15am on weekends and holidays, then about once an hour. Last bus from Makomanai station was 8:33pm on weekdays, 7pm on weekends. Return buses from Soranuma-futama were 6:54am till 9pm on weekdays and 6:58am till 7:40pm on weekends, with around 8 buses in between.

## SAFETY NOTES

Nothing particular to note. See the online route guide for instructions about submitting hiking plans with the police online.

## ONSEN NEARBY

The one thing that this route could do with is a hot spring somewhere near the trailhead. The closest natural onsen would be Kogane-yu Onsen (小金湯温泉), about 30 mins by car from the quarry/trailhead. ■



BANKEI-SANSO HUT



**Details:** Massive two-story hut on the Soranuma-dake hiking trail. There is a representative (hutkeeper) from the volunteer society present on weekends during summer.

**Capacity:** 100 persons.

**Cost:** 1000yen per night suggested donation.

**Contact & maintenance:** Bankei-sanso Hut Volunteer Society (万計山荘友の会)  
TEL: 011-571-7728.

**Booking details:** No need to book.

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/bank-hike>



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### STEP 1

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### STEP 2

Open the print window by clicking on File > Print (or hitting Ctrl + P on your keyboard).

### STEP 3

Make sure "Actual Size" is selected.

### STEP 4

For double-sided printing, select "Print on both sides of paper".

### STEP 5

For best results, select the highest quality print option available on your printer (settings will vary).

### STEP 6

You won't need this instructions page, so just select pages 1-2.

### STEP 7

Click "Print".

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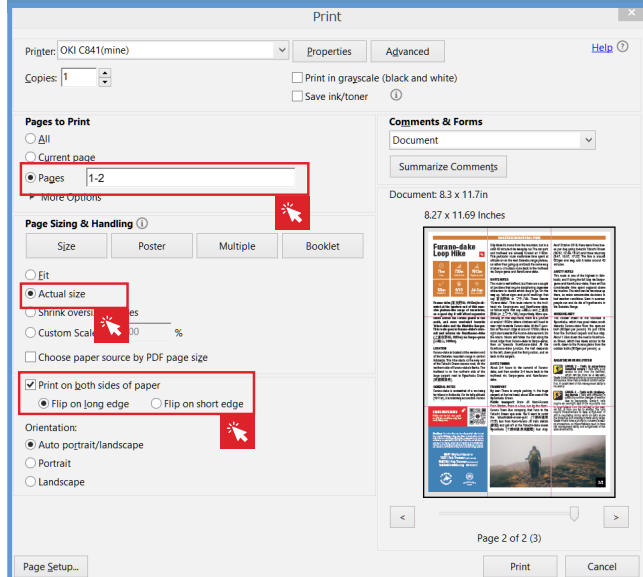


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-2 are selected (Windows).

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