



Ashibetsu-dake Loop Hike

芦別岳 Hiking Map 1:25000

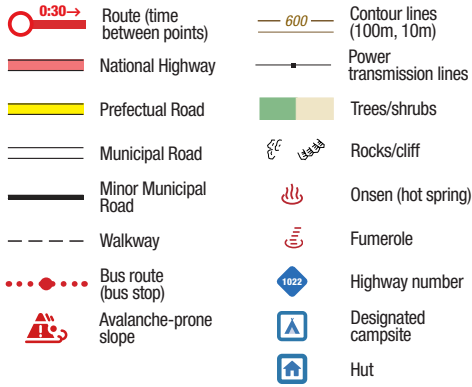


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1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 28' W

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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
goya/koya	小屋	hut
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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9hrs
Time



1350m
Total Climb



1727m
Highest point



15.5km
Distance



7/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

Ashibetsu-dake (芦別岳) is a fine rugged peak rising 1727m southwest of the small town of Furano. The pointed rocky summit has a 360 degree panorama across to the Tokachi range and beyond, and the surrounding crags provide a training ground for aspiring mountaineers with multi-pitch climbing in a wild location. Fit hikers can traverse the mountain in a long but interesting day via its roller-coaster ridges, starting and finishing at the convenient municipal campsite at the foot of the mountain.

LOCATION

Ashibetsu-dake is the highest point of the mountain range running south from the internationally known ski resort at Furano City (a country town in reality) in central Hokkaido. This hike starts at a height of 330m from the municipal campsite at Yamabe, about 15km south of Furano town centre.

GENERAL NOTES

The main season for summer hiking on Ashibetsu-dake is from mid-June to the end of October. The trail starts and finishes



at the municipal campsite at Yamabe (Yamabe Shizen Koen Taiyo no Sato Campground, 山部自然公園太陽の里キャンプ場, TEL: 0167-42-3445, free). The campsite has good facilities but there is nothing else around; the nearest base for other accommodation or supplies is Furano, 15km away. This route description climbs the mountain clockwise via the New Route (新道) and descends via the longer and more strenuous Old Route (旧道). If unsure about fitness or timing retrace your steps via the New Route. Be sure to carry plenty of food and water.

Hut: There is a basic stone hut located 1hr and 10mins from the Old Route trailhead a few minutes up a side trail. Yufure Hut (ユーフレ小屋, capacity 25) is a base for climbers and is free to stay. Water is from the stream and must be boiled or filtered. There is no warden. Contact: Furano City Office 0167-39-2312.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Budget 4hrs from campground to the Ashibetsu-dake summit via the New Route, and then another 3 hours back to the campground if descending via the New Route. If descending via the Old Route, allow around 5hrs on the descent.

Overall, the route is well defined through forest and dwarf juniper, with occasional markers and signs (in Japanese) fixed to trees, though trail junctions are obvious. Sections of the Old Route below the main ridge and along the river lower down have been washed out in past storms and are mostly marked with pink tape.

Starting at the New Route (新道) trailhead (330m) just south of the campsite, climb up through the forest onto a ridge with a steep drop off to your right. After a couple of hours a trail that links the New and Old Routes (旧道) joins on the right. The route continues up to a viewpoint at Hanmenyama (半面山1397m) in another 40 minutes or so. Here the trail turns west and climbs along a ridge, over a minor peak and

up to the summit in another hour.

Descending the Old Route, after a few meters the path comes to a steep rocky step. From above it is difficult to see a way down but it can be downclimbed fairly easily, best facing inwards. From here the route takes the north ridge, weaving between pinnacles on a narrow path with a lot of energy-sapping ups and downs. After 2-3 hours you drop down east, past the large crag of Fufu-iwa (夫婦岩) on your right. Parts of this trail are washed out and rough.

After another hour or so you reach the river and the linking trail joins on the right; the Yufure Hut (ユーフレ小屋) is a few minutes up this path. From here there is still at least another hour or so of rough trail along the riverside that often drops down into the river bed itself, look out for pink tape and occasional markings. Finally the path re-enters the forest and joins a forest road that leads back down to the campsite.

TRANSPORT

By car | Easy road access from the Furano direction. There is ample parking in the large car park by the municipal campsite.

Public transport | The nearest JR train station is Yamabe (山部, here) on the line between Furano and Shintoku, from where it would be about a 3km hike up to the campsite and trailhead. However, services on this line are very infrequent and its future is uncertain.

SAFETY NOTES

This is a high and wild mountain, particularly on the Old Route section, and can be a dangerous place in bad weather with real risks of hypothermia for poorly equipped hikers. Conditions can change quickly, it is very exposed to the wind and the upper slopes can be much colder than down at the trailhead. Carry appropriate gear. Early in the season there is a steep snowfield near the summit on the New Route where care should be taken (almost gone by mid-July when we were there). The Old Route trail is rough underfoot and the ridge is steep and narrow in a few places, though never really exposed. A few meters below the summit on the Old Route there is a 10m rocky scramble, harder in descent (best downclimbed facing inwards). Like all high mountain areas in Hokkaido this is bear country.

ONSEN NEARBY

There are no onsen near the trailhead, you will have to return back to the Furano area or south over the Kanayama pass. The closest would be at the New Furano Prince Hotel (800yen), at the Furano Ski Area. ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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STEP 2

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STEP 3

Make sure "Actual Size" is selected.

STEP 4

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STEP 5

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STEP 6

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STEP 7

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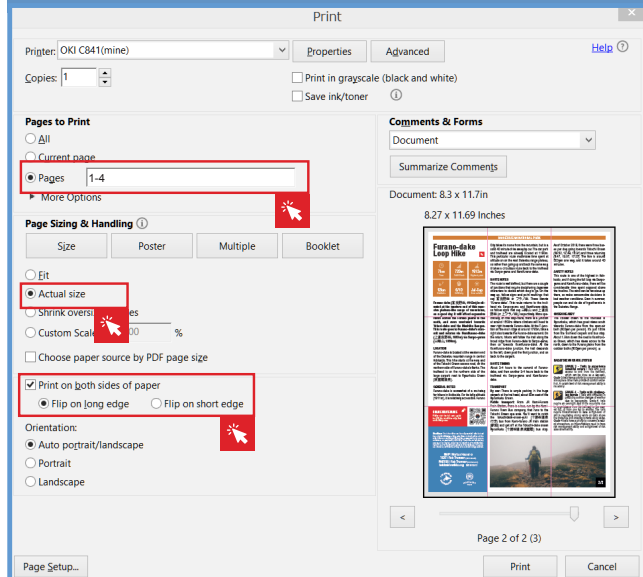


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