



Muine-yama Day Hike (Motoyama Route)

無意根山 (元山) Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 36' W

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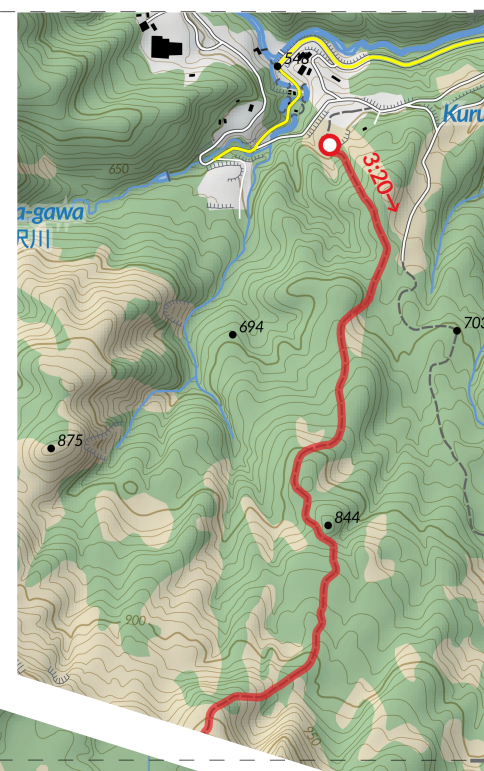
- 0:30 → Route (time between points)
 - National Highway
 - Prefectural Road
 - Municipal Road
 - Minor Municipal Road
 - Walkway
 - Bus route (bus stop)
 - Avalanche-prone slope

- 600 Contour lines (100m, 10m)
 - Power transmission lines
 - Trees/shrubs
 - Rocks/cliff
 - Onsen (hot spring)
 - Fumerole
 - Highway number
 - Designated campsite
 - Hut

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Japanese Map Glossary

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



Muine-yama Motoyama Route



6hrs
Time



860m
Total Climb



1464m
Highest point



13km
Distance



5/10
Difficulty



Jun-Sep
Best season

The bulky whaleback mountain of Muine-yama (無意根山, 1464m) is the second highest mountain in the Sapporo area and holds snow well into early summer, making it a striking sight from various places on the outskirts of the city. There are two summer routes. Here we describe the northern Motoyama Route (元山コース) starting from the abandoned mine at Toyoha (豊羽鉱山) above the Jozankei Onsen area. After climbing up the forest to the ridge the trail makes a long traverse through sasa dwarf bamboo to the stunted forests of the long summit ridge. On a clear day the views from the top in all directions are stunning.

LOCATION

Muine-yama is located about 30km southwest of Sapporo. The Motoyama Route starts from the abandoned mine at Toyoha at the end of the local road running west from Jozankei.

GENERAL NOTES

This route can feel like quite a long day



out at times, especially on the central section along the broad plateau-like ridge that can be hard going if the rough trail through the over head-high bamboo is muddy and slippery underfoot without even a view to compensate. Snow lingers well into June on this mountain and the trail may be hidden in places early in the season. There is no hut on this route, but the Hokkaido University Muine Hutte (無意根ヒュッテ) is down the Usubetsu Route (薄別コース) east of the main ridge.

ROUTE NOTES

The route is well defined throughout. From the trailhead at 600m it climbs steadily up to the main ridge at Senjakukochi (千尺高地), then makes a long traverse through sasa bamboo to the only trail junction where the Usubetsu route joins from the left before the final climb up to the summit ridge. There are two summits and a number of markers and cairns on the main ridge. The real high point (1464m) is hidden in stunted mountain birch trees and has no views, so continue on to the main summit marker post (1460m) a few minutes further. A little further again from here, as the ridge starts to descend slightly, is another large cairn and an open viewpoint over to Yotei-zan and the Niseko hills.

ROUTE TIMING

About 3hr 20min from carpark to 1460m summit, and another 2hr 40min back down.

TRANSPORT

By car: Road access is from Jozankei via Prefectural Route 95 west of Jozankei. The road ends at the old mine at Toyohara. The trailhead is a short distance up a side road branching off left near the end of the road. There is plenty of space for parking.

Public transport: There is no access to the trailhead by public transport.

SAFETY NOTES

This is a high and wild mountain 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. In spring when snow is

still plentiful be careful around the large cornices on the east side of the ridge. Like all high mountain areas in Hokkaido this is bear country.

ONSEN NEARBY

Hoheikyo Onsen (豊平峡温泉) with its massive outdoor pools is always high on the list of recommended onsen in the area (1,000yen per person). But if you're traveling on public transport, then Yu-no-hana onsen (湯の花, 800yen) is a good choice – they have a free shuttle bus back to Sapporo, and their outdoor pools overlook the river below. If you are traveling by car back to Sapporo, the cheap and cheerful Matsu-no-yu (松の湯, location, 650yen) has pokey outdoor baths that overlook the river too. ■



HÜTTE MUINE



Details: This ski-touring hut was built in the 1930's. Most popular during winter, but can be used in summer too.

Capacity: 30 persons.

Cost: 140yen per night.

Management: Hokkaido University Ski Mountaineering Club.

Contact: Hokkaido University Student Support Desk (TEL: 011-706-7456).

Booking details: In principle, all stays must be pre-registered and pre-paid with Hokkaido University. The hut is not locked, so can be used for emergency stays.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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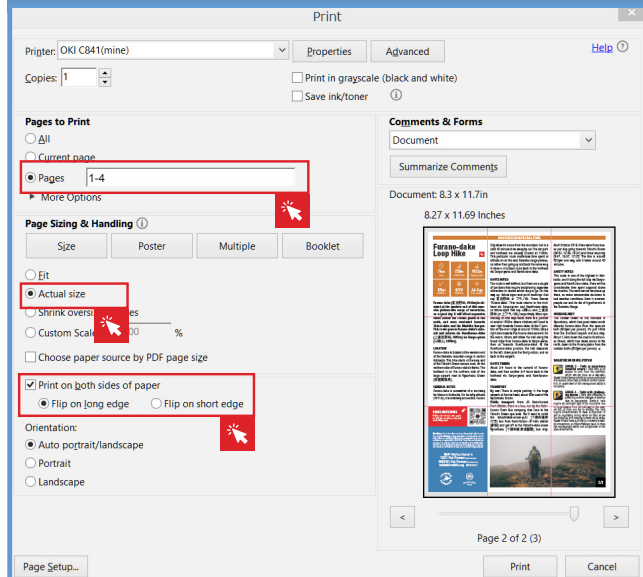


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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