



Lake Eniwa Canoeing

恵庭湖 Lake Touring Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 31' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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| | Route (distance) | | 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 |
| | Put in/out location | | Designated campsite |
| | Waterfall | | Hut |
| | Rapids | | Portage required |

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Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bashi/hashibunkicho	橋分岐町	bridge junction town
dake/mineeki	岳/峯駅	peak station
goya/koyahinangoya	小屋避難小屋	hut shelter
ike	池	pond
kawa/gawakako	川火口	river crater
ko/mizumikiyo	湖峡沼	lake gorge
numa	沼	pond
onsen	温泉	hot spring
sawa	沢	stream
taira/dairatani/danitake	平谷滝峠	plateau valley pass
togeyama/san/zan	峠山	mountain



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2hrs
Time



4.7km
Distance



5/10
Difficulty



3/5
Remoteness



2/5
Water clarity



Apr-Nov
Best season

Lake Eniwa (恵庭湖) is an artificial lake on the pristine Izari River (漁川). The lake itself is less pristine, being a classic Hokkaido reservoir lake, with variable muddy access at the river intake end. However, there are a couple of waterfalls closer to the Izari River Dam (漁川ダム) itself, which make this a worthwhile lake to potter about on for a morning. The northern shoreline also features some small sandstone cliffs, and if visiting in early spring or autumn, paddlers should get some impressive views of the volcanic organ-pipe rock formations on the higher cliffs.

LOCATION

This route is on Lake Eniwa, which is an artificial lake created by the Izari River Dam, to the west of Eniwa City, about 25km south of Sapporo City. Access to the lake is less than ideal, and requires a portage of up to 500m along a gravel road. This portage may also involve a muddy trek across the upper section of the lake, depending on where the Izari River is flowing. Old 1990's guide books indicate a bridge and access road on the northern side of the lake, but



this no longer exists. It appears the lake water level is maintained quite low, so you'll be putting in onto the Izari River. For the first 500m or so you'll be floating down this very clear river till you get to the lake.

GENERAL NOTES

Old 1990's guidebooks had lovely looking photos of a full lake, and bare rock cliffs. Today's reality was a little bit different. It looks like the dam hasn't been completely full in quite a while, although it may increase with rain about 2m or so, by the looks of the high-water marks along the shoreline. That said, we're keen to return in early spring or autumn, where a lack of foliage should give a better water-side view of the rock formations on the higher cliffs.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This lake-circumnavigation route is hardly a marathon, and you could happily be done in an hour. But there's the waterfall near the dam that's worth stopping at for a short walk, so make sure to allow extra time for this sort of pottering. About two hours would be sufficient.

See the Location Notes for the relatively convoluted put in. Once on the Izari River, float down

to the lake and head east towards the dam. The wind can whip around in all directions on this lake, so we recommend hugging the shoreline – you'll get better views of the cliffs and small waterfalls this way too. Just before the driftwood fence, there's an area where canoes can be landed, and a short walk will lead you to the main waterfall on the route. Back on the water, it is important not to cross the driftwood fence. Carry on back up the lake to the river.

TRANSPORT

By car | There's just enough room on the side of the road on the Eniwa-bound side of Route 117 for two cars to park, right in front of the avalanche shelter entrance. Right here. There's a very faint white line about 2m out from the guard-rail, so park inside this. If you're in a 4WD, you'd be able to drive up onto the footpath on the opposite side.

Public transport | This route is not accessible by public transport.

SAFETY NOTES

Note that the access road is used by construction vehicles, so always give them the right of way.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen to the lake is probably the Eniwa Honoka (えにわ温泉ほのか, 750yen) – one of a chain of full-feature onsen facilities. It's about 17km due east from the lake, however. ■



ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, live water levels, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/eniwako>



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EXTRA DETAILS

Lake Details: This route is on Lake Eniwa (恵庭湖), or in the Ainu indigenous language. The lake is a dam lake, about 300km wide and 2500km long. Lake Eniwa has a shoreline of 6km, a maximum depth of 45m and an average depth of 35m. Water clarity (visibility) is 1m, and surface elevation is 162m.

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Load your printer with A4 printer paper (210mm x 297mm). If you've only got Letter size (215.9mm x 279.4 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achieve an accurate scale, but the map will be clipped a little at the top and bottom.

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 the pages that don't include this instruction sheet.

STEP 7

Click "Print".

PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

The 1:25,000 scale used in the map is accurate if the PDF is printed without scaling (i.e., ACTUAL SIZE). Follow the instructions on this page to ensure an accurate rendering of the scale.



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

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