



Muka-yama Dayhike

武華山 Hiking Map 1:25000

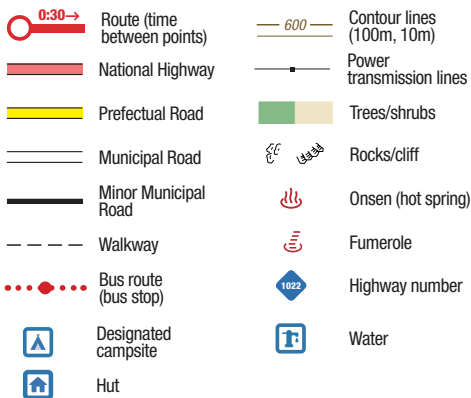


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1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 26' W

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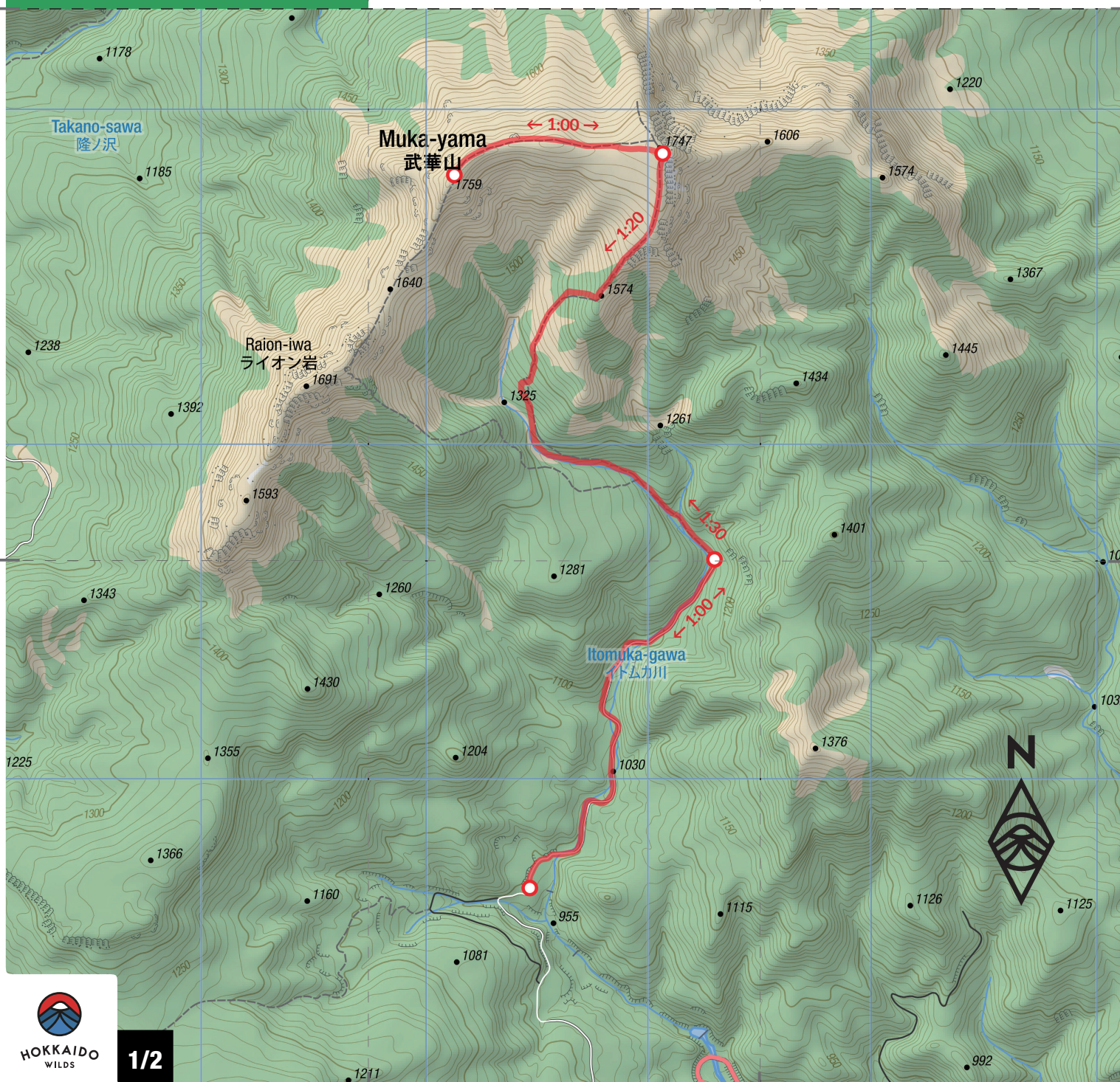
Symbol Key (some may not be present)



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

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6.5hrs
Time



763m
Total Climb



1759m
Highest point



12km
Distance



6/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

Muka-yama 武華山 (1769m) sits just over the Sekihoku Pass 石北峠 that divides Daisetsuzan from the plains around Kitami to the east. It forms a high ridge with great views across to the northern Daisetsuzan range. Despite relatively easy access and a fine horseshoe route taking in the flat-topped rocky bluff of Lion Rock ライオン岩 it has always been much quieter than its more famous neighbours. This is now even more the case since the access road and one of the trails were destroyed in the 2016 typhoons. However, although now a bit longer the route is still very worthwhile, especially for those seeking solitude in the high hills.

LOCATION

Muka-yama is in the Kita-Daisetsu range of mountains in central Hokkaido, just over the Sekihoku Pass if coming from Sounkyo on the main west-east Route 39. This hike starts and finishes at about 600m elevation a short way up a forest road off Route 39 just east of the pass.

GENERAL NOTES

The Ainu origin of the name Muka is unclear: the river that flows from the mountain is the itomuka river, possibly blocked river or river

that doesn't freeze (Hokkaido Natsuyama Gaido 3, Hokkaido Shimbunsha, p.166).

The main summer access route was affected by the 2016 typhoons and the forest road now terminates about 2km short of the original trailhead. The remains of the road can be walked from here though it is very rough in the washed out sections and could be dangerous if the river level is high. The western trail leading to Lion Rock was also destroyed so it is now only possible to hike up and return via the East Ridge Course 東尾根コース and Mae-Muka-yama 前武華山.

The main season for summer hiking on Muka-yama is mid-June into October; before and after this you need to be prepared and equipped for snow-on-the-ground and/or falling from the sky. The nearest facilities are at Sounkyo 層雲峡.

ROUTE NOTES

Expect about 3.5 hours from the end of the maintained forestry road to summit, and another 3 hours down. From the old trailhead at 1140m the route is mostly well defined throughout, with a signpost (in Japanese) at the main trail junction near the start. Before you reach there, though, it is necessary to walk around 2km along the abandoned forest road past some washed out sections that are full of debris and difficult in places. At the trailhead there is the usual box containing a logbook to record your details, and a spring (though to be completely safe water should be boiled or filtered). About 15 minutes further on the trail divides, though the left fork is now impassable and was taped off in 2018. Take the right branch, signposted 東尾根コース, and climb up beside a stream though an area that has been previously been logged, then head up more steeply to join the ridge at 1570m. From here head up the ridge through occasionally rough haimatsu

creeping pine to join the summit ridge at Mae-Muka-yama 前武華山, in all about 1 hour and 20 mins from the trail junction. From here follow the main ridge as it turns left (west), ignoring the unsigned faint trail branching off right to Muri-dake, to reach the summit in another 30 or 40 minutes. Return the same way.

TRANSPORT

By car: Take the signposted forest road north off Route 39 about 1.5 km east of Sekihoku Pass. Note that unless it's been recently updated, as of 2017, the sign says Muka-dake 武華岳 instead of Muka-yama 武華山. The road ends after a few km before a washed out section. There is parking space for a few cars. **Public transport:** There is no public transport access.

SAFETY NOTES

The route traverses exposed alpine terrain 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. The river crossings in the washouts lower down could be dangerous after heavy rain. Like all high mountain terrain in Hokkaido it is bear country so take the usual precautions. Water obtained en route should be boiled or filtered.

ONSEN NEARBY

Sounkyo has the nearest onsen including Kurodake no Yu (黒岳の湯, 600yen). This place also serves delicious Italian food (pasta and pizza) in the ground floor restaurant. ■



ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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 the pages that don't include this instruction sheet.

STEP 7

Click "Print".

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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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