



Hira-yama Dayhike

平山 Hiking Map 1:25000

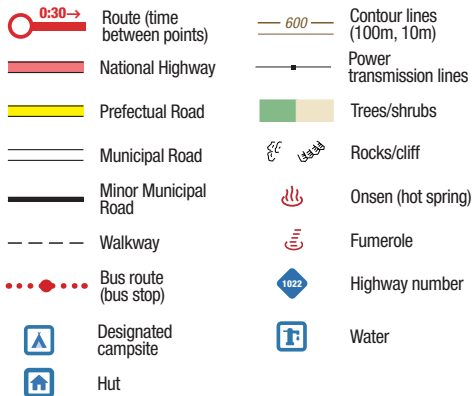


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1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 29' W

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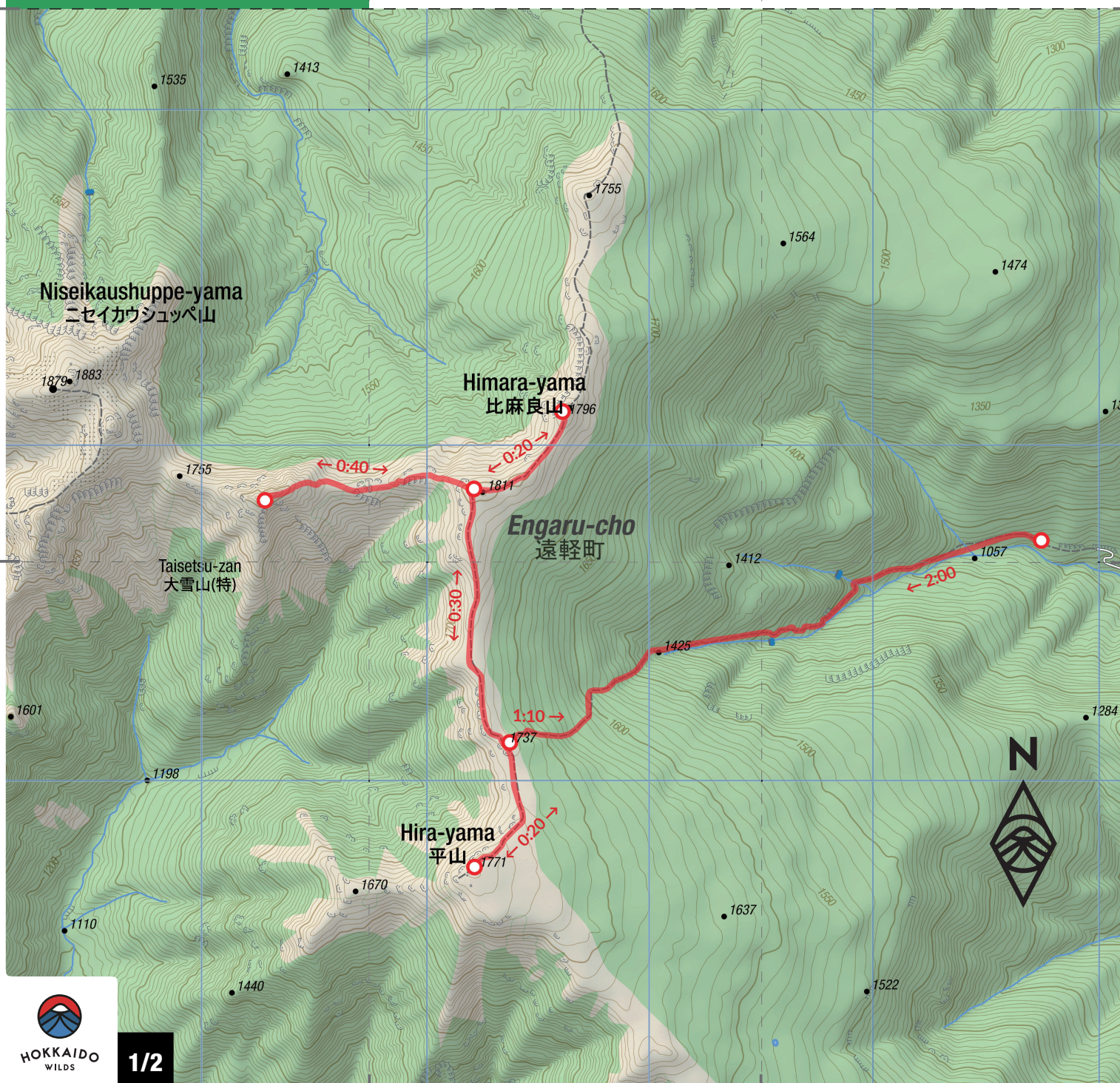
Symbol Key (some may not be present)



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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6.5hrs
Time



928m
Total Climb



1811m
Highest point



13km
Distance



6/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

Hira-yama 平山 (1771m), Himana-yama 比麻奈山 (1811m) and Himara-yama 比麻良山 (1796m) are three bumps on a broad alpine ridge that sits north of Sounkyo. Although the names conjure up images of the great glaciated peaks of the real Himalaya, in nature this is broad open high country of wildflowers, solitude and vistas of the mountains of central Hokkaido. From the ridge you can fully appreciate the jagged ridges and peaks of neighbouring Nisekaushuppe-yama ニセカウシュッペ山 (1879m), only possible from this angle. Snowfields linger late into the summer covering the trail in places. It is known for its variety of alpine wildflowers so can be a popular destination in the early summer, but it is still nowhere near as busy as the main Daisetsuzan massif itself.

LOCATION

Hira-yama is the southern end of a ridge running north-south in the Kita-Daisetsu range of mountains in central Hokkaido, north of Sounkyo 層雲峡. This hike starts and finishes at a trailhead about 1040m elevation, accessed by good local and forest roads south of Shirataki 白滝 on the Asahikawa-Monbetsu Expressway.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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GENERAL NOTES

The Ainu origin of the name Himara-yama comes from *him-om-nupuri*, meaning *craggy mountain*. Himana-yama is unclear though in Japanese it sounds like time-to-spare mountain leading to various puns in climbers' accounts (Hokkaido Natsuyama Gaido 3, Hokkaido Shimbunsha, p.153).

The main season for summer hiking on Hira-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. Early in the season there will be large snowfields to cross. There are no facilities nearby, the closest towns being Kamikawa 上川 to the west and Maruseppu 丸瀬布 to the east.

ROUTE NOTES

Expect about 4 hours to get from the trailhead to get around each of the three summits, and then another 2.5 hours down.

From the trailhead at 1040m the route up to the ridge is mostly well defined – if it is clear of snow, that is, which it won't be early in the season. If people have been up recently there may be footprints to follow. If you lose the trail then you will have to bushwhack through scrubby undergrowth until you either rejoin it or reach the ridge proper. Once on the ridge there are no difficulties.

From the trailhead the path follows the true left bank of a creek. After a few minutes cross a tributary coming in from the right on a small metal pipe bridge. Early in the season there may only be the frame in place as the walkway is taken down over the winter. A few hundred meters further on there is a waterfall a short way up a tributary stream on the right, followed by another in the main creek after another few minutes. Eventually you reach the head of the creek at about 1425m where there will usually be the first snowfield. There may be footprints to follow later in the season. Hopefully you will find the continuation of the trail and proceed upwards, over a second smaller snowfield, to reach the ridge at 1737m some two hours from the trailhead. There is a cairn and signpost (in Japanese). From here the route is a T shape – left to go out and back to the flat top of Hira-yama 平山 in 45 minutes or so, or

right to Himana-yama 比麻奈山 and Himara-yama 比麻良山 in about an hour and half return.

From Himana-yama a faint trace of a trail leads along the jagged west ridge over to Nisekaushuppe-yama; ignore this and continue north to Himara-yama. The trail continues on to Bunzo-dake 文三岳 (1755m) and eventually all the way to Shirataki if you have the time and backpacking gear. If not, return to the cairn then drop back down to the trailhead by the original trail and snowfields.

TRANSPORT

By car: Leave the Asahikawa-Monbetsu Express way or Route 333 at Shirataki and take a minor road past the old Kita-Daisetsu ski area to join local Route 558. At the end of the paved road is a signposted forest road to the trailhead. There is a portable toilet and a reasonably sized parking area, with a further parking area a little before the trailhead itself. **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. It is necessary to cross snowfields that will be larger early in the season, are steep in places and may require crampons or microspikes if icy. It is also possible to lose the way here, especially in bad visibility. 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

There are no onsen near the trailhead. If heading west there is the rustic Kyowa Onsen 共和温泉 just north of the small town of Aibetsu 愛別町; to the east there are onsen past Maruseppu. ■

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)

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

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