



# Maetokachi (Taisho Crater)

前十勝 (大正火口) Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

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

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## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

	Route (time between points)		Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	National Highway		Power transmission lines
	Prefectural Road		Trees/shrubs
	Municipal Road		Rocks/cliffs
	Minor Municipal Road		Onsen (hot spring)
	Walkway		Fumerole
	Bus route (bus stop)		Highway number
	Designated campsite		Hut



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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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4.5hrs Time	578m Total Climb	1650m Highest point
6.5km Distance	7.5/10 Difficulty	Dec-May Best season

**Maetokachi (前十勝, 1,790m)** can be approached from a few different angles. The classic, easily navigable route heads up the Kabawara Ridge, but that can sometimes be buffeted by high winds. If the weather is otherwise clear with good visibility, then it might be worth hopping from one sheltered rocky outcrop to another, and taking some time out of the wind at the very basic Tokachi Emergency Shelter Hut. From the shelter it is possible to access a nice downhill run in a bowl that runs all the way from the very active Taisho Crater (大正火口) fumeroles back to the hut.

## LOCATION

Maetokachi is situated in the Tokachi mountain range, in central Hokkaido. The start location - the Hakuginso Lodge - is about 3 hours drive east from Sapporo, or 5hrs by train and bus.

## GENERAL NOTES

The broad northwest facing face of Maetokachi is a veritable playground in the winter. The route here cuts across the base of Maetokachi and goes via the Tokachidake Emergency Shelter Hut, joining up with an official Tokachi-dake (十勝岳, 2,077m) trail. It is not a particularly popular route because of the lengthy traverse to the hut – in less windy conditions the route up the Kabawara Ridge is a much more direct approach to good skiing. But in windy but good visibility conditions, this Taisho Crater route can offer some good alternative options. There were two ski lifts in this area until the eruption of 1989, after which the ski area was closed.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. About 1.5 hours from Hakuginso Lodge to the Tokachidake Hinangoya Hut (十勝岳避難小屋), and another one hour from the hut to just below the Taisho Crater. The route marked here follows a faint ridge up to the crater, with a prominent wide gully to the climber's left. In stable conditions, this wide gully can offer some excellent skiing on the return to the hut - about 20 minutes for the ski from the crater to hut. The return from the hut to the Hakuginso Lodge is an ever so slight downhill traverse - some poling may be required.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** Hakuginso Lodge has ample parking in their carpark. If not staying at the lodge, cars/campers can be parked overnight at the lodge carpark for a nominal fee.

**Public transport:** From JR Kami-Furano Train Station (上富良野駅), there is a bus, run by the Kami-Furano Town Bus company, that runs to the Hakuginso Lodge at Fukiage Onsen. You'll want to catch the *tokachidake-onsen-yuki* (十勝岳温泉行き) bus from the train station and get off at the Hakuginso (白銀荘) bus stop. As of February 2019, there were three buses per day there (08:52, 12:49, 16:31). The fare is around 500yen one way, and it takes around 30 minutes.

## SAFETY NOTES

Once you're out of the woods surrounding the Hakuginso Lodge, the traverse to the Tokachidake Emergency Shelter Hut is quite featureless – it would be easy to get disoriented in low visibility conditions. The altitudes in these areas are much higher than the snowy playgrounds elsewhere in Hokkaido – be extra respectful of mother nature here. As with any above-the-treeline winter routes in Hokkaido, this route is particularly susceptible to high winds and bone-chilling temperatures. At the



### TOKACHIDAKE EMERG. HUT



**Details:** Very basic emergency eruption shelter. No heating, no beds. May have to dig snow away from door to gain entry.  
**Capacity:** 10 persons.  
**Cost:** Free.  
**Contact:** Biei Town Office (美瑛町役場)  
TEL: 0166-92-1111.

lodge it is regularly below -15°C, so with windchill near Taisho Crater, it will quite happily get to below -25°C. Don't take this mountain lightly.

## ONSEN NEARBY

The Hakuginso Lodge is an onsen – a very nice one at that. They charge 600yen for day visitors. 10 minutes walk down the road from the lodge is the natural, free, mixed-gender Fukiage Onsen (吹上温泉露天風呂). The Ryouunkaku Onsen (凌雲閣, 600yen per person – accessible by same bus that gets you to Hakuginso Lodge) has an incredible view, and they also offer lunch. ■



### HAKUGINSO



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**Details:** Fully serviced mountain lodge. Massive onsen attached with mixed bathing area (swimsuits OK). Full self-catering kitchen, bunk beds, basement drying room and ski racks. Basic foodstuffs available.  
**Capacity:** 70 persons.  
**Cost:** 3,250yen per night.  
**Contact:** Hakuginso Lodge (吹上温泉保養センター 白銀荘), TEL: 0167-45-4126.  
**Booking details:** Lodge busy on weekends - booking highly recommended.

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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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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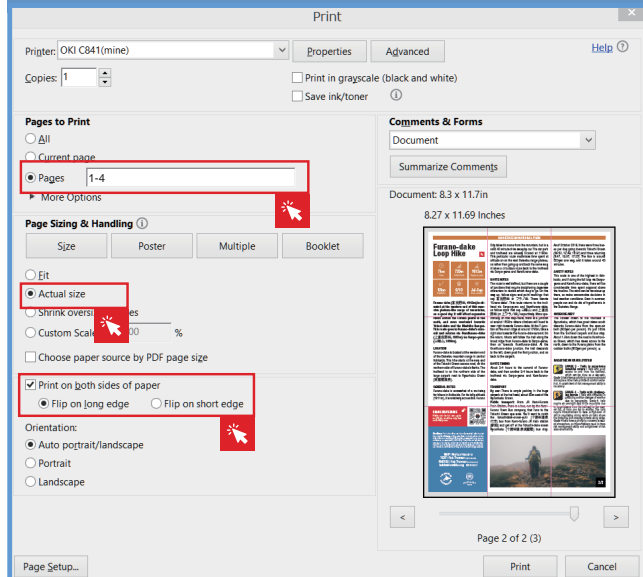


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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