



Tarumae-zan Ski Touring















Taruame-zan (樽前山, 1041m) is a very active volcano on the southern side of Lake Shikotsu caldera, about 40km south of Sapporo City. The summit gives expansive views of Lake Shikotsu and the Tomakomai Plains. Almost perpetual wind strips the upper ridges of snow, so crampons are recommended. If approaching the mountain on ski, then you may find that you'll need to depot the skis part way up. The hut at the summer trailhead has a hutkeeper year round, but is not available for overnight stays, except in an emergency.

LOCATION

This winter route up Tarumae-zan starts from the junction of Route 141 and Route 276, next to Lake Shikotsu. Note that this is nowhere near the official trailhead, which is next to the hut. In winter, Route 141, as well as the gravel access road to the hut, is not open.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: http://bit.ly/taruski



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GENERAL NOTES

Tarumae-zan is a popular volcano to climb in the non-snow months. It is known as a relatively easy half-day hike for some amazing views of Lake Shikotsu below. In the winter months, however, persistent wind howls cross its crater, stripping snow from its exposed ridges, leaving ice and rock in its wake. The 6.5km from the main Route 276 next to the lake to the hut can't be driven in winter either. This means it is a long walk along relatively flat terrain just to get to the trailhead. If you're willing to make the trek, however, Tarumaezan can be a fantastic good-weather winter hike. Making the approach on skis is highly recommended, as this will make the return much faster.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

In winter, it is best to assume you'll be navigating on your own, with no route markers, from the hut to the summit. Bank on about 3 hours total from the Route 276 road junction to the summit. Expect around 2 hours to the hut. On the return, expect about 1.5 hours — on skis there will be some poling to be done, as Route 141 is not particularly steep. If you're on skis, you probably won't need skins on the descent along the road.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is room for about 10 cars in a cleared parking lot at the Route 276 junction. **Public transport:** There are no public transport options for this route.

SAFETY NOTES

Tarumae-zan is not to be taken lightly in winter. There are no defining features once you're

past the hut, so it would be very easy to get disoriented in low visibility. The wind on the treeless slopes can be fierce.

ONSEN NEARBY

There are a handful of onsen in the main Shikotsu Village, on the eastern shores of Lake Shikotsu. For cheap-and-cheerful, try the Kyuka-no-Mura Shikotsuko (休暇の村支笏湖). They don't have an outdoor bath, but they're open later (till 5pm) than any other onsen in the area. For something more upmarket, Mizu-no-Uta (水の歌), next to the bus stop, can't be beaten.



PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

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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.

STFP 4

For double-sided printing, select "Print on both sides of paper".

STFP 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.



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