



倶多楽湖 Lake Touring Map 1:25000



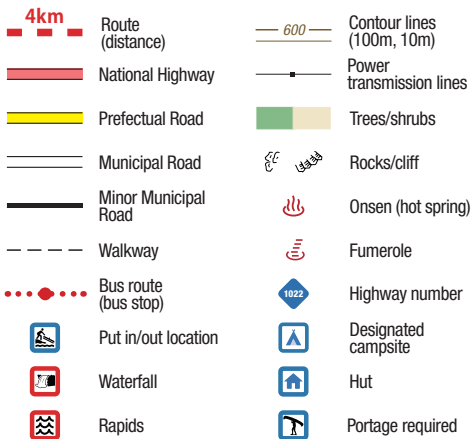
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1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
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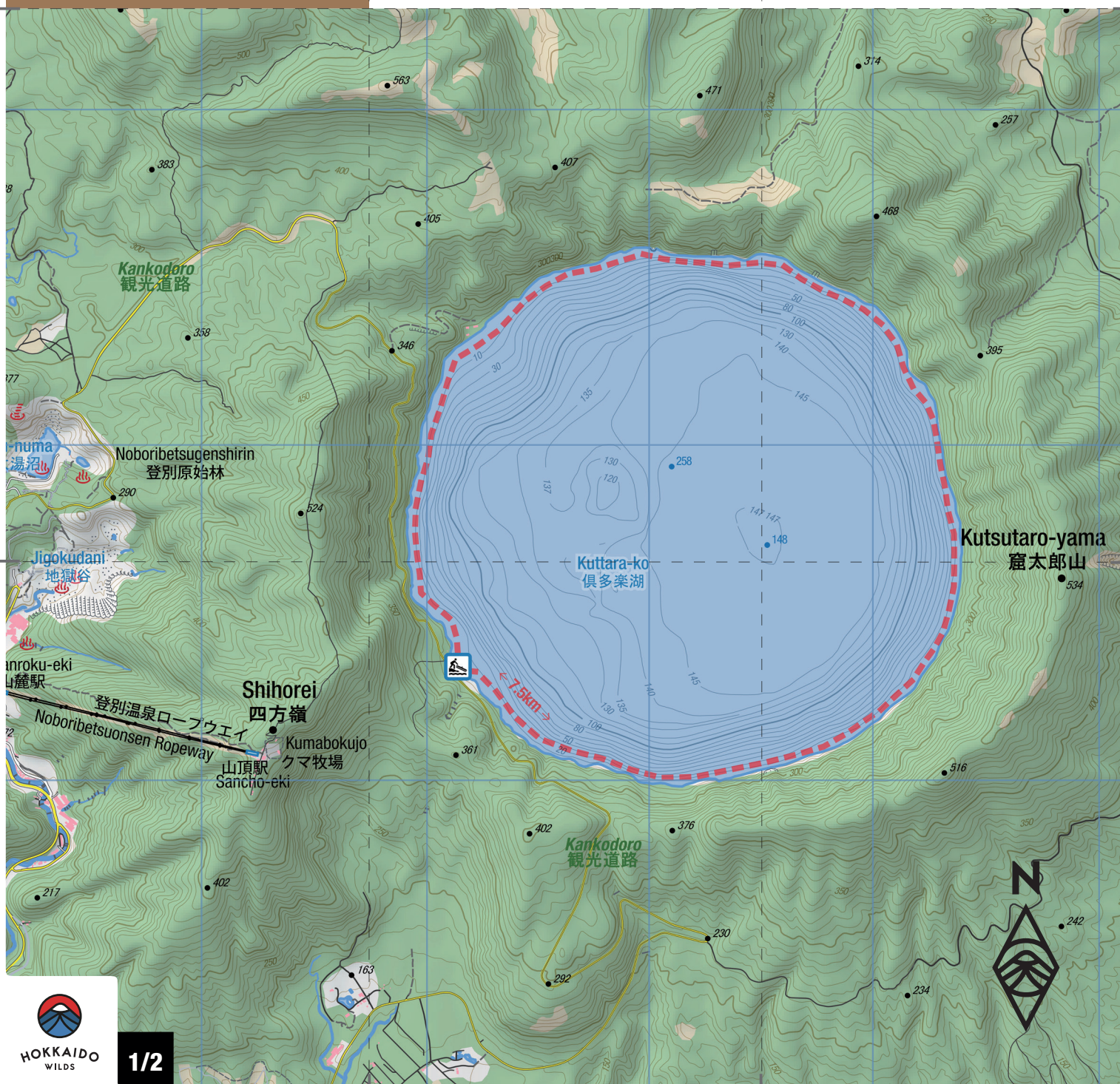


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Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
<i>bashi/hashi</i>	橋	bridge
<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>hinagoya</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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Lake Kuttara Canoeing



3hrs
Time



7.5km
Distance



5/10
Difficulty



4/5
Remoteness



5/5
Water clarity



Jun-Oct
Best season

Lake Kuttara (倶多楽湖) is a perfect-circle caldera lake, situated in the Shikotsu-Toya National Park. It's fed only by rainwater so the water is uncannily clear. There's a number of pristine, remote beaches far, far from any civilization, only accessible by canoe. Take a picnic lunch and enjoy being far away from the madding crowds for a bit. Despite its near-perfection for a canoe destination, you'll mostly find it devoid of other lake users. You'll have the place to yourself.

LOCATION

Lake Kuttara is located just east of the bustling tourist trap that is Noboribetsu Onsen, about 60km south of Sapporo City. You'd hardly notice though – the 7km drive from the onsen resort area seems to be too much of an ask for any but the most intrepid of tourists. You'll certainly have the lake to yourself. Park up at the Lake Kuttara parking lot on the left hand side of the only building on the lakefront. From there, it is a short portage down some steps to the shore.



GENERAL NOTES

The mind boggles a bit as to why this lake doesn't feature more widely in guidebooks and canoe tour operations. The water is some of the most gorgeous we've seen in Hokkaido, varying between emerald green to deep turquoise blue, with a beautiful white sand lake floor to reflect all that colorful goodness. Perhaps it is the near perfect circular shape that puts people off – symmetry's not everyone's cup of tea, perhaps. Either way, the lake is a very worthwhile, remote destination for a morning's paddle. With only one building on the lake, and extremely limited road access, this lake is relatively remote. Make sure you have some form of emergency contact with the outside world, such as a SPOT or inReach device – there's no cell access on the lake or at the put in location. Also note that there's no toilets available at the lake or at the Paddle Street lodge.

Ecosystem concerns: Lake Kuttara is a delicate ecosystem with no outlet waterways. To avoid contamination, all watercraft should be washed well, away from the lake, before putting in

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Take a picnic lunch and a cup 'o tea and make this a leisurely three hour potter. There's a number of beaches along the way, and an interesting cave-like rock formation to explore. Put in at the main parking lot access area, and then choose your direction around the lake. The interesting cave-like rock formation in the cliffs is about 20 minutes paddle anti-clockwise around the lake from the lodge. The most interesting beach is about 4km paddle around the lake, directly opposite the lodge.

TRANSPORT

By car | There's plenty of parking on either side

of the lodge at the lake.

Public transport | There's no public transport to the lake. Noboribetsu Onsen, however, is accessible by public transport (Google Maps will assist). From there, expect about 3,000yen for a taxi ride to the lake – about 8km. Note that there's no mobile reception at the lake, so you'll need to arrange a time for a taxi to come pick you up at the end of the paddle.

SAFETY NOTES

As mentioned above, Lake Kuttara is close but very far from civilization – there's no mobile phone reception at the lake at all, and the only road access to the lake is at the Paddle Street lodge at the main car-park. If you're at the opposite side of the lake, it is a long way from anywhere. Make sure to be carrying some form of emergency contact, such as a SPOT or inReach device.

ONSEN NEARBY

Noboribetsu Onsen is one of the most famous hotspring resort areas in Hokkaido, and is only 7km away from the lake. So naturally this is our first choice when it comes to a post-paddle soak. Note that all the main hotels in the Noboribetsu Onsen area are quite expensive. They're all very full-featured, so expect about 1000yen per person. For a full blowout onsen experience, try the Takimotokan (第一滝本間, 2000yen, location). The outdoor baths have views over the main Noboribetsu Onsen geothermal area, and the indoor baths are huge, with three-story high ceilings. If you're looking for a more reasonable down-to-earth soaking experience, try the Shiki Ryokan (四季旅館) to the settlement to the west, here (500yen per person). ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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EXTRA DETAILS

Lake Details: This route is on Lake Kuttara (倶多楽湖), or Kuttar-us-to in the Ainu indigenous language. The lake is a natural lake, about 2.4km wide and 2.4km long. Lake Kuttara has a shoreline of 8km, a maximum depth of 148m and an average depth of 105m. Water clarity (visibility) is 19m, and surface elevation is 258m.

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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