



# Muroran-dake

室蘭岳 Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 9° 32' 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		Water
	Hut		



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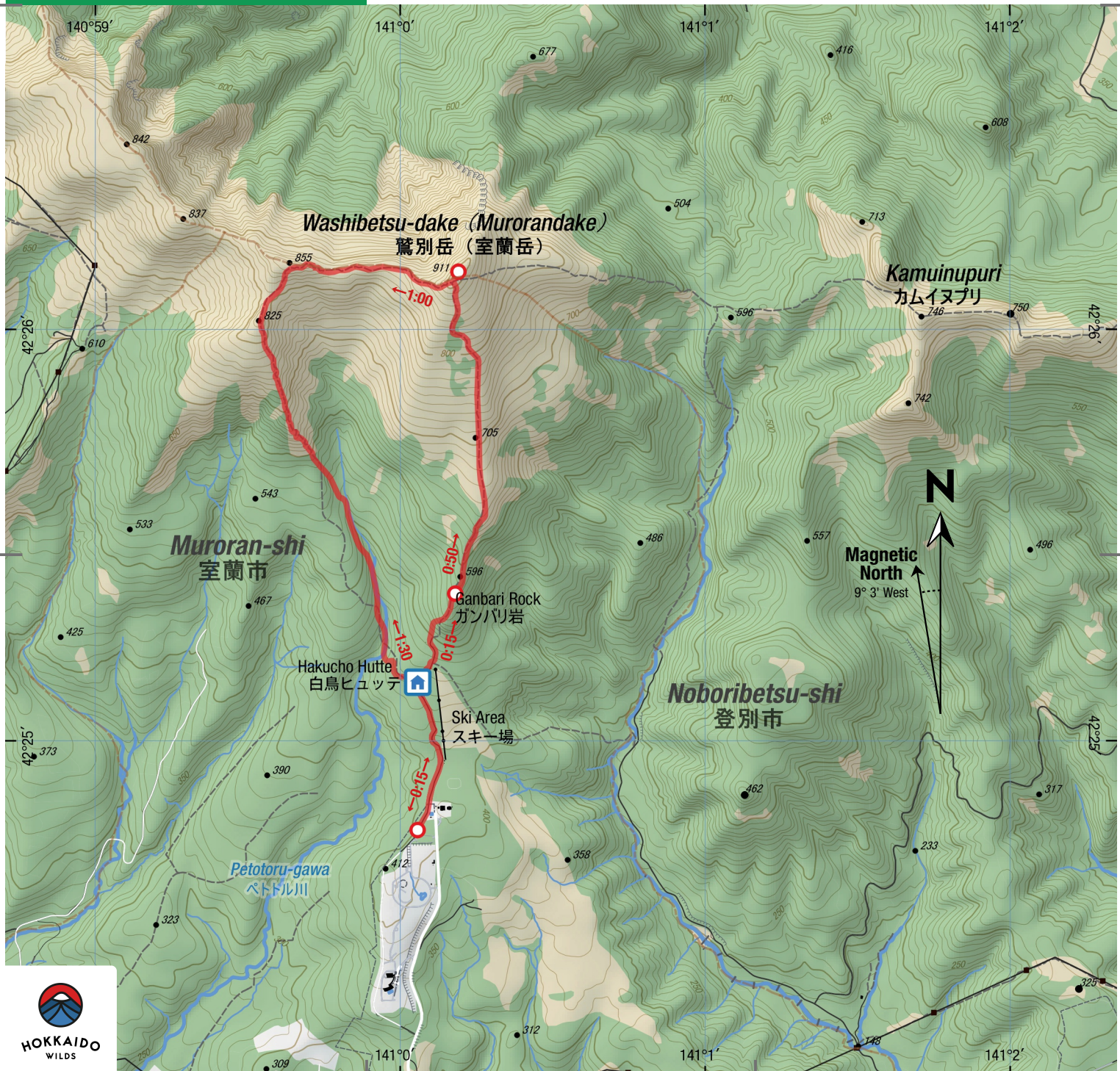


## Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
<i>bunki cho</i>	分岐町	junction town
<i>dake/mine eki</i>	岳/峯 駅	peak station
<i>goya/koya hinangoya ike</i>	小屋 避難小屋 池	hut shelter pond
<i>kawa/gawa kako</i>	川 火口	river crater
<i>ko/mizumi kyo</i>	湖 峡	lake gorge
<i>numa</i>	沼	pond
<i>onsen</i>	温泉	hot spring
<i>sawa</i>	沢	stream
<i>taira/daira tani/dani</i>	平 谷	plateau valley
<i>taki</i>	滝	waterfall
<i>toge</i>	峠	pass
<i>yama/san/zan</i>	山	mountain

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We created this map using the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan digital basemap (tiles) and basemap data, with the Authority director's permission (no. Hei-30-joshi, dai-867-go). We also modified 1:25000 scale vegetation map data created by the Biodiversity Center of Japan (<http://gis.biodic.go.jp/>).



# Muroran-dake Loop Hike



3hrs

Time



485m

Total Climb



911m

Highest point



6.5km

Distance



3/10

Difficulty



Jun-Oct

Best season

**Mt. Muroran (室蘭岳, 911m)** is a simple half-day hike about 8km north of central Muroran City on the south coast of Hokkaido. Along the way is the cute little Hakucho Hut - it's free to stay overnight, and the hutkeeper is friendly and helpful. From the top of Mt. Muroran, you'll have great views across Lake Toya to the north, and the Pacific Ocean to the south. On the way down the Western Ridge Track, the industrial town of Muroran will be in sight most of the way..

## LOCATION

This half-day hike starts at the Danpara Ski Area, about 8km north of central Muroran City on the south coast of Hokkaido. Mt Muroran essentially sits between the Pacific Ocean and Lake Toya, so the peak offers views across both.

## GENERAL NOTES

Mt. Muroran (室蘭岳) is not the official name of this mountain – it's actually Mt. Washibetsu (鷲別岳). It was named Mt.



Washibetsu in the Edo period, but goes by Mt. Muroran these days. In the non-snow months, the hike up Mt. Muroran is an easy one. It has amazing bang-for-buck value, due to the views across both Lake Toya and the Pacific Ocean. This particular route guide does the full loop from the hut (Hakucho Hutte) up the Summer Trail, then traverses west along to the Western Ridge Trail for the descent. Arguably this is the preferred direction (anti-clockwise around the loop), as the descent down the Western Ridge offers sustained and unobstructed views of Muroran City and Oshima Peninsula the entire way down.

## ROUTE NOTES

The route is signposted (in Japanese) at all major junctions. From the ski area carpark to the hut is 15 minutes. From the hut to the Mt. Muroran summit is about 1 hour.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is ample parking (130 car carpark) just before the ski area.

**Public transport:** There are no public transport options for this route.

## SAFETY NOTES

Despite a relative lack of snow (compared with Rusutsu only 30km north), in the snow-bound months (mid-November till early May), the mountain is home to very harsh winter weather and is not to be taken lightly. The hutkeeper informed us that Mt. Muroran has the third-most frequent search and rescue callouts of any mountain in Hokkaido. Known as an easy climb, the mountain does tend to attract the unprepared. Distances are short, but that's no excuse not to be prepared.

## ONSEN NEARBY

If you're heading back to Sapporo City, then it would be worth dropping into Noboribet-

su Onsen (登別温泉) on the way home for a soak. You'll have to expect to pay around 1,500yen for the onsen here, but they are very impressive – massive complexes with great outdoor pool options. The two I've been to include Noboribetsu Grand Hotel (1,500yen per person) and the Takimoto-kan (2,000yen per person or 1,500yen after 4pm). The Grand Hotel has a gorgeous outdoor bathing area, whereas the Takimoto-kan has the most enormous indoor bathing area I've ever experienced. It also looks out over the Noboribetsu geothermal area. There are also plenty of more reasonable places to have a soak – <http://noboribetsu-spa.jp/pickup/higaeri/> ■



HAKUCHO HÜTTE



**Details:** Cute little cabin only 15mins walk from trailhead, with roaring hot fire. Year-round hutkeeper.

**Capacity:** 30 persons.

**Cost:** Free.

**Management:** Muroran Gymnasium (室蘭市体育館)

**Contact:** TEL: 0143-44-7521.

**Booking details:** No need to book.

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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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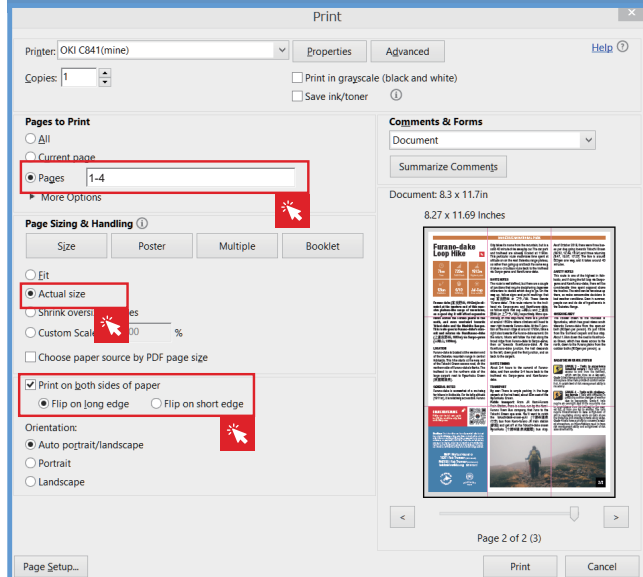


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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