



Daisetsu Kogen Onsen Numa-meguri

大雪高原温泉沼めぐり Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m
1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 34' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | 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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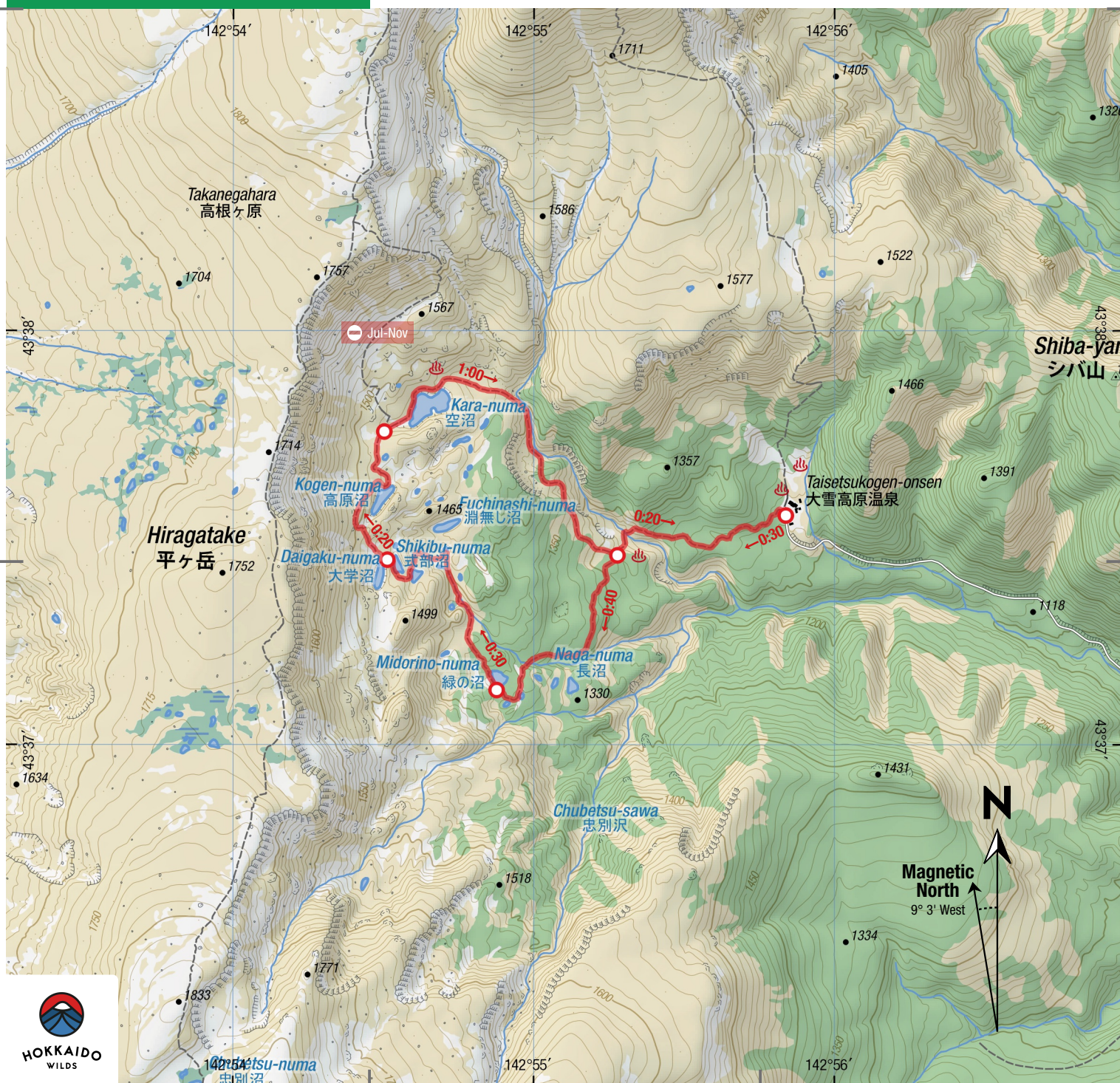


Japanese Map Glossary

| Romaji | Kanji | English |
|---------------|-------|---------------|
| bunki cho | 分岐町 | junction town |
| dake/mine eki | 岳/峯 駅 | peak 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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5hrs
Time



274m
Total Climb



1507m
Highest point



6.8km
Distance



6/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

The Daisetsu Kogen Onsen Numa-meguri (大雪高原温泉沼巡り) is a high-altitude sub-alpine dayhike, weaving through a cluster of 16 pristine mountain tarns. The full circuit was only very recently re-opened to the public after lengthy trail reconstruction on the latter part of the route. The area is also home to large numbers of Ussuri brown bears. This makes it one of the most likely locations one will see one of these beautiful creatures in the wild in Hokkaido. Entry to the area is highly regulated - visitors need to take part in a short lecture on rules and bear safety before being granted entry.

LOCATION

This hike around the mountain tarns near Daisetsu Kogen Onsen is on the northeastern side of the Daisetsuzan mountain range, within the Daisetsuzan National Park, in central Hokkaido. The hike starts at the Daisetsu Kogen Onsen Brown Bear Information Center (大雪高



原温泉高原ヒグマ情報センター) next to the Kogen Onsen Lodge (高原温泉山荘).

GENERAL NOTES

This hiking route is not a hike-when-you-please route. There are strict regulations stipulating trail walking direction (clockwise), opening times (7am till 3pm), trail entry times (7am till 1pm), rest areas on the trail, and indeed trail openings and closures. Follow the Bear Information Center staff's instructions. In particular, the trail may close from Kogen-numa (高原沼) onwards when higher than usual bear activity is recorded. The trail from the Bear Information Center to Kogen-numa is, however, usually open. Check in with the Bear Information Center on their website for up to date information.

Route difficulty: The full circuit is suitable for experienced and fit hikers. There's a lot of clambering over large boulders, some stream-bed walking, and distances are large. The trail until Kogen-numa is suitable for confident beginners and up. It's fairly well surfaced, but there are steep stairs to contend with, and there are plenty of ups and downs, and roots to clamber over.

ROUTE NOTES

A full circuit will take strong hikers up to 5 hours to complete. A return trip to and back from Midori-numa (緑沼) will likely take about 2 hours. The trail is well signposted and clearly defined. The only way to access this hiking route from the Daisetsu Kogen Onsen carpark is through the Bear Information Center. Just enter the building, take part in the 10-minute lecture (also offered in English), and then head out the side of the building to the trail proper. The trail spends about 30 minutes through varied forest before coming to a junction, just after a very active geothermal gully. Carry on straight past the junction – you'll descend from the route to the right on the way down, if the full circuit route is open. From the junction, you'll walk via the main larger tarns, some with short access trails. Only eat at the designated spots. Just after Kogen-numa, there's

a junction with a trail headed to the left headed up to the Takanegahara Plateau – this trail is mostly closed during the hiking season. It passes through Hokkaido's most active brown bear area. If the route beyond Kogen-numa is open, you'll now be on a much rougher, less well-trodden path. Expect some slippery and rough stream-bed walking along the way.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is ample parking available at the enormous parking area near the Bear Information Center. Note that there are also public toilets at the car parking area – many people will sleep in their cars overnight there to get an early start. During the autumn rush (autumn colors), (last week of September), private cars cannot drive to the trailhead – a shuttle bus will be running from about 10km from the lodge.

Public transport: This route is not accessible by public transport. A taxi from Sounkyo will likely cost around 8,000yen for the 40-minute one-way trip. Note that those staying at the Daisetsu Kogen Lodge can make use of the free shuttle bus from Sounkyo.

SAFETY NOTES

Bear Information Center staff warnings should be taken seriously, both in regards to bear safety and environmental conditions. By Hokkaido standards this is a high-altitude hike, with real risk of hypothermia for poorly equipped hikers. Pack appropriately for a variety of weather conditions.

ONSEN NEARBY

The Daisetsu Kogen Lodge (大雪高原山荘, 800yen) is just next to the Brown Bear Center. It is full of character, with stuffed bears in the hallways, and carvings of bears on the walls. The onsen itself is great too – undiluted mineral hot spring water in wood-lined baths, plus a good outdoor bath. Highly recommended. ■

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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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