



Oakan-dake

Akan-Mashu National Park

雄阿寒岳 Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 9° 14' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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

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</i>	小屋 避難小屋	hut 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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Oakan-dake Dayhike



6hrs Time	922m Total Climb	1370m Highest point
11km Distance	6/10 Difficulty	May-Oct Best season

The centerpieces of the Akan-Mashu National Park are the two volcanic peaks of Meakan-dake (one of Japan's 100 Famous Mountains) and Oakan-dake. Separated by Lake Akan with its popular resort, in Ainu they were known respectively as the Female Mountain and the Male Mountain, and this nomenclature has carried over into their Japanese names as well. Oakan-dake (雄阿寒岳, 1370m) is a classically shaped volcanic peak rising steeply out of a sea of primeval forest. While no longer active like its partner, it nevertheless gives a very worthwhile climb past some pretty small lakes and up through forests and alpine zones to a panoramic rocky summit.

LOCATION

The Akan-Mashu National Park 阿寒摩周国立公園 is in east Hokkaido, midway between the major cities of Kushiro on the Pacific coast and Abashiri on the Okhotsk coast. Oakan-dake lies east of



Lake Akan a few kms along Route 241 east of Akan Lakeside village 阿寒湖畔.

GENERAL NOTES

In Ainu the mountain is called *pin-neshiri*, man mountain. The nearby resort of Akan Lakeside 阿寒湖畔 has shops, onsen, accommodation and a campsite. The lake is famous for its spherical green balls of algae known as marimo. There is also an Ainu Kotan (village) with regular dance performances and shops selling woodcarvings. Despite the touristy nature of the place, behind the scenes it is an important centre for the transmission and development of contemporary Ainu culture. Some of the upmarket tourist hotels have displays of the work of the talented woodcarvers based here. The summer hiking season is from mid-May into October.

ROUTE NOTES

Hikers should bank on just over 3 hours from trailhead to summit, and then just under 3 hours on the way down, for a total of 6 hours. The trail is well defined. The trailhead 雄阿寒岳登山口 is at 420m elevation a few meters down a signed track that turns north off Route 241 a short way west of the junction with Route 240 to Teshikaga. The path crosses the outflow of Lake Akan then skirts round a couple of small lakes, Taro-ko 太郎湖 and Jiro-ko 次郎湖, then into mature forests without too much climbing for the first hour or so. Then it begins to get steeper and as you gain height the forest thins out into birch and haimatsu dwarf pine up to a shoulder in about another hour. From here it is generally less steep but when you reach the old crater there is a final section with some ups and downs before reaching the summit after another hour. Return by the same route.

TRANSPORT

By car: Turn off Route 241 at a small signed turning a few km east of Akan Lakeside. A short way down the track there is a small parking area with public toilets.

Public transport: There is a bus stop nearby (Takiguchi 滝口) that is served infrequently by

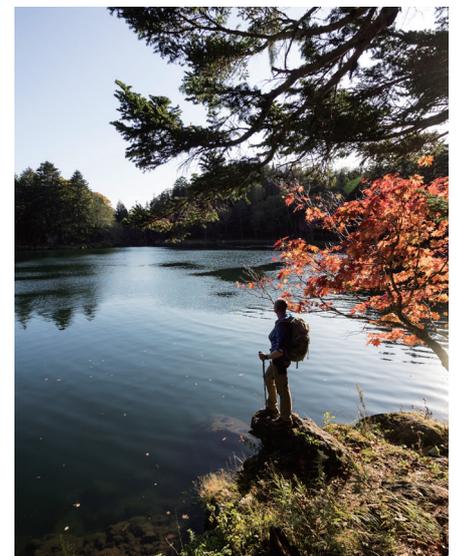
the Akan Bus service between Kushiro and Akan Lakeside (0154-37-2221). See the timetable information links in the online post. In reality, it's probably more practical to get a taxi from the Akan Township. It's only about 4km (5 minutes) from the township to the trailhead. Akan Nature Center (阿寒ネイチャーセンター, TEL: 0154-67-2801) also offers bicycle rental, but they've only got four bicycles on offer. Booking ahead is very highly recommended.

SAFETY NOTES

The upper slopes and summit are very exposed to the wind and the appropriate bad weather gear should be taken. The usual bear precautions should be followed.

ONSEN NEARBY

There are many onsen facilities back at Akan Lakeside. For an onsen with a view of the lake, try the New Akan Hotel (ニュー阿寒ホテル, 1300yen). Their onsen is open from noon till 5pm. For something a little cheaper, try Marimo-yu (まりも湯, 500yen). They've got a basic natural indoor onsen. Google Maps says Marimo-yu is 'permanently closed' but word is they'll be re-opening in spring 2020. ■



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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

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STEP 5

For best results, select the highest quality print option available on your printer (settings will vary).

STEP 6

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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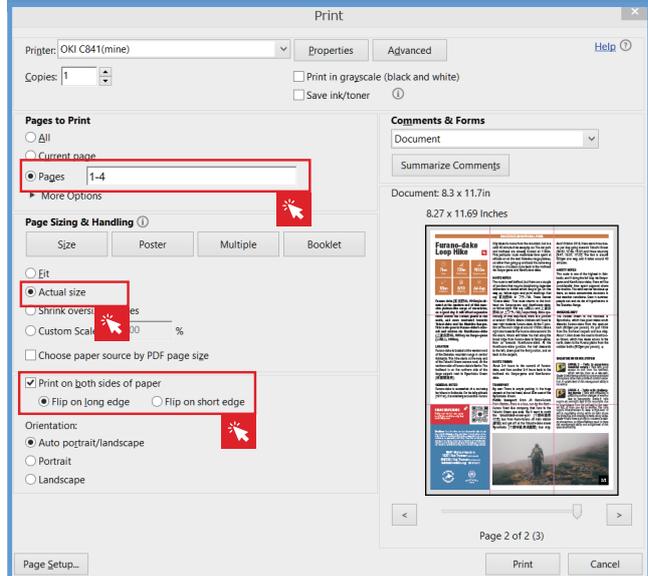


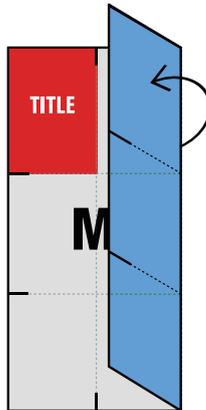
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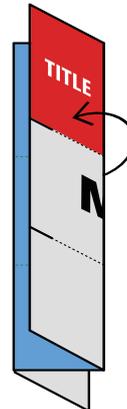
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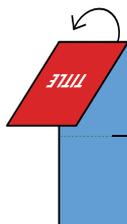
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