

# Shari-dake **Dayhike**















Shari-dake (斜里岳, 1547m), one of Japan's 100 Famous Mountains 百名 山, is an extinct volcano that rises out of the coastal plain of east Hokkaido about halfway between the hills of Akan and Shiretoko, Reaching the narrow summit ridge requires occasional mild scrambling and boulder hopping up a stream bed but on a clear day the effort is amply rewarded by commanding views over eastern Hokkaido, the caldera lakes of Mashu-ko and Kussharo-ko and the sea of Okhotsk.

## LOCATION

Shari-dake lies south of the small town of Shari 斜里町, about 40km east of Abashiri on the Okhotsk Sea coast. midway between the National Parks of Akan and Shiretoko in eastern Hokkaido. The closest town is Kiyosato 清里町, a few kms from Shari. This hiking trail up Shari-dake starts at the Seigakuso Hut on the western side of the mountain.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

The mountain is the source of the Shari

## **ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE** Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and ex-



tra safety notes: https://hokw.jp/

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River, most likely a corruption of the Ainu saru meaning wetlands where reeds grow. Along with other nearby hills the range was known in Ainu as Onnenupuri, parent mountains (Hokkaido Natsuyama Gaido 6, p.50).

The trail splits into two partway up, the Old Route 旧道 which follows the stream, and the New Route 新道 which climbs up to a ridge above before rejoining near the top of the stream. If conditions are good it is better to climb up the Old Route and descend via the New Route but if water levels are high if may be better to use the New Route both ways. The summer hiking season is from mid-June 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 starts from the car park by the Seigakuso hut at about 680m elevation and is well defined, with signposts at junctions and pink tape marking the stream crossings. After a short distance it joins a forest road for a few hundred meters until you meet the stream. From here the route crosses and recrosses the stream multiple times - look out for the pink tape markers. In under an hour you should reach the first junction with the New Route 新道 at Shimofutamata 下二股. Continue straight on up the Old Route 旧道 with more stream crossings and some mild scrambling in places. After another hour you reach the second junction where the New Route rejoins at Kamifutamata 上二股. From here the stream is much smaller and you soon branch off up the hillside to an eroded shoulder on the ridge at Umanose 馬ノ背 in about half an hour. Turn left and climb the ridge past a small shrine to the summit in another 20-30 minutes. On the descent, retrace your steps to the Kamifutamata junction and then turn left to take the New Route down along a ridge until it drops down to rejoin the stream.

## **TRANSPORT**

By car: From Local Routes 857 or 1115 south

of the small town of Kiyosato 清里町 look for signs to the trailhead turning off east. These take you along minor roads to the large car park at the trailhead, here, at a height of about 680m.

**Public transport:** This route is not accessible by public transport. A taxi from the Kiyosato-cho JR train station (清里町 駅) to the trailhead (15km) will likely cost around 4000yen one way. Call Kiyosato Hire (清里ハイヤー) to book a taxi -TEL: 0152-25-2538.

#### **SAFETY NOTES**

The summit ridge is exposed to the wind and the appropriate bad weather gear should be taken. The multiple stream crossings and boulder hopping on the Old Route will be more difficult if water levels are high during or after heavy rain. The usual bear precautions should be taken.

#### **ONSEN NEARBY**

There is a basic indoor onsen down the hill in Kiyosato with sauna and relaxation room called Ryokuseiso (緑清荘, 450yen). Papas Land Onsen (パパスラン ド温泉, 390yen) a bit further southwest is also good - there's an attached local produce store (michi-no-eki), restaurant, and the onsen here has a nice outdoor pool. There are many more onsen to the southwest in the nearby town of Kawayu 川湯, and along the shores of Lake Kussharo 屈斜路湖. ■



# 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 achive 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).

#### STFP 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.

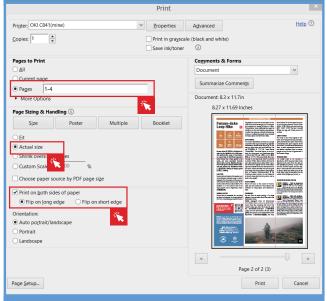


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

# **ORIGAMI INSTRUCTIONS**

