



Lake Kanayama


かなやま湖Canoeing Map1:25000





4 hr  
Time

14km  
Distance

4/10  
Difficulty

2/5  
Remoteness

3/5  
Water clarity

May-Oct  
Best season

Home to lavender fields, campgrounds, canoe ports, a beach, grassy knolls, and an onsen, Lake Kanayama (かなやま湖) is one of the more picturesque man-made lakes in Hokkaido. It sits just to the west of the quiet town of Minami-furano on the western side of the Hidaka Range. The lake is what justifies Minami-furano town’s ubiquitous canoe-themed road signs. If you’re looking for a very relaxing weekend camping getaway with a canoe in tow, this lake should be high on your list.

LOCATION  
Lake Kanayama sits just west of the



– we didn’t actually look at this spot – there’s a large parking area at the northern end of the lake on the southern shoreline which may also allow access to the lake.

GENERAL NOTES  
Lake Kanayama has been bestowed many an accolade, pertaining to its apparent beauty as an artificial lake. The campground lives up to this praise – it’s a gorgeous, well maintained, gently sloping campground with good facilities. The artificial beach at the campground is also nice enough. The ice-fishing on the lake in winter is also said to be excellent. Like most man-made lakes in Hokkaido however, it’s very rarely kept full, so paddling the lake comes hand in hand with towering, scarred shorelines. The somewhat ageing recreational infrastructure around the lake is well-suited to canoeing though, so the lake is most certainly a nice spot to spend a couple of relaxing nights camping at.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES  
Canoeing on Lake Kanayama can take as long or short as you wish. In order to paddle around the shoreline outlined on the map overleaf - around the southern end of the lake - you’d need to allow about 4 hours.

Start from any of the put-in locations listed above, and paddle to your heart’s content. Make note of the weather forecast, however, as wind can really whip up along the length of the lake at times. Access to the southwestern shoreline of the lake is limited – there are no roads down there – so do take care at that end of the lake

TRANSPORT  
By car I There is ample parking at all of the put-in locations outlined above, including the campground.



Public transport I The lake itself is accessible via JR bus to the Higashi-shikagoe JR Train Station (東鹿越駅), at the northern end of the lake. Trains no longer run to this station due to typhoon damage to the tracks. Check on Google for the timetable.

SAFETY NOTES  
As mentioned above, the southwestern shoreline of the lake is inaccessible by road, so escape options at this end of the lake are limited.

ONSEN NEARBY  
The only onsen on the lake is the cheap and cheerful Kanayama Hoyo Center (かなやま湖保養センター, 410yen). This basic hot-baths facility has one indoor bath for each gender.

CAMPGROUND  
The Kanayama Kohan Campground (かなやま湖畔キャンプ場) is situated on the northern shoreline of the picturesque Lake Kanayama in Minami-furano Town. It is a well-maintained campground with large, well maintained grassy areas, as well as bungalows. Expect 620yen per person per night to stay in the tent area (just over 2000yen per night for bungalows). There’s an expansive artificial beach at the campground, perfect for launching canoes. Just across the road is a nice onsen. ■

LAKE DETAILS


This route is on Lake Kanayama (かなやま湖).The lake is a dam lake, about 0.9km wide and 11km long. It has a shoreline of 30km and a maximum depth of 57m. The lake is at 253m above sea level.



Japanese Map Glossary		
Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	分岐	junction
cho	町	town
dake/mine	岳/峯	peak
eki	駅	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

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guides for GPS files, interactive maps, and extra safety notes: <http://hokw.jp/lkana>




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### STEP 1

Load your printer with A3 printer paper (297mm x 420mm). If you've only got Tabloid or Ledger size (279mm x 432 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)

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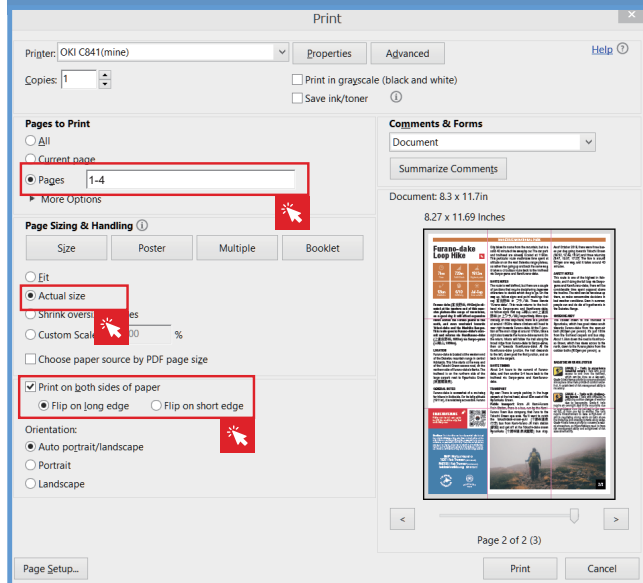
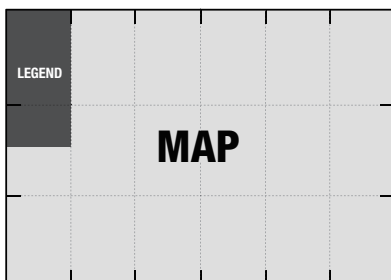


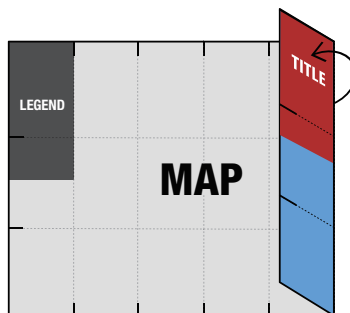
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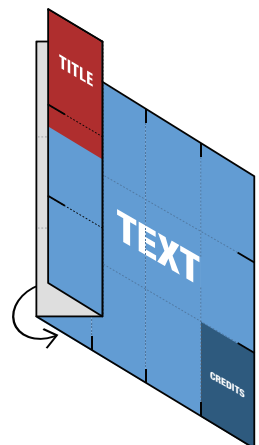
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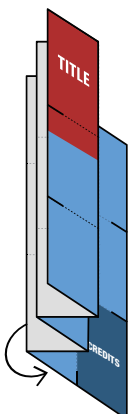
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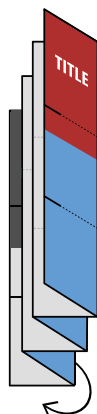
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