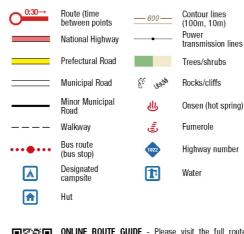


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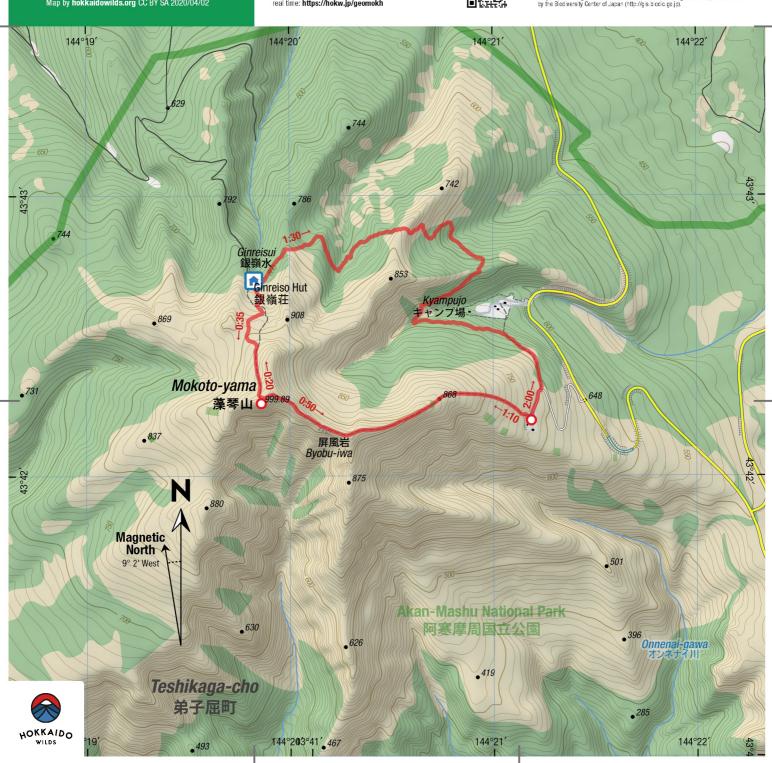
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# **Japanese Map Glossary**

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	 分岐	junction
cho	⊞Ţ	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	JH	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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# Mokoto-yama Loop Hike













Mokoto-yama (藻琴山, 1000m) is the highest point on the rim of the large caldera lake of Kussharo-ko 屈斜路湖, appearing as the prominent mountain at the north end of the lake. To reach the summit only requires a short and easy walk along the rim of the caldera with spectacular views across the lake to the mountains of Akan in the distance. From the rocky peak itself the panorama extends even further to the mountains and plains of the south and east. Starting from a relatively high altitude with a fairly gentle ascent this is a great walk for all the family on a fine day.

### LOCATION

Mokoto-yama is at the north end of Lake Kussharo, the largest caldera lake in Japan, in eastern Hokkaido near the town of Kawayu 川湯. The walk starts at Highland Koshimizu 725 Viewpoint ハイランド小清水725展望台 (facilities and toilets, 725m) above the lake just off local Route 102 about 15km from Kawayu.

# ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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## **GENERAL NOTES**

Mokoto-yama is the Japanese name for the mountain; the Ainu call it to-etok-shipe, the mountain behind the lake (Hokkaido Natsuyama Gaido 6, p.90). There is a campsite with cabins close to the trailhead, the Highland Koshimizu Campground (ハイランド小清水キャンプ場, TEL: 0152-62-4481). A network of well-signposted trails run around the back of the mountain to the Ginreiso Hut, the campsite and back to the car park so it is easy to extend the walk, though the paths go through the forest and this would mean forfeiting the views on the return. The summer hiking season is from May into November.

# **ROUTE NOTES**

The route timing above applies if just going up to the summit and back the way you came, along the summit ridge route. If doing the full loop outlined here via the hut, expect about 3.5hrs for the full loop: 1hr 20mins from carpark to summit, 25mins from summit to hut, and about 1.5hrs from the hut back to the carpark via the campground and forest trail.

The trail starts from the car park and is well defined and signposted. After a short but not too steep climb through dwarf pines it joins and follows the gently undulating ridge that forms the northern rim of the caldera. It passes a rocky outcrop then climbs up to an open space just below the summit where the trail to the Ginreiso Hut 銀嶺荘 branches off north.

The summit is a couple of minutes further on, just over an hour in total. Return the same way in less than an hour, or drop down to the Ginreiso Hut and take the longer trails through the forest that lead back to the campsite キャンプ場 and/or the car park at the viewpoint 展望台.

### **TRANSPORT**

By car: Take Route 391 north out of Kawayu for 4km then turn left onto local Route 102 for about 10km, passing one viewpoint, to the turn off to the Highland Koshimizu 725 Viewpoint ハイランド小清水725 where there is a large car park, toilets and a small cafeteria and souvenir stalls etc.

**Public transport:** This route is not accessible by public transport.

# **SAFETY NOTES**

Although this route is relatively short, the usual caveats about appropriate bad weather gear apply. The caldera rim and summit are exposed to the wind. The usual bear precautions should be taken.

## **ONSEN NEARBY**

There are many onsen in the nearby town of Kawayu 川湯, and along the shores of nearby Lake Kussharo 屈斜路湖. One favourite onsen on the Lake Kussharo lakefront is the (very public) open-air hotpool at the Kotan township. ■











**Details:** Pokey and basic but very warm and well insulated, has a good coal stove with coal supplied. Potable spring water just outside the hut. Built in 2013. Also available for use in winter - may need to enter from second floor at rear of hut.

Capacity: 10 persons.

Cost: Free.

Maintenance and Contact: South Abashiri Forestry Department (網走南部 森林管理署), TEL: 0152-62-2211

# PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 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".

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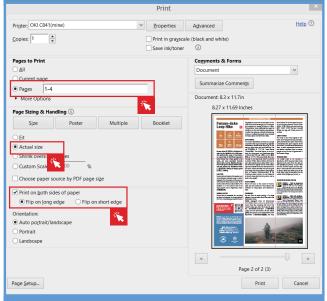


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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