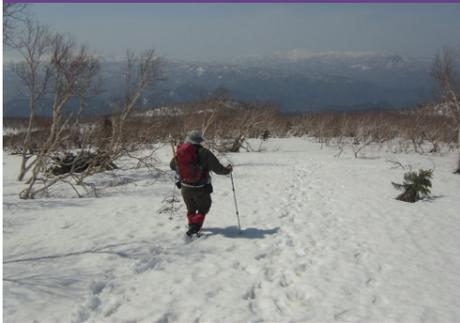




Sapporo-dake Traverse

札幌岳横断 Hiking Map 1:25000



7hrs

Time



1015m

Total Climb



1293m

Highest point



16km

Distance



7/10

Difficulty



Jun-Oct

Best season

Visible from the southern districts of Sapporo, the prominent pyramidal peak of Sapporo-dake (札幌岳, 1293m) appears as a worthy representative of the city, especially when crowned with snow. From the other side near Jozankei, however, the summit is a broad plateau gained after a steep ascent through forest. The usual summer route starts from near Hoheikyo Onsen, and is a fine day out. By using public bus services, however, a more adventurous expedition can be had by climbing the mountain via a wilder and less used path up the even

steeper northern slopes and traversing over the summit to drop down the normal route to Jozankei.

LOCATION

Sapporo-dake is just southwest of Sapporo City. The hike starts here, from the hamlet of Toyotaki 豊滝 halfway to Jozankei along Route 230 and ends close to Hoheikyo Onsen 豊平峡温泉, just south of Jozankei 定山溪.

GENERAL NOTES

According to the *Hokkaido Natsuyama Gaido* (2010, p.119), the route up from Toyotaki was

originally used by religious devotees but then fell into disuse. It is not for the inexperienced as it involves over 1000m of ascent, and is steep, rough and unsigned except for occasional pink tape on tree branches. The traverse is best done in this direction – from Toyotaki – though, to give you the pleasure of soaking away the exertions of the day in the wonderful rotenburo outside bath at Hoheikyo onsen.

The out and back trip from the Jozankei side to the Sapporo-dake summit and back, a more straightforward but still very worthwhile day out in its own right, is briefly described at the

end. The summer hiking season is from late May into November.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

From Toyotaki: The first half of the route up to the summit itself is not well marked though the path is mostly clear. From the bus stop (here) walk south through the hamlet of Toyotaki and continue to where the road turns sharply right after 45 minutes or so. Continue straight on up a dirt road for a couple of hundred meters to the trailhead 豊滝登山口 (390m elevation) in a clearing with a gate across the road. From here continue up the forest road for another hour till it ends, and look for pink tape markers to locate the path by a small stream coming in from the right, soon crossing over.

From here the trail climbs steeply up to gain a ridge, following this to finally merge with the main summit ridge in a bit under two hours. Here it joins the main traverse trail from Soranuma-dake 空沼岳 coming from the left. Turn right (west) and after a final steep pull reach the summit of Sapporo-dake in another half hour.

From here the descent follows the usual summer route northwest across the gently descending plateau of shrub birch and haimatsu creeping pine for 15 mins, before dropping down to a col and then traversing across a hillside and down to the Hiyamizu Hut in about an hour from the summit. From here



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continue on down the narrow creek for another hour to the trailhead, though unfortunately it is still about another 25 mins down the road to Hoheikyo.

From Jozankei to Sapporo-dake Summit:

The Hiyamizu trailhead 冷水登山口 is at 340m a short way past Hoheikyo Onsen if coming by car, or a 25 min walk if on foot. The trail follows a narrow creek for the first hour and a half through occasional stands of plantation conifers to emerge at the Hiyamizu Hut 冷水小屋. Go left of the hut and climb steeply up and across the hillside to a flatter area followed by a short climb up to the plateau. From here it's a stroll to the summit, an hour to an hour and a half from the hut.

TRANSPORT

By car: For the out and back route from Jozankei, turn off Route 230 just south of Jozankei to Hoheikyo Onsen 豊平峡温泉. Continue past the onsen and turn left soon after up to the trailhead 登山口 just before the end of the road, here, about 5 minutes from the onsen.

Public transport: For Toyotaki, take a local bus to Jozankei 定山溪温泉 (Jotetsu Bus, 011-572-3131) from Sapporo Station or Makomanai Station 真駒内駅 at the end of the Nanboku subway line. Get off at Toyotaki 豊滝. Buses return roughly every hour to Sapporo Station from Hoheikyo onsen car park (here) into the early evening. There is also a faster bus, the Kappa Liner かつぱライナー, between Hoheikyo and Sapporo Station though the last departure back to Sapporo is in the late afternoon.

SAFETY NOTES

This can be a dangerous place in bad weather with real risks of hypothermia for poorly equipped hikers. Conditions can change quickly, the summit plateau is very exposed to the wind and the upper slopes can be much colder than down at the trailhead. Carry appropriate gear. The stream crossings could be tricky after heavy rain. Despite being so close to Sapporo this is very much bear country.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen is the popular Hoheikyo Onsen (豊平峡温泉, 1000yen), with its large landscaped outside pool and Indian restaurant. There are many more just down the road in Jozankei. ■



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/saptrav>



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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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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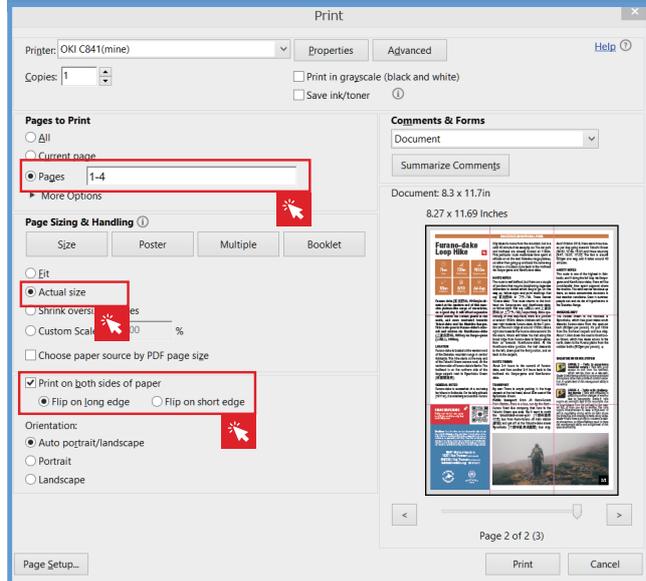
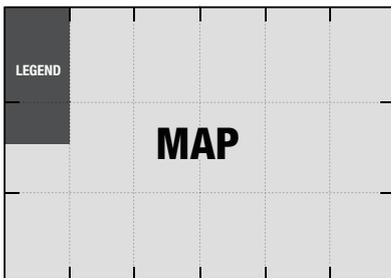


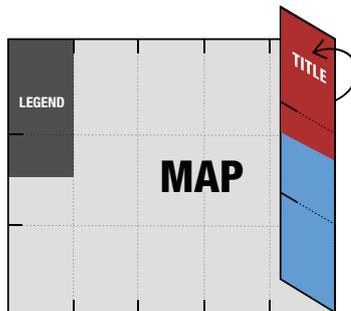
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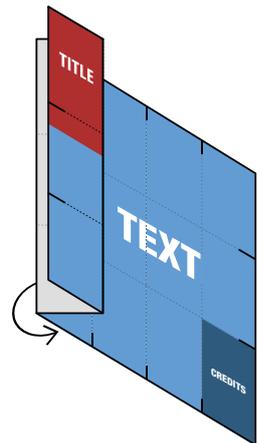
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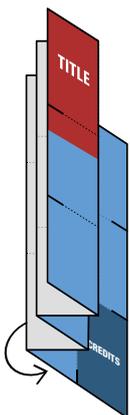
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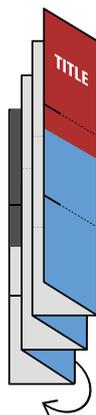
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