



Yoichi-dake

余市岳 Hiking Map 1:25000

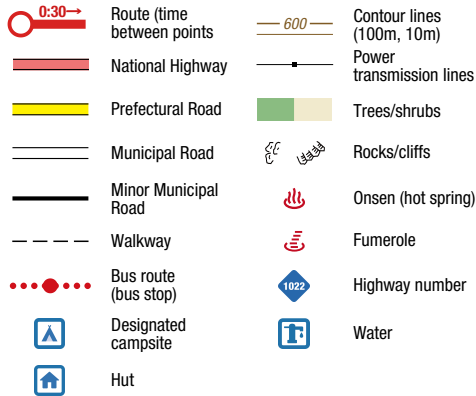


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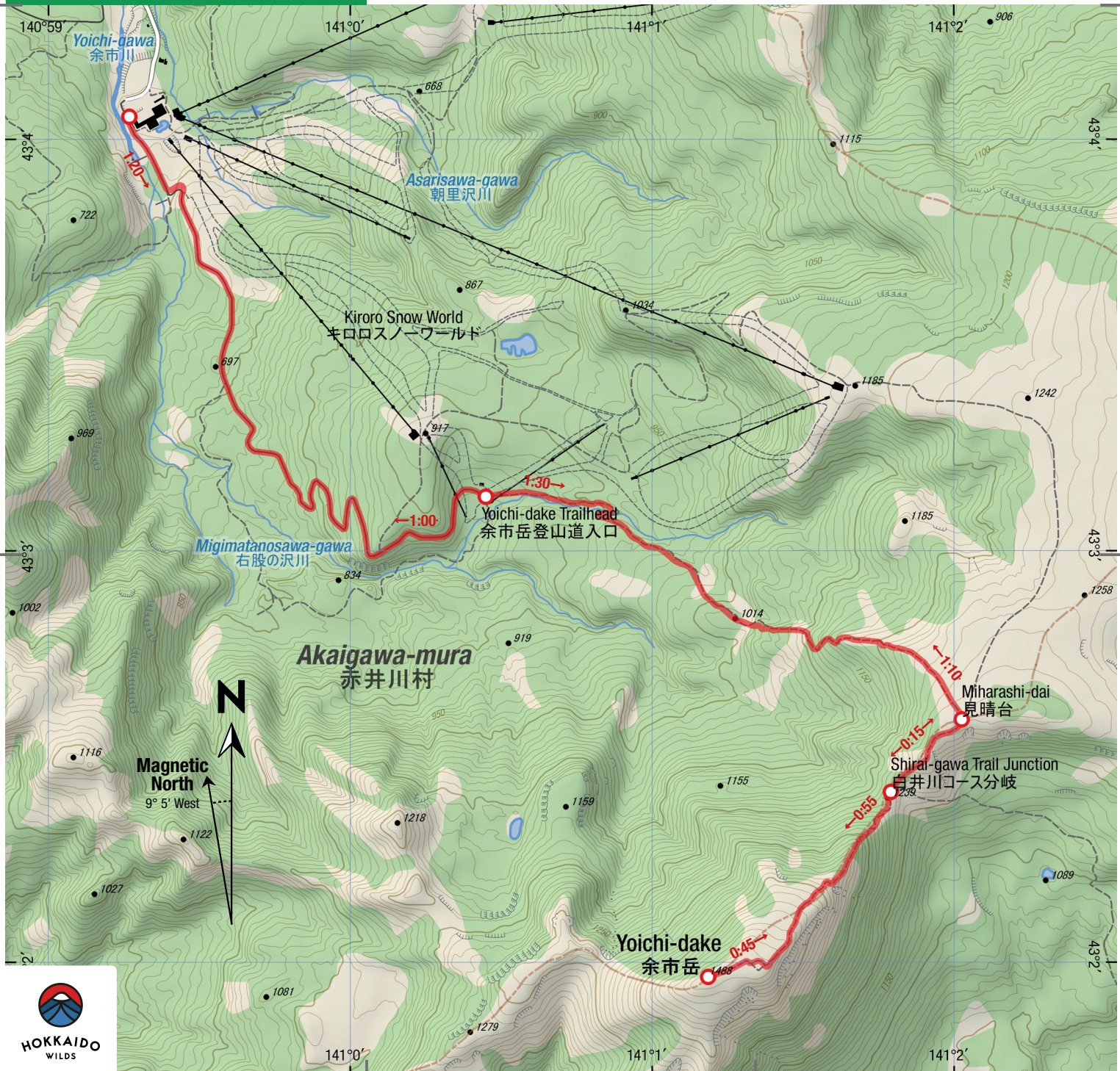


Japanese Map Glossary

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	沢平	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	山	mountain

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Yoichi-dake



7hrs Time	1007m Total Climb	1488m Highest point
16.6km Distance	5/10 Difficulty	Jun-Nov Best season

At 1488m, Yoichi-dake 余市岳 is the highest mountain in the vicinity of Sapporo. Its bulky whaleback summit ridge catches a lot of snow in winter and the international ski resort of Kiroro lies on its northern slopes. In summer, though, it is much quieter and you can walk up past the dormant lifts onto a rugged mountain trail that takes you up to the ridge and along through sasa, shrubby birch and stunted pines to the surprisingly flat summit. On a clear day the views are extensive, from Yotei-zan to the coast and the distant mountains of central Hokkaido.

LOCATION

Yoichi-dake is about 30km west of Sapporo, south of Otaru City. The hike starts from the Sheraton Hokkaido Kiroro Resort キロロリゾート ski complex at 560m elevation.

GENERAL NOTES

There are a couple of theories surrounding the Ainu origins of the mountain's name – *yuochi* meaning 'many hot springs'

or *iochi*, 'place of many snakes' (Hokkaido Shimbunsha, 2010, p.96). The only facilities at the trailhead are inside the ski resort complex, or at the large hotel a kilometer down the road. It is probably wise not to rely on any of the shops being open and take all necessary supplies. The summer hiking season is from June into November.

ROUTE NOTES

Expect about four hours on the hike to the summit, and another three hours back down. The route is well defined throughout with signposts at trail junctions. The first section of the route is nearly 4km up a gated access road to the right of the ski complex as you face uphill. Follow the road, which turns into a gravel track, for an hour until it crosses an open ski slope and locate the large sign for the climbing trailhead 余市岳登山道入口 in trees under the lift on the other side. The path gets rough for a while as it follows, then crosses, a stream. It may be difficult to keep your feet dry if water levels are high.

From there a better trail goes steeply up through forest onto the sasa (dwarf bamboo) covered ridge in about an hour and a half to a junction where the trail from the top gondola station comes in from the left. Turn right (southwest) for the summit 余市岳山頂 and drop down a short way into a col, passing another junction where a path comes up from the southeast. Climb up the slope onto the long open summit ridge and go past a cairn and a small statue of Kannon to the summit marker in another hour or so. Return the same way.

TRANSPORT

By car: Take Route 393 south from Otaru and turn off to Kiroro Resort キロロリゾート. The trailhead is at the ski resort complex where there is a large car park. The route starts to the right of the buildings as you face the slopes.



Public transport: There is no access to the trailhead by public transport.

SAFETY NOTES

Despite the resort close by, this is a high and wild mountain and can be a dangerous place in bad weather with real risks of hypothermia for poorly equipped hikers. Conditions can change quickly, it is very exposed to the wind and the upper slopes can be much colder than down at the trailhead. Carry appropriate gear. The stream crossing could be tricky after heavy rain. Like all high mountain areas in Hokkaido this is bear country.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen is the upmarket Shinrin no Yu (森林の湯, 1200 yen) by the large resort hotel about a km before the ski complex. If heading back to Sapporo there are more local options at Asarigawa Onsen 朝里川温泉 east of Otaru, such as the cheap and cheerful Hotel Musashitei (ホテル武蔵亭, 600yen). ■

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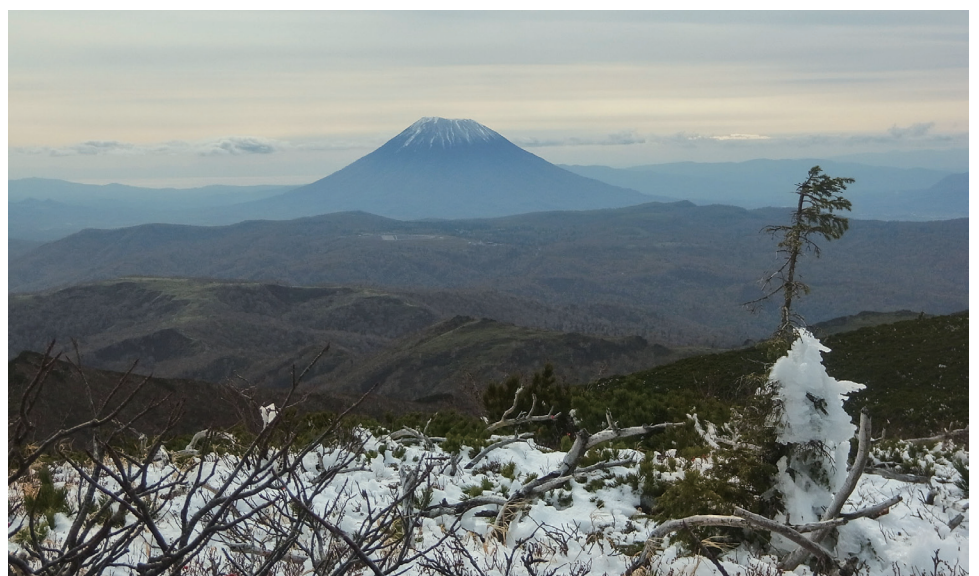
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STEP 2

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

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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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).

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