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Onsen (hot spring)

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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	Л	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	T	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	Щ	mountain

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Shunkunitai (Lake Furen)















Shunkunitai (春国岱) is a large sandbar separating Lake Furen (風蓮湖) from the Okhotsk Sea in far eastern Hokkaido. The area is registered as a Ramsar Convention conservation site, with access on foot or canoe only. The area teems with native Hokkaido wildlife; human-sized red-crested tancho cranes, ezo deer, and plenty of other birdlife. At high tide, paddlers can make a nice half-day trip into the heart of the sandbar to get up close to the wildlife.

LOCATION

Shunkunitai is at the far eastern end of Lake Furen, a vast tidal lake in eastern Hokkaido next to Nemuro Citv.

Put-in location: There's a basic put-in on the Daiichi-tobai River (第一トウバイ川) next to Route 44. If you're staying at the lovely Lake Sunset cabins (レイクサンセット), then you can put in directly at the rear of their property. Regardless of were you put in, you'll only be able to do so a couple of hours either side of high tide, as the water disappears almost completely at low tide.

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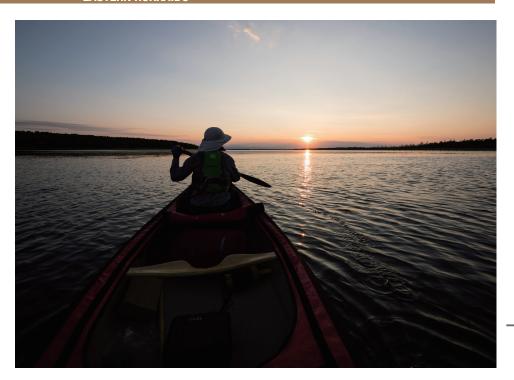
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Take-out location: This is an out-and-back route, so take out at the same spot as you put in.

GENERAL NOTES

While Shunkunitai is a lovely place for a walk – there are lovely boardwalks at the eastern end – a canoe can get paddlers a little closer to the wildlife. The whole area is a Ramsar Convention site, so paddlers should not disembark anywhere along the route.

Nemuro Tides: Check the online route overview for tide times for Nemuro.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This is a relatively quick out-and-back route, and will likely take most paddlers about 2 hours.

Starting from Daiichi-tobai River, paddle east towards the Lake Furen outlet. Just before the outlet, take a left and head under the wooden footbridge into the Shunkunitai interior. Return the same way. There's a fairly clear channel running along the main Lake Furen section of the route, marked by poles.

TRANSPORT

By car I There is a small grassy parking area, enough for a couple of cars, at the put in on the Daiichi-tobai River, here. Make sure you close the deer gates behind you.

Public transport I This route is not directly accessible by public transport, however it appears the Tobai Bus stop (東梅(とうばい・根室交通バス停留所)) has a few buses per day stopping there, such as the Kushiro-Nemuro bus. See the online route overview for details.

SAFETY NOTES

It's best to consider this route a high-tide only route. Only attempt it if you're putting in about two or three hours ahead of high tide – you don't

want to get caught out in the sandbar area in low tide. We were there about two hours after high tide, and were already running out of water. It'd be easy to get stranded. Only attempt heading out of the lake outlet if you're in a sea-worthy vessel and have the experience to do so.

ONSEN NEARBY

If you're headed back to Nemuro, then there's the Minato-yu sento (public bath) in Nemuro (みなと湯, 450yen). ■



EXTRA DETAILS

Lake Details: This route is on Shunkunitai (Lake Furen) (風蓮湖春国岱). The lake is a natural lake, about 6km wide and 20km long. It has a shoreline of 96km and a maximum depth of 11m (1m average). The lake is at 0m above sea level and water visibility is 4m.

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STEP 2

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STFP 4

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STFP 5

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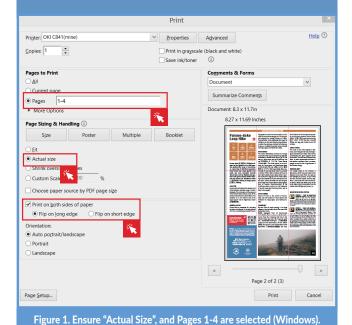
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