



Teshio Nakagawa Napot Loop

中川ナポートループ Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 10° 7' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

	Route (time between points)		Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	National Highway		Power transmission lines
	Prefectural Road		Trees/shrubs
	Municipal Road		Rocks/cliffs
	Minor Municipal Road		Onsen (hot spring)
	Walkway		Fumerole
	Bus route (bus stop)		Highway number
	Designated campsite		Water
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Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki cho	分岐町	junction town
dake/mine eki	岳/峯 駅	peak station
goya/koya hinangoya	小屋 避難小屋	hut 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

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Napoto Loop Walk



1hr
Time



52m
Total Climb



78m
Highest point



3.7km
Distance



2/10
Difficulty



May-Oct
Best season

Napoto Park (ナポトパーク) in Nakagawa Town in northern Hokkaido is a local hub for tourist information and outdoor activities, easily accessed from the Nakagawa Canoe Port (if arriving by canoe on the Teshio River). While most people will likely visit for the campground, bicycle rentals, canoe rentals or short active tours, there's also a nice hour-long loop walk nearby. The entire walk is on a quiet forestry road, cutting through the local woods next to the Yokomanai River (ヨコマナイ川). The trail is muddy in places, so a good pair of walking shoes is recommended. We finished off our walk with a blat around the town on rented bicycles from the information center at Napoto Park.

LOCATION

This short loop walk is in Teshio-Nakagawa Town, on the banks of the impressive Teshio River in northern Hokkaido. It's about a 4hr drive north from Sapporo City, or a three-day paddle from Shibetsu City

on the Teshio River. The walk itself starts from the Nakagawa Information Center at Napoto Park. Napoto Park is a campground, and it's next to the nice Aqua Rizuing Onsen Hotel. The campground is about 5 minutes walk from the Nakagawa Canoe Port on the Teshio River.

GENERAL NOTES

This walk is not likely to be a destination in it's own right – it's a short walk on a quiet forestry road through bread-and-butter Hokkaido forest. However, if you're staying at the campground as part of a Teshio River 6-day paddling trip, then this is a nice loop to stretch the legs. If you're in the right season, you may enjoy picking a few haskaap from the town's haskaap orchard on your way through, right next to the road.

Bicycle rental: This loop (as well as other river-side paths etc in Nakagawa) can be done by bicycle. Visitors can rent bikes from the information center at the Napoto Park for 700yen (weekdays) or 1,800yen (weekends) per day for a mountain bike. They also have multi-day bicycle rentals available. See details (in Japanese) on the Nakagawa Tourism website: <https://nakagawatourism.com>. Send them an email (English is OK) to book: info@nakagawatourism.com.

Guided tours around Nakagawa: The friendly folk at Nakagawa Tourism are nature guides, available for guided canoe, bicycle, and hiking trips.

ROUTE NOTES

At a brisk pace, this fill loop will take just under an hour. Start from the Napoto Park, and walk upstream next to the Toyomanai River. Cross the first bridge you come to and head up into the forest on the forestry road. There are a few forks in the road, but just keep taking the left forks, and you'll complete the loop. This route is not signposted, but the road is easy to follow. At about half way through the route, you'll cross the Toyomanai River again, and head back downstream to Napoto Park.

About 500m before the hotel, there's a large haskaap orchard on the right.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is plenty of parking at the Ponpira Aqua Rizuing Hotel parking area.

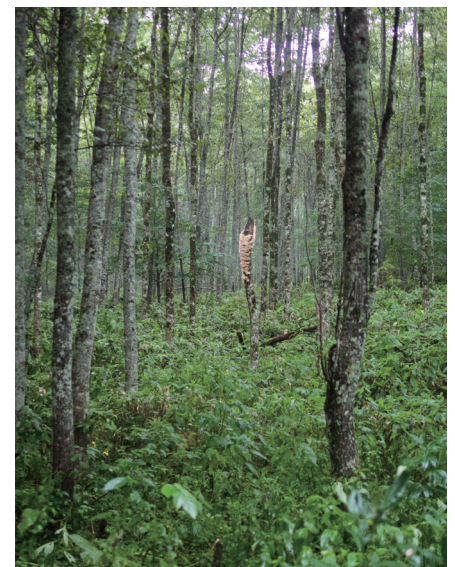
Public transport: This route is not accessible by public transport. Napoto Park is about a 5 minute walk from the Nakagawa Canoe Port on the Teshio River.

SAFETY NOTES

Nakagawa locals frequently warned us about an increasing number of bear sightings in the hills around Nakagawa. It's unlikely you'll encounter a bear on this route, but it may pay to keep some basic precautions in mind, such as making noise every now and then (clapping hands etc).

ONSEN NEARBY

Ponpira Aqua Rizuing Hotel has an onsen hotspring, open for day visitors (ポンピラ・アクア・リズイング, 400yen). There's no outdoor baths, but the large indoor bathing area has a few different types of baths, as well as a large sauna. There's also an attached swimming pool (swimwear required). ■



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

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