



Teshio River-mouth Archaeological Walk

天塩川口遺跡 Hiking Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m
1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 10°13' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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| | 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 |
| | Hut | | |



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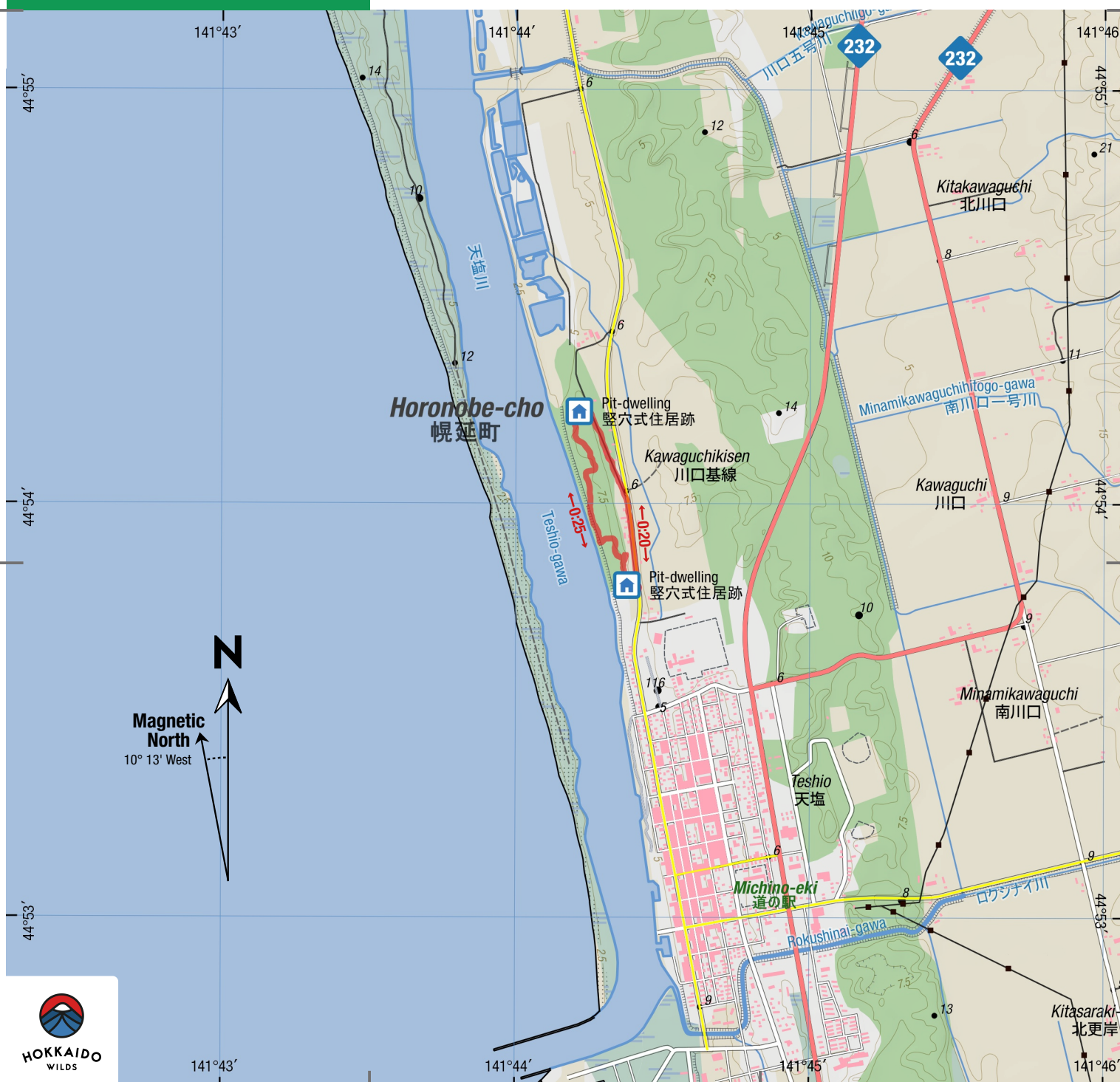


Japanese Map Glossary

| Romaji | Kanji | English |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| <i>bunki cho</i> | 分岐町 | junction town |
| <i>dake/mine eki</i> | 岳/峯 駅 | peak station |
| <i>goya/koya hinangoya ike</i> | 小屋 避難小屋 池 | hut shelter pond |
| <i>kawa/gawa</i> | 川 | river |
| <i>kako</i> | 火口 | crater |
| <i>ko/mizumi</i> | 湖 | lake |
| <i>kyo</i> | 峡 | gorge |
| <i>numa</i> | 沼 | pond |
| <i>onsen</i> | 温泉 | hot spring |
| <i>sawa</i> | 沢 | stream |
| <i>taira/daira</i> | 平 | plateau |
| <i>tani/dani</i> | 谷 | valley |
| <i>taki</i> | 滝 | waterfall |
| <i>toge</i> | 峠 | pass |
| <i>yama/san/zan</i> | 山 | mountain |

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Teshio River Mouth Archaeological Walk



1hr
Time



19m
Total Climb



10m
Highest point



2.1km
Distance



1/10
Difficulty



May-Oct
Best season

The Teshio River-mouth Archaeological Site (天塩川口遺跡) is a 1500m by 200m section of oak-forested riverside, dotted with about 240 remains of 3rd till 8th Century AD pit-houses. Archaeologists from Hokkaido University and Tokyo University have reconstructed two such pit-houses. On this pleasant 2km walk, visitors can climb down into the reconstructed dwellings. The walk itself skirts a 1km section of Teshio River-mouth bank, through shady Mongolian oak groves. On the return, the loop continues along a gravel road, giving a glimpse of more contemporary rural Hokkaido living. The walk is accessible from the river by canoe, and would make a nice diversion on the final home stretch on the 6-day Teshio River canoe journey.

LOCATION

This walk is located about 2km upstream of the Teshio River-mouth proper, in



Teshio Village on the Japan Sea coast of far north Hokkaido. There's two trailheads – north and south. The southern trailhead has more signage and parking space, so we recommend starting from there and making the loop.

GENERAL NOTES

This walk is a great place to stretch the legs at the end of your six-day paddle down the Teshio River. It's also a very nice walk in it's own right, if passing through the area on your drive north to Wakkanai. The faithfully restored thatched pit-dwellings are open to the public, and you're very unlikely to be sharing the walk with anyone else – a great way to get away from it all for a half-hour walk in the woods. Note however that when we were there in late August, we were plagued by mosquitoes – to stop to admire the scenery was to be feasted upon. We'd recommend carrying mosquito repellent and wearing long-sleeved clothing if doing this walk in the height of summer.

ROUTE NOTES

At a brisk pace, taking the time to have a look inside the reconstructed pit-dwellings, this walk will likely take about 45 minutes.

Start from the southern trailhead, and take a right at the first junction. You'll soon come upon the first of the two reconstructed pit-dwellings. Lights automatically turn on as you descend the wooden ladder into the dark dwelling. The dwellings are open to the public throughout the summer season. Carry on north along the trail, and you'll soon come to a clearing with a view of the Teshio River. There are a couple of wooden platforms to sit on. The trail continues through the native Mongolian oak grove for another 750m or so. At the final T-junction, go left to get to the river, and go right to get to the northern trailhead. Walkers can either return the way they came through the oak groves, or complete the loop southward on a gravel residential road and then paved

footpath back to the southern trailhead.

TRANSPORT

By car: There's plenty of parking at both the south and north trailheads.

Public transport: This route is not accessible by public transport. If accessing this walk from the Teshio River by canoe, we'd expect paddlers can access the trail from the river bank around the northern end of the loop (we've not confirmed this).

ONSEN NEARBY

Just a few hundred meters south of the Teshio River mouth proper is the amazing Teshio Onsen (天塩温泉, 600yen). The view from the outdoor pool is incredible – you can see Rishiri Island. The water of the onsen itself is very salty – quite unique indeed. There's also a restaurant attached to the onsen, and a large lounge area with free WIFI. Just next door to the onsen is the Kagaginuma Park Camp-ground. ■



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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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