



Rakko-dake

楽古岳 Hiking Map 1:25000



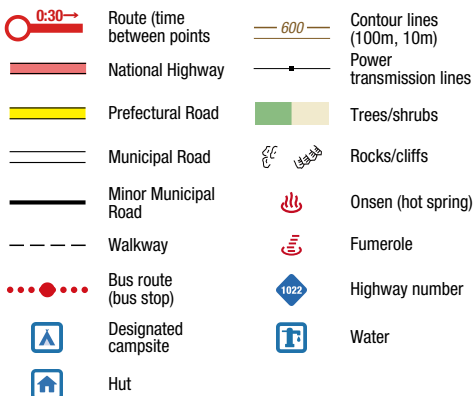
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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 9° 10' W

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

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Rakko-dake



6hr
Time



1053m
Total Climb



1472m
Highest point



8.5km
Distance



6/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

The sharp pyramid of Rakko-dake (楽古岳, 1472m) anchors the southern end of the wild Hidaka range as it marches southwards to the Pacific Ocean at Cape Erimo. From the summit one can see both the sea and the sharp spine of the mountain range as it snakes north. The relatively easy access makes it a good way to sample the remote atmosphere of these hills. There is a well-appointed hut at the trailhead that is worth a stay if you have the time.

LOCATION

Rakko-dake lies inland from the small fishing town of Samani 様似 down near Cape Erimo 襟裳岬. It is accessed off Route 236 which crosses the Hidaka Range to join the towns of Hidaka Horobetsu 日高幌別 and Hiroo 広尾. The hike starts at Rakko Sanso Hut.

GENERAL NOTES

According to the explorer Matsuura Takeshiro, the Ainu origin of the mountain's name comes from the rakko or sea otter, a valuable fur animal for



Ainu hunters, found down where the local rivers flowed into the sea. This region is rich in Ainu history, being the cradle of the 1669 war instigated by the powerful local leader Shakushain against the Japanese Matsumae clan.

The recent and well-appointed Rakko Sanso 楽古山荘 hut stands at the trailhead. It is also possible to camp just outside. The nearest shops and other facilities are back down in the coastal towns of Urakawa and Samani.

ROUTE NOTES

Expect about 3.5hrs on the climb, and 2.5hrs on the descent back to the hut.

The route is clearly defined and signposted throughout. From the trailhead at 460m the path goes up beside the small Menashunbetsu River before crossing over to the right (north) bank after about three quarters of an hour. From here the climbing begins in earnest up a ridge, steep in places, to a shoulder at about 1300m. The trail turns right (east) and more easily on up to the summit, around 2.5 to 3 hours after leaving the river bed. Return the same way.

TRANSPORT

By car: From the coast at Hidaka Horobetsu take Route 236 for about 15km before turning off right over a bridge onto a gravel forest road signposted for Rakko-dake trailhead and hut 楽古岳登山口 and 楽古山荘. Follow this mainly through farmland for around 8km to the hut.

Public transport: No public transport access.

SAFETY NOTES

The Hidaka mountains are remote and the summits are exposed so be fully equipped for possible bad weather and carry enough food and water. After heavy rain the river may be difficult to cross. Bears are numerous around here so take precautions and watch out for ticks in summer.

ONSEN NEARBY

On your way back west along the coast, you may want to check out Mitsuishi Konbu Onsen みついし昆布温泉 蔵三 (450yen). They have an attached restaurant and amazing coastal views from the outdoor baths. ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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RAKKO SANSO HUT



Details: Recent and well-appointed two story hut at the Rakko-dake trailhead in southern Hidaka Range. Has wood stove with wood available.

Capacity: 40 persons.

Cost: No charge.

Contact: Urakawa Town (浦河町) TEL: 0146-22-3953

Booking details: No need to/not possible to book.



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STEP 1

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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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