



Uryu-numa Marsh and Minamishokan-dake

雨竜沼湿原 Hiking Map 1:25000





7 hrs
Time



756m
Total Climb



1296m
Highest point



17.7km
Distance



5/10
Difficulty



Jun-Oct
Best season

Uryu-numa 雨竜沼 is a large marshy area lying at an altitude of 850m that is famous for its profusion of wildflowers in early summer. For that reason it can be busy on the raised boardwalks that circumnavigate the wetland but those with time can go further and climb Minami Shokan-dake (南暑寒岳, 1296m) up its broad east ridge for views over the high and wild hills towards the Japan Sea coast.



LOCATION
The Uryu-numa wetlands lie in the hills about 30km west of Uryu Town 雨竜町 just north of the city of Takikawa 滝川市 in central Hokkaido. This hike starts at the Uryu-numa Shitsugen Gate Park 雨竜沼湿原ゲートパーク).

GENERAL NOTES
Uryu-numa is well known for its wildflowers and the best time to see them is probably from mid-July though it can be busy at weekends.

The marsh itself has a circular wooden walkway that is supposed to be walked clockwise. On the trail up to the wetlands there are a couple of suspension bridges that might not have their walkways reassembled until mid-June.

The trailhead has a small campsite and a hut (the Minami Shokanso 南暑寒荘) run by Uryu Town and is known as Uryu-numa Shitsugen Gate Park 雨竜沼湿原ゲートパーク (tel: 0125-77-2155). Check in for both facilities is at the management office 管理棟 on site. Donations can be made here for the upkeep of the trails. The nearest shops and other facilities are back down in the valley in Uryu Town.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Allow 4-5 hours if just doing a circuit of the wetlands. If headed to Minamishokan-dake, expect 7 hours return.

The path is clearly defined and signposted, with boardwalks in the marshy areas. From the trailhead at 550m elevation follow the path up the gorge of the Penkepetan River ぺんけぺたん川 over a suspension bridge and past a waterfall below, Hakuryu no Taki 白竜の滝 after 40 mins. Cross another bridge and continue till the trail reaches the open expanse of the wetlands in less than an hour. Pass a large wooden observation platform and follow the boardwalk until it forks. It is good etiquette to keep left and do the circuit clockwise, which would take a leisurely hour and a half if this is

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as far as you wish to go. If climbing Minami Shokan-dake 南暑寒岳 continue on to a small observation deck just above the marsh. From here the trail climbs up through haimatsu dwarf pines and sasa bamboo to the summit in about two hours from leaving the marsh. Return the same way.

TRANSPORT
By car: From Uryu Town 雨竜町 take the local Route 432 that turns off Route 275 and head west past Uryu Dam 雨竜ダム. In the final few km the road becomes a narrow gravel track up to the trailhead at the Uryunuma Shitsugen Gate Park 雨竜沼湿原ゲートパーク. There is a large parking area but it could be busy at peak times.
Public transport: There is no public transport access.

SAFETY NOTES
Walking around the wetlands is relatively safe as the path is obvious but if bad weather comes in it is very exposed and there is a risk of hypothermia for poorly equipped hikers so carry appropriate wet weather gear. This is bear country so be aware and take the necessary precautions.

ONSEN NEARBY
The nearest onsen are back down in the main valley around Uryu Town and Takikawa City. ■




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

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guides for GPS files, interactive maps, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/uryu>




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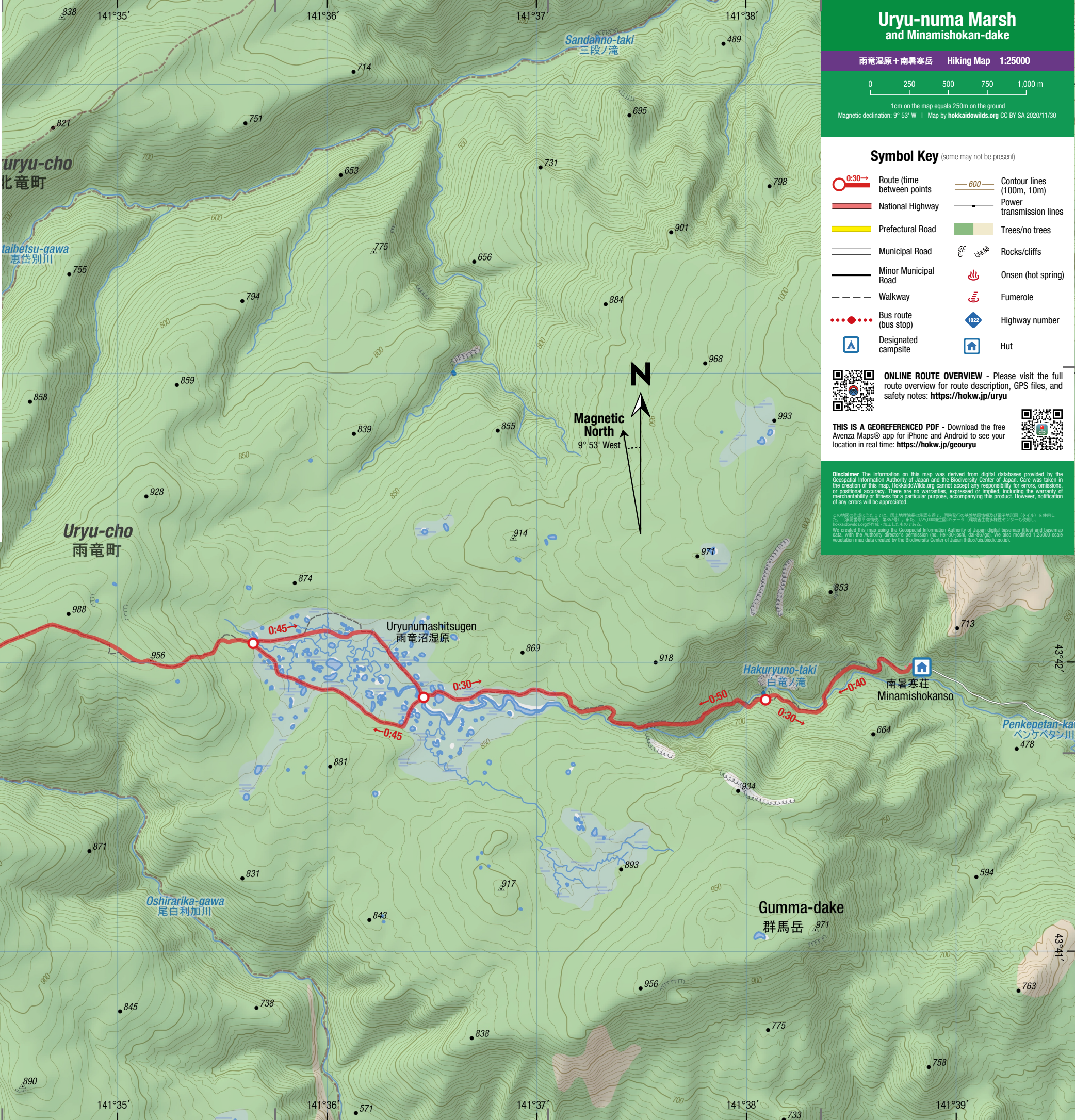
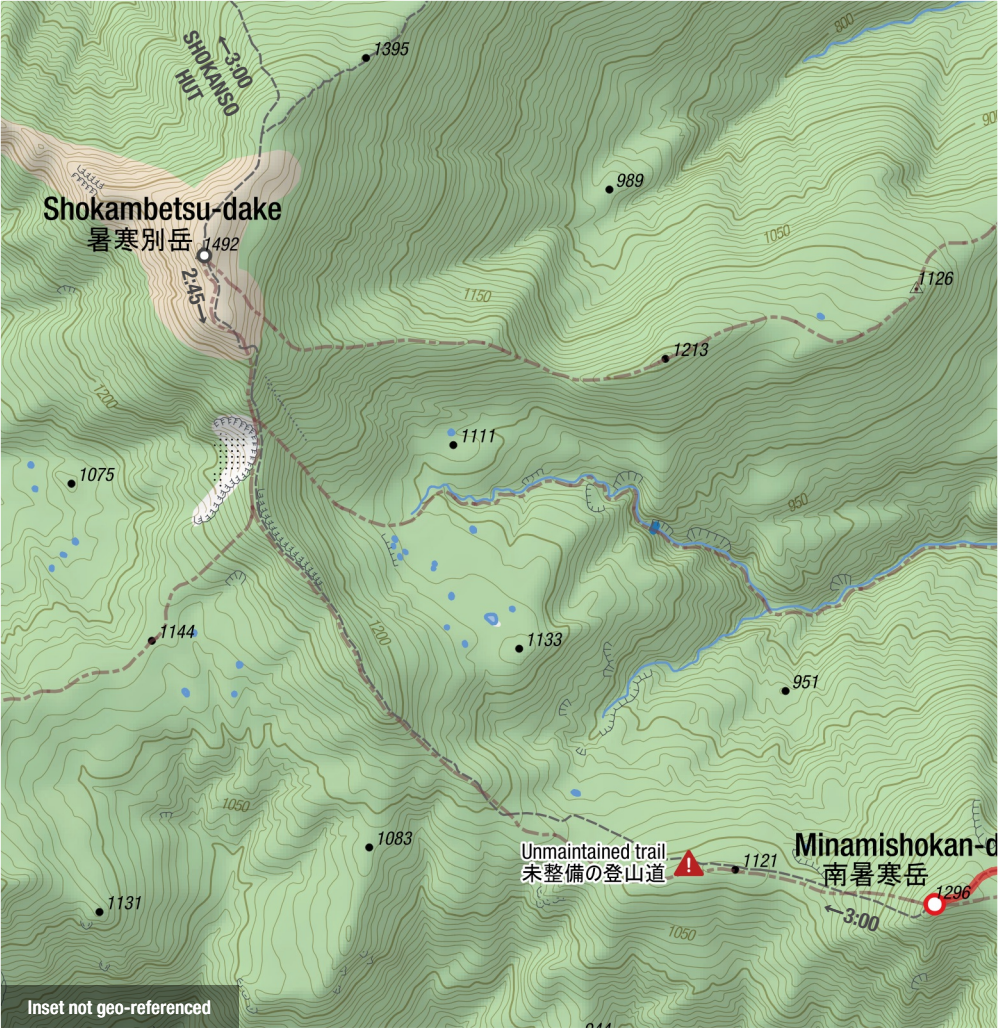
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STEP 2

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".

PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

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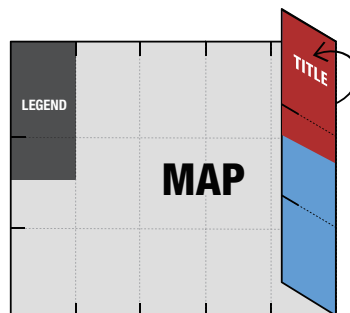
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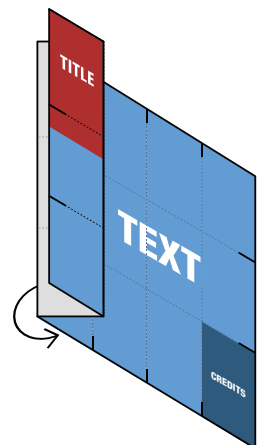
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