



# Bettoga-kawa

別当賀川 Canoeing Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1 cm on the map equals 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 8° 56' W

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## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

- Route (distance between points)
- National Highway
- Prefectural Road
- Municipal Road
- Minor Municipal Road
- Walkway
- Designated campsite
- Put in/take out location
- Dam/waterfall
- Contour lines (100m, 10m)
- Power transmission lines
- Trees/shrubs
- Rocks/cliffs
- Onsen (hot spring)
- Fumerole
- Highway number
- Portage required
- Rapids



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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</i>	小屋 避難小屋	hut shelter
<i>ike</i>	池	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>	平谷	plateau valley
<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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# Bettoga-kawa

 2.5hrs Time	 9.5m Distance	 3/10 Difficulty
 3/5 Remoteness	 2/5 Water clarity	 May-Oct Best season

**Bettoga-kawa 別当賀川** is a wetland river flowing into the vast tidal Furenko 風蓮湖 lake in far eastern Hokkaido. Home to eagles, kingfishers and deer, this meandering river is perfect for wildlife spotting. The surrounding forest feels prehistoric, with gorgeous Sahkalin pines lining the river. It's a slow-flowing river, so the most common route has paddlers paddling upstream for a few kilometers before turning around. This out-and-back route mitigates the need for shuttling.

## LOCATION

Bettoga-kawa flows into Lake Furen in far eastern Hokkaido, about 15km west of Nemuro City.

**Put-in location:** There are a couple of feasible put-in locations for canoeing on the Bettoga-kawa. Our recommendation is a grassy spot just upstream of the Route 44 bridge. There's enough space to park a couple of cars. This will allow paddlers to decide whether they want to venture onto the broader lower section of the river, or stay on the relatively sheltered upstream section. Another option might be to put in at the small fishing port near the mouth of



Lake Furen, here. We didn't scout this location, so can't be sure of its suitability for canoes, but there were a couple of boat ramps. Note that this lower section of the river will be more affected by tides. Note that the salmon hatchery is not accessible by the general public – the access road off Route 44 is blocked by a locked gate.

**Take-out location:** Take out location can be the same as the put in – the river flows slowly enough to make paddling upstream perfectly feasible.

## GENERAL NOTES

Considering access options, Bettoga-kawa is perfect for an out-and-back paddle. Visitors will paddle upstream to the salmon hatchery and then back down river again. If feeling adventurous, it would be perfectly feasible to carry on paddling upstream of the salmon hatchery (portage on the river right).

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This is one of the make-it-as-long-as-you-want-it wetland rivers. That is, you'll be paddling upstream, so just go as far as time will allow (fishing weir notwithstanding). If doing this route as indicated in this post, strong paddlers will likely take about 2.5 hours.

Starting from the grassy parking area, start



paddling upstream. There's very little flow, so the going is relatively easy for a double canoe. Once at the salmon hatchery, turn around and paddle back downstream. Downstream of the Route 44 bridge, the river widens considerably, and paddlers will be more likely to encounter winds and/or tidal currents. If paddling towards the river mouth, we'd recommend trying to coincide with an incoming tide, to make the return easier.

## TRANSPORT

**By car** | There's room for a couple of cars at the put in upstream of the Route 44 bridge. At the fishing port, there's plenty of space for parking, but do make sure you're not blocking access for fishing personnel. If in doubt where to park, ask.

**Public transport** | There is no public transport to this route.

## SAFETY NOTES

This route is flanked by rather impenetrable wetland terrain, so paddlers should be self-sufficient and carry a means of communication. Also note that on an outgoing tide, the lower section of river downstream of Route 44 will flow faster, requiring more effort to paddle back upstream.

## 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). ■



## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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## EXTRA DETAILS

**Lake Details:** This route is on Bettoga River (別当賀川), or Pet-utka in the Ainu indigenous language. The river is a Other river, 40km in total length. This section of the river is between 10m and 35m wide. The gradient for this section of river is 0.5 m/k (2.64 FPM).

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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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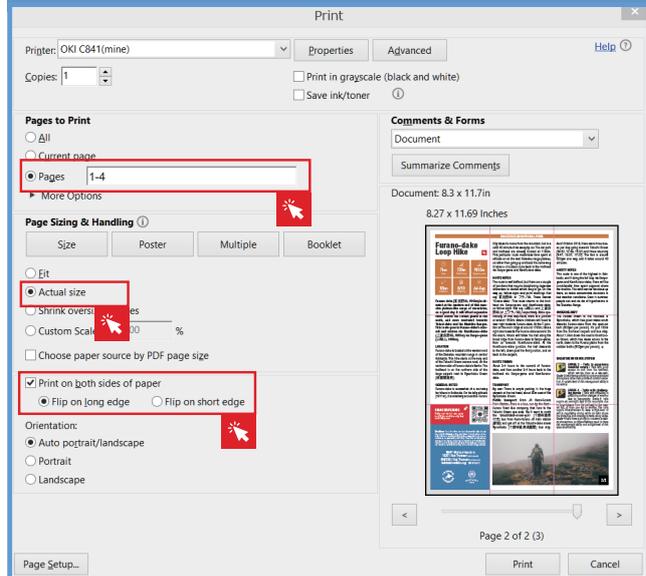


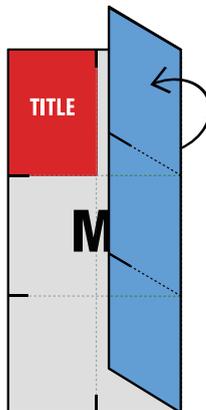
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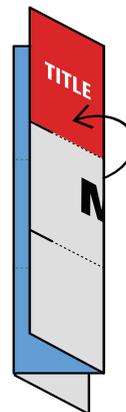
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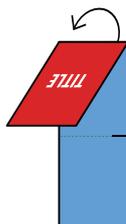
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