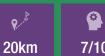


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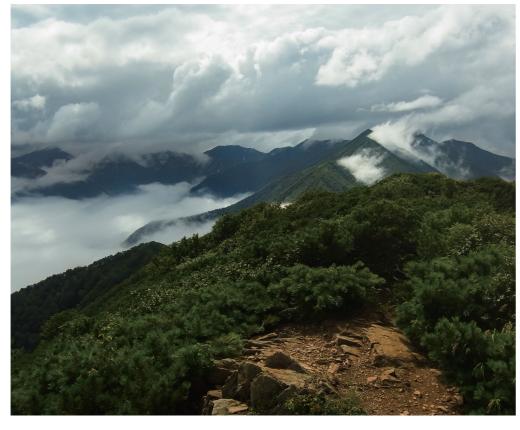






1792m

Fushimi-dake 伏美岳 (1792m) lies at the end of an eastern spur of the central Hidaka Range, overlooking the broad agricultural basin of the Tokachi Plain. Formerly easy to access, the 2016 typhoons destroyed the approach road and it now requires a longer walk in to the trailhead and its nearby spartan but comfortable hut. The steep climb is rewarded on a fine day by views onwards along the ridge to the



highest point of the wild Hidaka mountains at Poroshiri-dake 幌尻岳 (2053m).

## LOCATION

Fushimi-dake lies on an eastern spur of the central Hidaka Range and is accessed from Memuro Town 芽室町 in the Tokachi Region 十 勝地方 southwest of Obihiro City 帯広市. The hiking trail officially starts at the Fushimi-goya Hut, but as of 2020 the 6.5km of forestry road to the hut is still closed to vehicular traffic due

to multiple washouts, so hikers have to start from the Tomuraushi-rindo forestry road gate.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

Another victim of the typhoons of recent years. the forest road to the hut and former trailhead is closed off and the return trip to the summit is now over 20km and involves a height gain of 1400m, with some rough washed out sections and stream crossings to negotiate. Staying overnight at the isolated and basic Fushimikoya 伏美小屋 hut would allow more time and be a good option for a Hokkaido backcountry experience.

There are no facilities at the start of the hike, the nearest shops are back in the small farming settlement of Memuro or up along Route 38 near Obihiro around 30km away. There is a toilet and fresh water supply by the hut but be sure to boil or filter all water obtained here.

# **ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES**

Allow a full 8 hours (4.5h up, 3.5h down) for the return trip. It's about 1.5h from the forestry road gate to the hut.

The route is signed and clear underfoot though overgrown in a few places as it sees less traffic these days. From the gate across the forest road (383m elevation) it's a 7km hike up the track with some rough washouts to negotiate before you reach the small Fushimi-koya hut (695m) in about an hour and a half. The former trailhead (729m) is about 5 mins further on.

#### **HIDAKA RANGE**

From here the proper climbing trail begins, briefly beside a small stream then steeply up the hillside for an elevation gain of over 1000m through mature forest and sasa dwarf bamboo. The occasional sign marks some of the way stages 合目. At the ninth stage 9合目 the forest thins out to haimatsu dwarf pines up to the open summit (1792m though the sign says 1791). Allow around three hours from the former trailhead. Return the same way.

#### **TRANSPORT**

By car: Take the local Route 55 that loops through the farming settlements of Memuro Town 芽室町. From the most westerly section of the road where it turns back from the mountains at a 90 degree angle, locate a minor road that runs up alongside the Biseigawa 美生川 river for about 8km up to the Bisei Dam 美生 ダム. Before the dam a forest road, the Tomuraushi rindo トムラウシ林道 runs off to the left but is closed by a gate with a sign for the Fushimi-dake trailhead 伏美岳登山口 and space for a few cars to park.

**Public transport:** There is no public transport access.

## **SAFETY NOTES**

This is a long and remote route to a high exposed summit with real risks of hypothermia in bad weather. Carry appropriate gear and enough food and water. Take the usual precautions against bears and also watch out for ticks in early and mid-summer. If the river is high after heavy rain the washouts in the forest road may be dangerous to negotiate and the stream impossible to cross safely. Also note that officially the washed out forestry road is off limits to vehicular traffic, so hikers walk the







Details: A basic but solidly built steel beam A-frame cabin near the Fushimi-dake summer hiking trail head. Has a good wood stove with wood supplied. About 7km along the now destroyed forestry road from the

Capacity: 15 persons.

Cost: Free.

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Contact: Memuro Town Council Tourism Department (芽室町観光係), TEL: 0155-62-

Booking details: Cannot book in advance (no booking required).

remnants of the road at their own risk.

## **ONSEN NEARBY**

There are no nearby onsen, the nearest spa facilities being back in Memuro itself. The closest is the pokey but soothing baths at the Shin-Arashiyama Sanso Lodge めむろ新嵐山山荘 (270yen). There's an attached restaurant, and a new campground on the premises.

# **Japanese Map Glossary**

Romaji	Kanji	English
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yama/san/zan	山	mountain

#### **ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE**

Please visit the full route guides for GPS

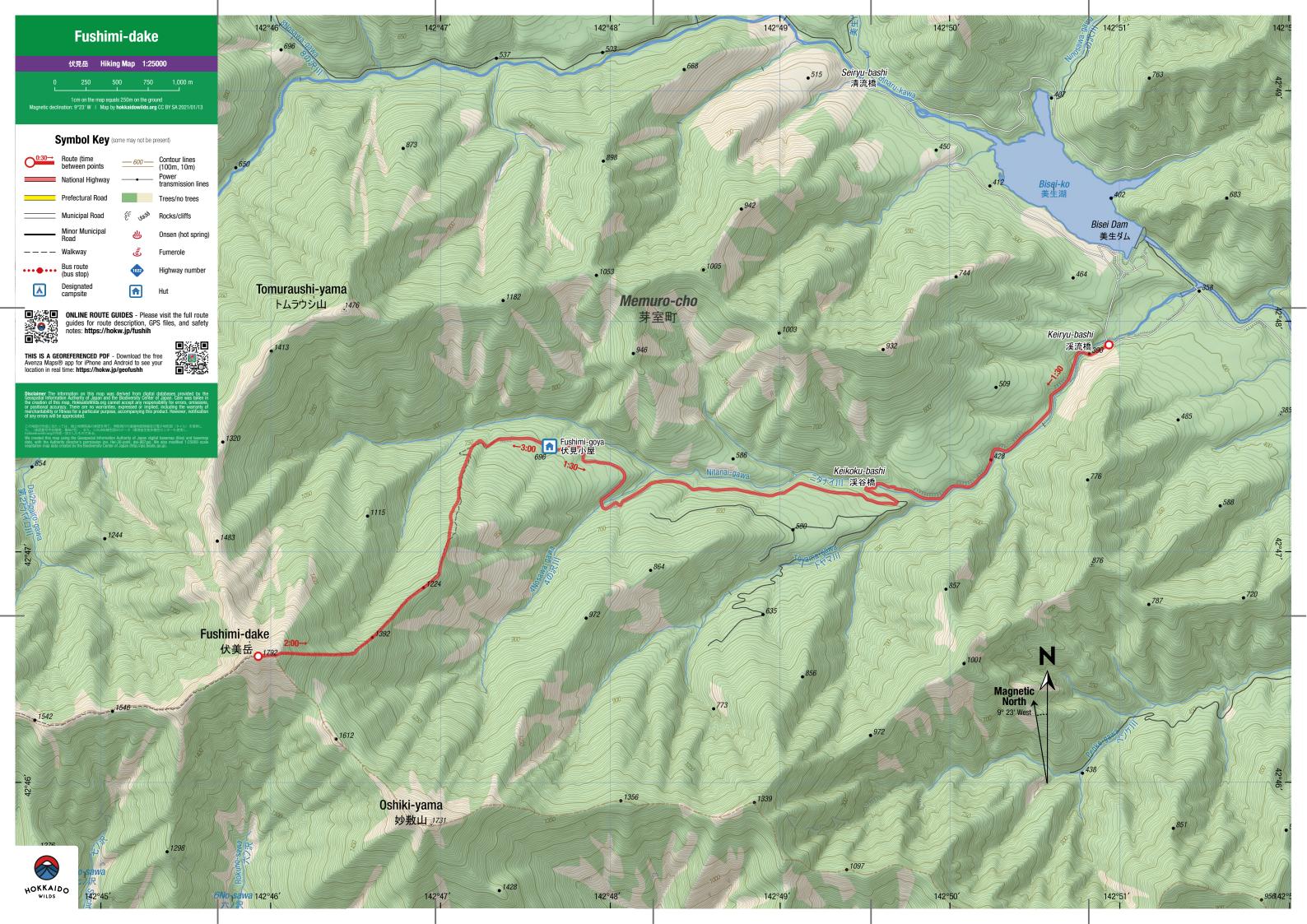


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# PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

#### STEP 1

Load your printer with A3 printer paper (297mm x 420mm). If you've only got Tabloid or Ledger size (279mm x 432 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achive an accurate scale, but the map will be clipped a little at the top and bottom.

#### 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".

#### STFP 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)

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.



# **ORIGAMI INSTRUCTIONS**

