



Tokachi-gawa Rafting Course

十勝川ラフティングコース Paddling Map 1:25000



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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 10°41' W | UTM Grid Zone: 54TXN
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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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| | Route (distance 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 |
| | Designated campsite | | Highway number |
| | Put in/take out location | | Portage required |
| | Dam/waterfall/weir | | Rapids |



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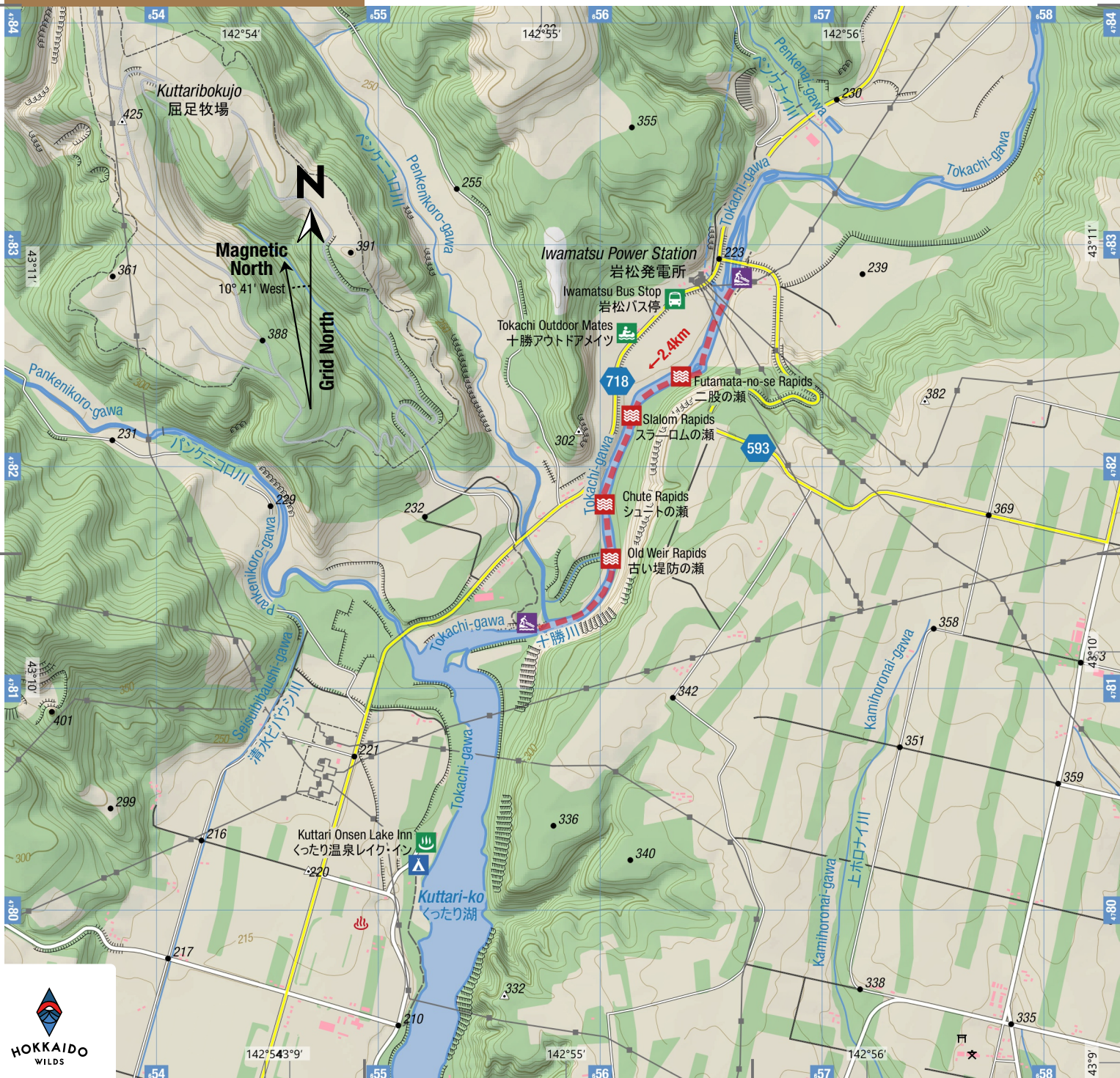



Japanese Map Glossary

| 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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Paddling Map


1:25000






30min

Time




10

Gradient (mpk)




Class III

Difficulty




2.3km

Distance



3/5

Water clarity



Apr-Oct

Best season

The Tokachi River rafting course 十勝川ラフティングコース is a short but sharp whitewater haven sandwiched between two large dams on the upper Tokachi River. Surrounded by deep forest, it's short enough for multiple runs in a single day, and perfect for honing the big-river paddling skills. Expect large boulders to dodge, large standing waves in places, and plenty of waves to surf. It's known for having reliable water levels throughout the year - a blessing when mid-summer water lev-

els are scant elsewhere in Hokkaido. For a short two-week period in summer, it's also accessible by public transport.

LOCATION

This upper rafting course section of the Tokachi River is about 15km northeast of Shintoku Town 新得町, just east of the Hidaka mountain range. It's very close to the southern border of the Daisetsuzan National Park.

Put-in: The put-in is about 100m upstream of the outlet from the Shin-iwamatsu Hydro Power Station, on the river left. There's a narrow one-lane gravel access road running along the river south from Route 593, just after the bridge.

Take-out: The take-out is about 2km downstream on the river right, just before the river flows into Lake Kuttari 屈足湖. There's a large gravel area where rafting operators park their mini-buses. The take-out point is accessed via a 500m gravel road running southeast from Route 718.

GENERAL NOTES

This is a popular rafting course on the upper Tokachi River. It's short, and will leave you wishing for more action before having to take out. But the action it does provide is fun and challenging, particularly in high water. Expect plenty of large boulder dodging, and some larger standing waves when conditions are prime.

Difficulty: Like most paddling routes on HokkaidoWilds.org, we assume paddlers will be in an open-deck canoe. Hence the *advanced* rating. For kayakers who can roll and packrafters

in normal water levels, this section would be more like upper-intermediate. An advantage of this being a rafting course is that there's little concern about strainers – just large boulders that would pin a canoe if unlucky.

Scouting rapids: The river is quite wide, rapids rather long, and the riversides quite rocky, so scouting rapids can be tricky. There is, however, one spot on the river that is accessible from the main road - see the online route map. There's space to park a few cars and a short walking trail down to the riverside. We'd recommend at least taking a look at the river here before setting off.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This is a blink-and-you-miss-it section that will be over before you realise it. Many paddlers will shoot for running it at least twice, grabbing eddies and surfing waves along the way. The walk from the take-out back to the put-in is about 20 minutes.

Put in on the river-left upstream of the hydro

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station outlet. Any further upstream is usually just a trickle unless the Iwamatsu Dam has overflow (in which case, strap in – it'll be wild). The first rapids is the *Futamata-no-se rapids*, just after the right-hand bend. Take the corner outside branch. There are a couple of massive boulders, and a couple of feasible lines. Big waves where the smaller right-hand branch re-joins the main outside corner flow.

The next set of rapids is the so-called *Slalom Rapids*, with a number of large boulders to dodge. Lines are generally clean. There's convenient river-side trail access to the river-right side of the river here from the road, with room to park a few cars. The entrance is around here. It's worth taking a look at the river from here before you get onto the river. The next rapids of note are the *Chute Rapids*. Keeping center should do the job.

The last rapid of note is the *Old Weir Rapid* – there's a relatively uniform line across the river-left half of the river, with some good surfing potential. Easily avoided by going river right, but overall the river-left is much less concerning than the weir moniker might suggest. Scattered between these notable rapids are plenty of other boulders, eddies, and features to enjoy. Take out on the large gravel parking area just after Penkenikoro-gawa river flows into the Tokachi River on river-right.

TRANSPORT

By car | There's plenty of parking on the northern side of Route 593 near the put-in. There's no parking at the actual put-in down a narrow gravel road, but there's a turn-around about 300m down the road. This put-in is used every day regularly by commercial rafting operations, so it's important not to park along the road or in the turn-around. There's plenty of parking at the take-out, but make sure to park so as to not block access by commercial rafting operations.

Public transport | The Shin-Iwamatsu Power Station 新岩松発電所 is accessible by a very time-limited summer-season (two weeks between end of July and mid-August) public bus running from Shintoku JR train station 新得駅 to Tomuraushi Onsen トムラウシ温泉. Buses run twice daily, leaving Shintoku station at 6:50 and 14:15, arriving at Iwamatsu

Bus Stop 岩松バス停 at 7:15 and 14:40. See the online route guide for up-to-date timetable link. From Iwamatsu bus stop, it's a 750m walk to the put-in. There's no public transport nearby the take-out, but it's a relatively painless 1.7km walk back up Route 718 to Iwamatsu bus stop. Returning to Shintoku station, buses leave Iwamatsu bus stop at 9:39 and 17:14. The bus costs 770yen one-way for the 25km from Shintoku station to Iwamatsu bus stop. A taxi would cost around 7,000 to 8,000yen one-way (call Shintoku Hire 新得ハイヤー on 0156-64-5155 – expect to speak Japanese).

SAFETY NOTES

The Tokachi River is a big one, with plenty of potential for big water. In high water levels, eddies can be few and far between here, so as always, make conservative decisions when water is high. Keepers and holes are an issue in places when water is high on this route.

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| 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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RIVER DETAILS

This route is on Tokachi River (十勝川), or Tokap-chi in the Ainu indigenous language. The river is a Class A (一級河川) river, 156km in total length. This section of the river is between 30m and 48m wide. The gradient for this section of river is 10 mpk (52.80 FPM).

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 achieve 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".

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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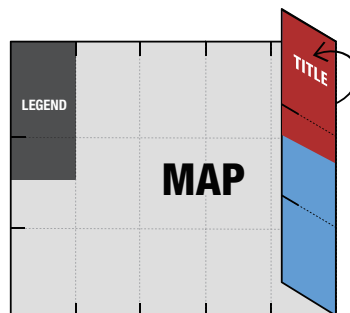
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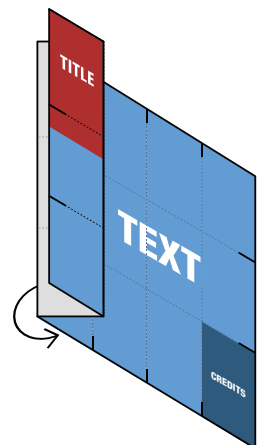
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