



神威岬

Sea Kayaking Map


1:25000






7.5hrs

Time




25km

Distance




7/10

Difficulty




3/5

Remoteness



5/5

Water clarity



Jul-Sep

Best season

Kamui-misaki 神威岬 is a breath-taking, tall cape jutting into the Japan Sea at the western tip of Shakotan Peninsula 積丹岬 in western Hokkaido. Steep hillsides are carpeted in bright green bamboo grass and coastal vegetation, punctuated with rocky crags. The intertidal zone stretches out into the sea, with rocky spires to paddle around. Here, we outline a long sea kayak day-paddle along the northern and southern sides of the cape. South of Kamui-misaki is the gorgeous Numamae-misaki cape 沼前岬 and the jagged rocky Jubo-misaki cape ジュウボウ岬. Crystal clear water, natural and man-made caves, impressive rocky capes, and the dramatic Shishamonai Falls シシヤモナイ滝 make this an excellent day out for fit paddlers.

LOCATION
Kamui-misaki is a prominent cape at the northwestern tip of Shakotan Peninsula in southwestern Hokkaido. It's about a 2 hour drive west of Sapporo City. Here, we describe a route putting in at the northeastern end of the route, but paddlers can of course paddle in the other direction – make your own decision based on weather, swell forecasts, and location scouting on the day.

Put-in location: For this route guide, we assume paddlers put in at the northeastern end of the route, at the Nozuka Municipal Campground 野塚道営野営場. There is

a nice beach next to the campground, perfect for launching off. In summer, the surf is rarely very large here. If you'd prefer to keep the trip very short, it's also possible to put in from the rocky beach near the public toilets next to the Ushio seafood restaurant, here, right next to Cape Kamui. This would cut about 6km from the route.

Take-out location: Take out at the Nishi-no-kawara 西の河原 bay. The beach is rocky, but there's a convenient underpass walkway with stairs up to the large parking area above the bay. The public toilets marked on Google Maps are currently out of order. We've heard reports of brown bear sightings in the area, so take the normal bear precautions. Also be aware that *mamushi* snakes (venomous Japanese pit vipers) are reportedly quite common here, basking on the bouldery beach.

GENERAL NOTES
It's difficult to overstate just how impressive this section of the Shakotan coast is. While the rugged Kamui-misaki cape often takes the

limelight, the Shishamonai Falls is jaw-dropping, as is the Jubo Cape ジュウボウ岬 and Numamae Cape 沼前岬 areas. The water is crystal clear along the duration of the route, and cliff tops are covered in beautiful green vegetation.

Weather and sea conditions: This area can be a tough nut to crack in terms of weather. Calm, settled conditions are relatively rare, even in the height of summer. On a good day the clarity of the water is really quite outstanding, so we'd highly recommend seeking out the best of conditions.

Cape Jubo-misaki: This ruggedly beautiful cape and the Shishamonai Falls beyond it are by far the most remote sections of this route. Access by foot is extremely challenging, requiring some serious scrambling along very steep and exposed coast. Make conservative decisions when considering whether or not to make the return trip to Shishamonai Falls or not.

SAPPORO AREA

Enroute camping: A rugged camp could be set on Jubo-misaki cape's Nishi-no-kawara spit, but note that there's no fresh water source there. Beyond this, there are precious few areas suited to camping apart from Nozuka Campground at the start of the route.

Escape from the water: Much of the non-cape areas of the route have National Highway 229 running along the shoreline. The road is elevated about 4m from the shore in most places, however, with high concrete walls running along the shore, so access to the road can be tricky with kayaks in tow. There are sporadic, narrow concrete stairs to access the road from the shore.

Fishing ports: As per Hokkaido bylaws, fishing ports are off-limits to recreational craft (including kayaks) unless in an emergency.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
The recommended time of 7.5hrs here allows for a very leisurely exploration of intertidal zones, waterfalls, tunnels, and a spot of snorkelling.

Put in at the beach at Nozuka Campground and paddle west towards Kamui-misaki cape. At this point, the cape you can see in the distance is Mui-misaki cape 武威岬, about 3km west of the campound. Kamui-misaki is another 5km beyond that. From the camp-ground to Mui-misaki, you'll be paddling along a relatively flat stretch of coast; the sea bottom is sandy and the water is relatively shallow. If conditions are calm, enjoy the extraordinary clarity of the water; you'll feel as though you're floating on thin air, your shadow projected onto the sea floor.

Just beyond Mui-misaki, and just before the Yobetsu fishing port 余別漁港 is a small cape with remnants of the old coastal foot tunnel. The cape area is surrounded by tidal rocks, so wander up to take a look if the tides work out. From there it's a 4km paddle to get to the beginning of the Kamui-misaki cape area proper. Watch out for another old foot tunnel, tunnelling from one side of a small cape to the other. It's long enough to require a torch to walk through it safely – it gets very dark in there. Hikers may be seen walking through the tunnel, having accessed the coast from further east.

Paddling further west now towards Kamui-misaki proper, you'll likely see the hordes of tourists packed into the narrow walkway high above along the ridge of the cape. It's a truly freeing feeling, being far from the madding crowds. The steep, green-carpeted slopes to the cape's ridgeline here are beautiful.

Depending on which way the swell and waves are coming from, one side of the cape will usually be in the lee of swell – most likely the eastern side. Therefore, paddlers may find more challenging paddling conditions once they round the cape. Turning back at the cape to return the way you came would be perfectly acceptable, so keep that option in your back pocket.

If conditions continue to be favourable, continue now southward along a coast that alternates between rugged capes and concreted shoreline. All the cape areas are untouched by human activity, as the National Highway 229 cuts through them via tunnels. Easily the most spectacular capes along this west-facing coastline are Numamae-misaki and Jubo-misaki. Numamae-misaki is home to caves and narrow waterways between towering rocky coast. Jubo-misaki feels straight out of Jurassic Park.

Then the climax of the trip is the spectacular Shishamonai Falls. Getting there requires a there-and-back extension to the trip of about 4km. More of a cascade perhaps than a waterfall, this remote, kayak-only-access waterfall is worth the extra effort to see, however, for paddlers who still have energy in the tank after paddling 20km already.


TRANSPORT
By car | There's plenty of free parking at both the recommended put-ins/take-outs on this route. The Nozuka Campground has plenty, and there's a huge parking area at Numanokawara.
Public transport | In summer, the eastern side of Kamui-misaki is serviced by a public

bus from Otaru City to Kamui-misaki – the Shakotan Line 積丹線 run by Chuo Bus. Shakotan-hamanaka bus stop 積丹浜中バス停 is right next to the Nozuka Campground. The southern side of Kamui-misaki is serviced by a public bus from Iwanai Town 岩内町 to Kamui-misaki, also run by Chuo Bus – the Kamoenai Line 神恵内線. There's a bus stop at the recommended take out for this route; the Numanokawara Bus Stop 沼の河原バス停. Google Maps has good up to date timetabling information. The buses only run between April and October.


SAFETY NOTES
Shakotan Peninsula is bear country so take the normal bear-safety precautions. In particular, at the take-out at Numanokawara, there have been reports as of 2022 of sightings of bears that appear to not be afraid of humans. As is the case with the majority of Hokkaido sea kayaking, this is an exposed coast, with a large fetch across the Japan Sea. Kamui-misaki is often the border between calmer and heavier seas, so make conservative decisions when the sea is up beyond the cape.

ONSEN NEARBY
Shakotan Peninsula is home to a few really good onsen. Nozuka Campground is close to the amazing hilltop Misaki-no-yu 岬の湯 (900yen). They have a large relaxation area and offer meals. The sunset views from the outdoor baths are incredible. If you're heading back to Sapporo, consider the lovely Furubira Onsen 日本海ふるびら温泉しおかぜ (550yen). ■

Japanese Map Glossary		
Romaji	Kanji	English
<i>cho</i>	町	town
<i>dake/mine</i>	岳/峯	peak
<i>eki</i>	駅	station
<i>goya/koya</i>	小屋	hut
<i>gyoko</i>	漁港	fishing port
<i>ike</i>	池	pond
<i>iwa</i>	岩	rock
<i>kaigan</i>	海岸	coast
<i>kawa/gawa</i>	川	river
<i>ko/mizumi</i>	湖	lake
<i>ko</i>	港	port
<i>misaki</i>	岬	cape
<i>onsen</i>	温泉	hot spring
<i>sawa</i>	沢	stream
<i>shima</i>	島	island
<i>tani/dani</i>	谷	valley
<i>taki</i>	滝	waterfall
<i>today</i>	灯台	lighthouse
<i>toge</i>	峠	pass
<i>wan</i>	湾	bay
<i>yama/san/zan</i>	山	mountain



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Nozuka ↔ Nishinokawara

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Sea Kayaking Map Map

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2.5km

5m

Intertidal zones

Fixed nets (month/type*)

Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks

Cave

Lighthouse, light

Prone to rough seas / Isolated wind

Submarine cable

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Minor Road / Track

Land contour lines (100m, 10m)

Trees / No trees

Buildings

Parking / Onsen

Shop / Public toilet

Kayak guide / Freshwater hose

Campground / Camp-site (no facilities)

Shrine / Temple

Hot spring / Fumerole

Transmission tower

Bus route / Stop

Municipal boundary

Sake (salmon)

Maguro (tuna)

Hokke (mackerel)

Iwashi (sardine)

Ika (squid)

Masus (Cherry/pink salmon)

Buri (yellowtail)

Karei (flounder)

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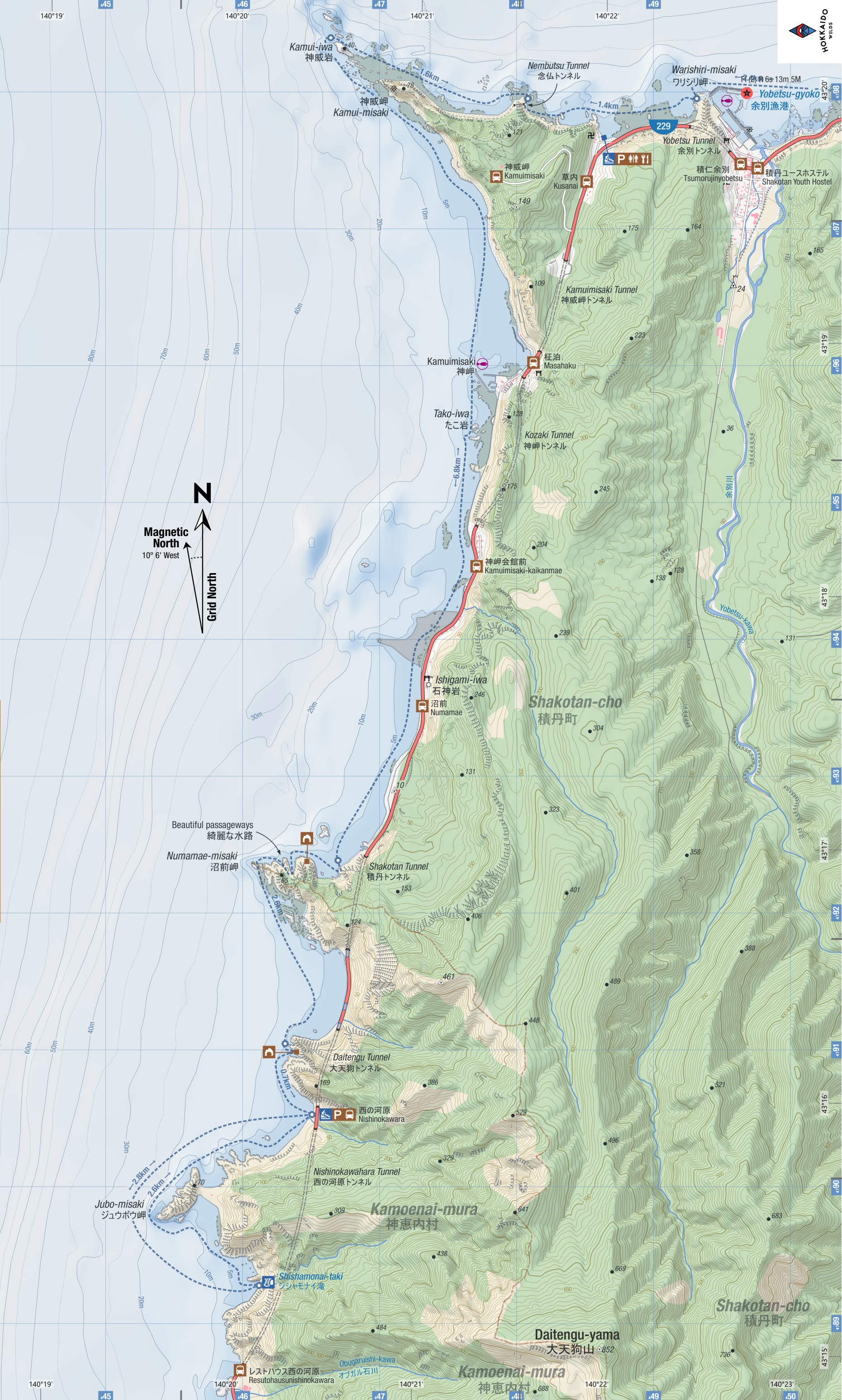
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The map displays the Kamui-misaki area, including the Kamui-misaki Peninsula and the surrounding waters. Key features include:

- Geographical Features:** Menoko-iwa (メノコ岩), Kamui-iwa (神威岩), Kamui-misaki (神威岬), Mui-misaki (武威岬), Nozuka Mt (道管野塚), and various smaller islands and rocks like Tako-iwa (たこ岩) and Ishigami-iwa (石神岩).
- Tunnels:** Nembutsu Tunnel (念仏トンネル), Warishiri-misaki (ワリシリ岬), Yobetsu Tunnel (余別トンネル), Kamuimisaki Tunnel (神威岬トンネル), Kozaki Tunnel (神崎トンネル), and Mui Tunnel (武威トンネル).
- Roads and Infrastructure:** National Highway 229, Prefectural Highway 66, and various local roads. The map also shows the Yobetsu-gyoko (Raigishi) (余別漁港 (来岸)) and the Yobetsu-gyoko (余別漁港).
- Topography:** The map shows contour lines indicating elevation, with peaks reaching up to 675 meters.
- Coordinates:** The map includes a coordinate grid with UTM coordinates (e.g., 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55) and latitude/longitude coordinates (e.g., 140°20', 140°21', 140°22', 140°23', 140°24', 140°25', 140°26', 140°27' and 43°18', 43°19', 43°20', 43°21').
- Magnetic North:** A magnetic north indicator shows a declination of 10° 6' West from Grid North.

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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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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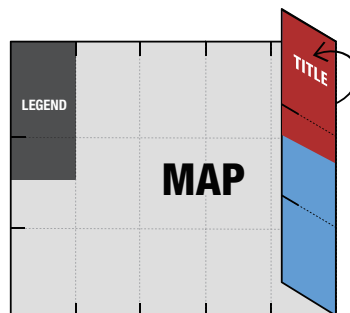
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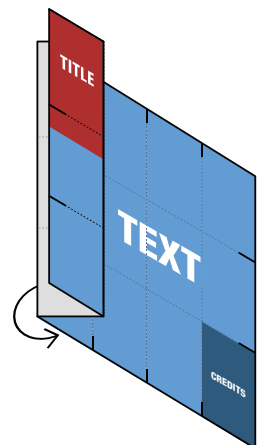
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