




Rebunge Coast

礼文華海岸 Sea Kayaking Map 1:25000







6.5hrs
Time




20km
Distance




6/10
Difficulty



3.5/5
Remoteness



4/5
Water clarity



May-Oct
Best season

The Toyoura/Rebunge Coast 豊浦・礼文華海岸 is a beautifully remote stretch of cliffs, coves, rocks, and beaches at the northern apex of southern Hokkaido's Uchiura Bay 内浦湾. Most of the coves are inaccessible from land, allowing the sea kayaker special access to these idyllic locations. Along the way, there's the curious Koboro JR Station 小幌駅 - a train station nestled inexplicably in a gorge between two tunnels. Near Koboro station on the coast is the Kamanatamoi Inlet カマナタモイの入江, replete with a Shinto grotto, incense, and jizo-san statues. This is a seldom-paddled section of coast, away from any main roads for the most part, so it's a great, accessible place to get away from it all. With good JR train access, this is a great place for paddlers traveling with portable vessels. There are a number of coastal beachside campgrounds dotted along the way.

LOCATION
The Toyoura/Rebunge Coast sits at the northernmost apex of the large Uchiura Bay (Funka-wan) in southern Hokkaido, about 85km as the crow flies southwest of Sapporo City. It lies between Oshamambe and Date (Lake Toya).

Put-in location: The put in at the western end of the route is at the Shizukari Surf Beach. On Google Maps, it's marked as the “Squeaking Sands Shizukari Beach”



静狩海岸の鳴き砂 – if the conditions are right, the sand will squeak underfoot. Naturally, it's possible to paddle this section in either direction.

Take-out location: We've marked Okishi Beach 大岸浜 as the eastern-most take out for this route, making it about 20km in length. If you'd prefer to shorten the trip, it's possible to take out at the Rebunga Coast beach 礼文華海浜. There's a nice campground at that beach, and plenty of parking. If you'd like to lengthen the trip by another 5km, there's the option of taking out at Toyoura, at the sheltered Toyoura Seaside Park Campground beach 豊浦海浜公園キャンプ場.



GENERAL NOTES
Overall, the Uchiura Bay coast is often considered boring and busy. There's the main National Highway 37 that thunders along next to the coast, so many write it off entirely. The reality could not be further from the truth. The beautiful beaches, with good surf, stretch on for what seems like forever. Here and there, there are 20km stretches of remote cliff-bound coast far from the madding crowds of the main road. This Toyoura to Rebunge Coast section is just that. A gorgeous, unique stretch of coast with cliffs, secluded inlets, ancient forest, rocks, waterfalls, and a couple of nice options for camping along the way.

SOUTHERN HOKKAIDO

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
We recommend allowing about 6-7hrs for this route, to allow for walking from Kamanatamoi Inlet to Koboro Station and back.

Here, we describe paddling from west to east. Put in at Shizukari Beach. This beach is known as a good surf beach if there are the right conditions. Unless there's a very large swell however, most of the time the waves are more than manageable. Paddle northeast past Shizukari fishing port. It's only about 1.5km before you leave the beach behind and hit the beautiful cliffs of the coast.

The first destination is a nice cove with a fine stony beach about 4km from the put-in. There's a nice waterfall in the cove. Another 1.5km east along the coast is a narrow inlet with a cave. From there, it's 3km to the highlight of the route – the Kamanatamoi Inlet. This gorgeous little inlet has an old tourist boat berthing pier (now disused), hut, and grotto with a shrine. From the inlet, it's possible to walk about 20 minutes to the curious Koboro JR train station. This station is only accessible by train (or by foot from the coast). Why it hasn't been mothballed yet is anyone's guess.

From Kamanatamoi Inlet it's a picturesque 5km paddle around Ikori-misaki cape to another small cave about 200m east of the cape. From there it's only 500m to the Rebunge Beach, where there's a campground, water, toilets, and parking. This is a good place to take out if you'd prefer a trip of around 15km. Indeed, the most spectacular section of coast is now completed.

If you commit to another 5km of pleasant paddling, you can land on the picturesque beach just east of Okishi fishing port. This beach is popular with surf-casting fishers.

TRANSPORT
By car | There's plenty of parking at all the put-ins/take-outs.
Public transport | The small villages along this route are all very conveniently accessible by JR train – the Muroran Honsen line runs the entire length of the coast. At the western-most end of the route is the Shizukari station 静狩駅. At Rebunge there's the Rebus station 礼文駅. At the western-most end of the route, there's the Okishi station 大岸駅. All the stations are within a 10 minute walk of the coast.

SAFETY NOTES
Compared with other paddling locations in Hokkaido, the Uchiura Bay, being protected somewhat from large ocean swells, is a relatively sheltered place to paddle. That said, there is reasonable fetch across the bay, so

any strong winds will whip the sea into a challenging state quite quickly. Also note that from Shizukari to Rebunge – a distance of about 15km – there are very few places to escape to the safety of a road. Inlets tend to be cliff-bound making escape overland difficult. There are walking trails from Kamanatamoi Inlet and Buntaro-yama beach to Koboro Station which can facilitate escape if necessary. Trains stop at Koboro Station about once every hour.


ONSEN NEARBY
For a post-paddle soak, we recommend the Toyoura Onsen 天然豊浦温泉しおさい (600yen) on the coast, about 5km east of Okishi. There are indoor and outdoor baths, and an attached restaurant. It's also possible to stay te night there. ■



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

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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




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| | Cave / Bears common | | Buildings | | Transmission tower |
| | Lighthouse, light | | Parking / Onsen | | Bus route / Stop |
| | Fishing port / Marina | | Municipal boundary | | |
| | Prone to rough seas / Tidal currents | | | | |
| | Submarine cable | | | | |

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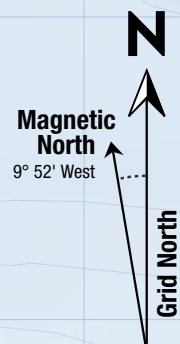
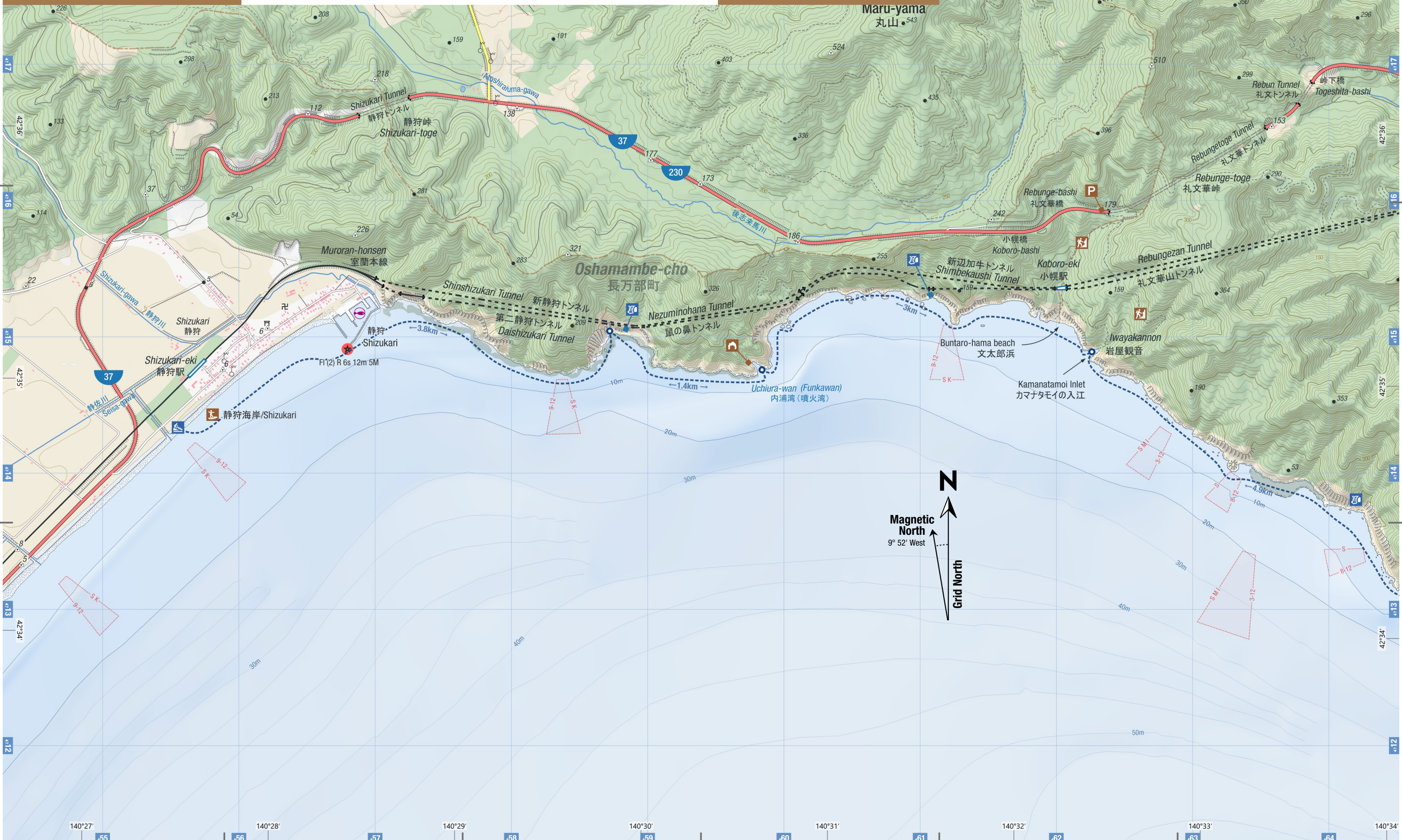
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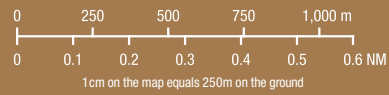
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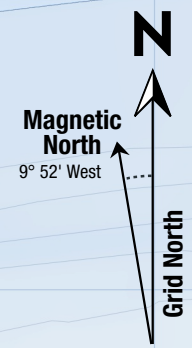
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STEP 2

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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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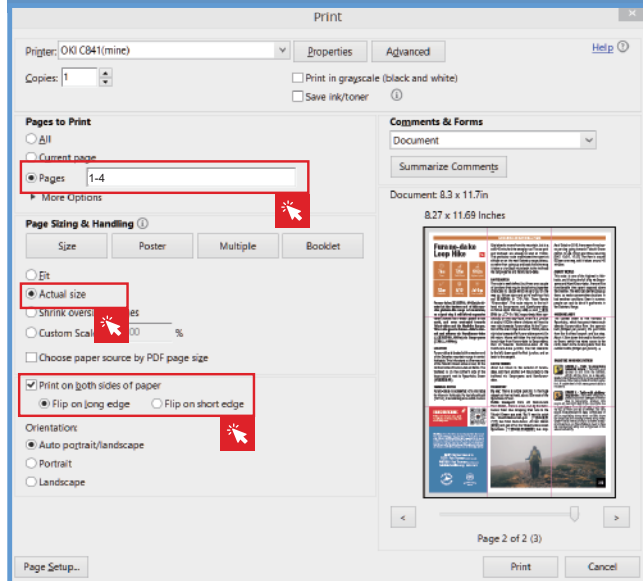


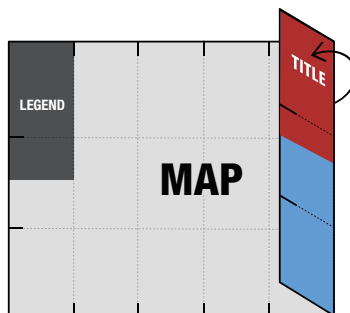
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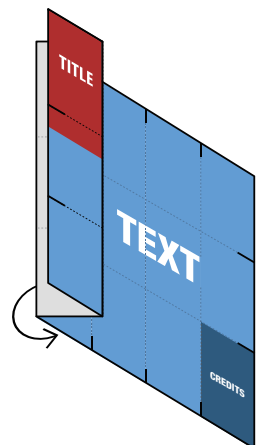
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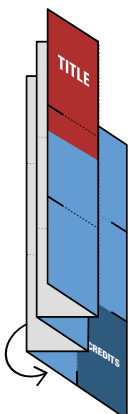
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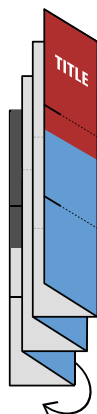
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