



Sandan-yama


三段山Hiking Map1:25000





5hrs  
Time

800m  
Total Climb

1748m  
Highest point

7km  
Distance

5/10  
Difficulty

Jun-Oct  
Best season

Sandan-yama 三段山 (1748m) is a minor peak on the northern side of the Tokachi Range 十勝連峰 in the Daisetsuzan National Park 大雪山国立公園. It's only minor in relation to the surrounding mountains, however, and is arguably the best way to experience the sheer panorama beauty of the amphitheatre that is the northern side of the Tokachi Range. The summit affords an up-close-and-personal view of the steaming face of



Tokachi-dake 十勝岳 (2077m), the jagged Kamifurano-dake 上富良野岳 (1893m), and the fascinating orange-stained Sanpo-zan Valley. Both Sandan-yama trailheads offer some of Hokkaido's best onsen nearby, with easy access to and from Furano City.

LOCATION

Sandan-yama is located on the northern side of the Tokachi Range in the Daisetsuzan National Park, in central Hokkaido. It sits as ‘advance-guard’ to the higher peaks on the range. There are two trailheads for Sandan-yama. On this

page, we describe hiking from the Hakuginso Lodge trailhead (1017m). Alternatively, hikers can start from the Tokachidake Onsen trailhead (1267m).

GENERAL NOTES

Sandan-yama is well known among the backcountry skiing community in Hokkaido, as being some of the most accessible alpine powder skiing in Hokkaido. It's also a fine hiking objective in the non-winter months, as it affords fantastic views of the northern side of the Tokachi Range, and further north along the Daisetsuzan National Park towards Asahi-dake.

Access to Sandan-yama is exemplary, with two high-altitude trailheads to choose from. The trail described here starts and finishes at the excellent Hakuginso Lodge and onsen 白銀荘, and is arguably the more gradual of the two trails, in terms of steepness. If you don't mind a steeper and rockier trail that saves about 20 minutes, the trail from Tokachidake Onsen is also worthwhile.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Fit, fast hikers on a time-budget will likely be able to finish off Sandan-yama in around 3-4 hours. If taking one's time, allow five hours.

From the large Hakuginso Lodge parking lot, head south across the campground lawn and climb the stairs up the bank to the trail heading directly south. Note that there's also a trail heading east, but this goes towards Tokachi-dake. For the first 1km (140m vertical

DAISETSUZAN NATIONAL PARK

climbing), you'll follow a well-formed trail through tall sasa bamboo. This was once a nationally owned and operated ski area, which has long been defunct.

Once at the top of the old ski field, the trail steepens somewhat as it enters tall haimatsu pine. Just as you start wondering if you'll ever get any views on this hike, the trail breaks through the pine for a brief section teetering on the edge of the large gully separating Sanda-yama and Maetokachi-dake. Here, you'll have excellent views north towards Asahi-dake, and your first glimpses of the steaming western face of the very active and volcanic Maetokachidake.

The trail then returns to the tall haimatsu pine until very close to the summit. From the summit proper, you'll have first-row seats to the grand views of the imposing, rocky northern face of the Tokachi Range – Tokachi-dake 十勝岳 (2077m), Kamihorokamettoku-yama 上ホロカメットク山 (1920m), Kamifurano-dake 上富良野岳 (1893m), Sanpo-zan 三峰山 (1866m), and Furano-dake 富良野岳 (1912m) will all be in view. Return the way you came.

TRANSPORT

By car: Hakuginso Lodge is a 40-minute drive



from central Furano City. There is ample parking in the Hakuginso Lodge parking lot. It's possible to sleep overnight in the parking lot, but this costs 500yen per night (pay at the front desk in the lodge).

Public transport: A public bus runs three times per day from Kamifurano JR Station to Hakuginso Lodge. In summer 2023, there were buses leaving Kamifurano Station at 7:05am (6:50am on weekends), 8:52am, 12:49pm, and 4:31pm. Time from the station to Hakuginso was about 30 minutes. Buses returned from Hakuginso to the station at 7:54am (weekends only), 10:01am, 1:51pm, and 5:50pm, with the return trip also taking 30 minutes. Kamifurano JR Station is accessible by JR train from Sapporo JR Station (2.5hrs, 6,430yen, see details on Google Maps here).

SAFETY NOTES

Conditions at the peak will be much colder and

windier than at the trailhead, so make sure to carry the appropriate gear. In particular note that in Hokkaido, anything over 1500m in altitude can be a serious hiking environment, not unlike much higher peaks elsewhere in the world.

ONSEN NEARBY

The Hakuginso Lodge 白銀荘 (700yen) is an onsen – a very nice one at that. There's both gender-separated outdoor pools, and a mixed-gender pool too (bathing suits required in the mixed-gender pool). You can stay overnight for just 3,250yen. 10 minutes walk down the road from the lodge is the natural, free, mixed-gender Fukiage Onsen. The Ryounkaku Onsen 凌雲閣 (1000yen, accessible by same bus that gets you to Hakuginso Lodge) has an incredible view, and they also offer lunch.

| 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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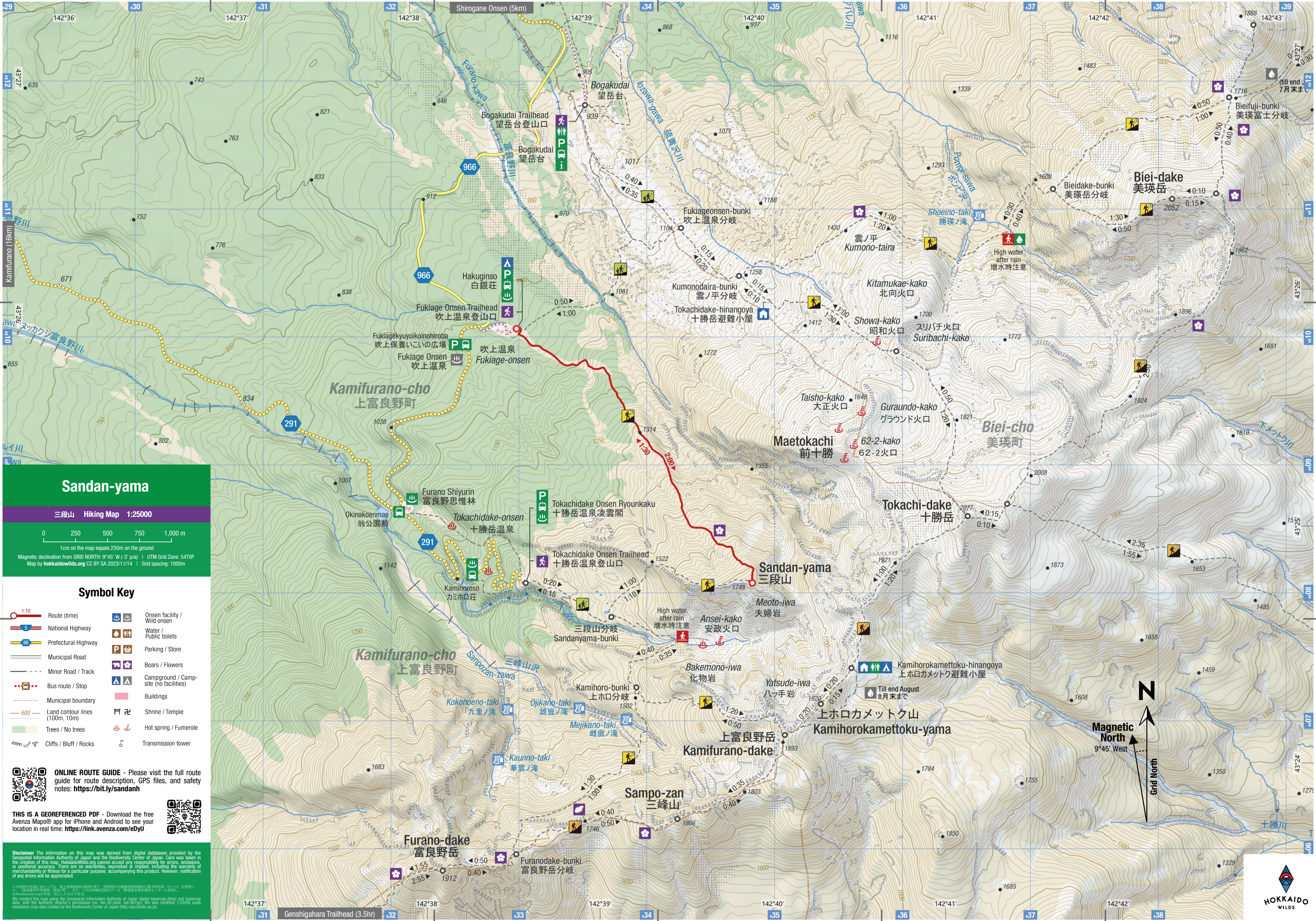
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### Sandan-yama

三段山 Hiking Map 1:25000

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250

500

750

1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 9°45' W (-3° p/a) | UTM Grid Zone: 54TXP  
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| Symbol Key |  |
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|            | Route (time)                           |
|            | National Highway                       |
|            | Prefectural Highway                    |
|            | Municipal Road                         |
|            | Minor Road / Track                     |
|            | Bus route / Stop                       |
|            | Municipal boundary                     |
|            | Land contour lines (100m, 10m)         |
|            | Trees / No trees                       |
|            | Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks                 |
|            | Onsen facility / Wild onsen            |
|            | Water / Public toilets                 |
|            | Parking / Store                        |
|            | Bears / Flowers                        |
|            | Campground / Camp-site (no facilities) |
|            | Buildings                              |
|            | Shrine / Temple                        |
|            | Hot spring / Fumerole                  |
|            | Transmission tower                     |

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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 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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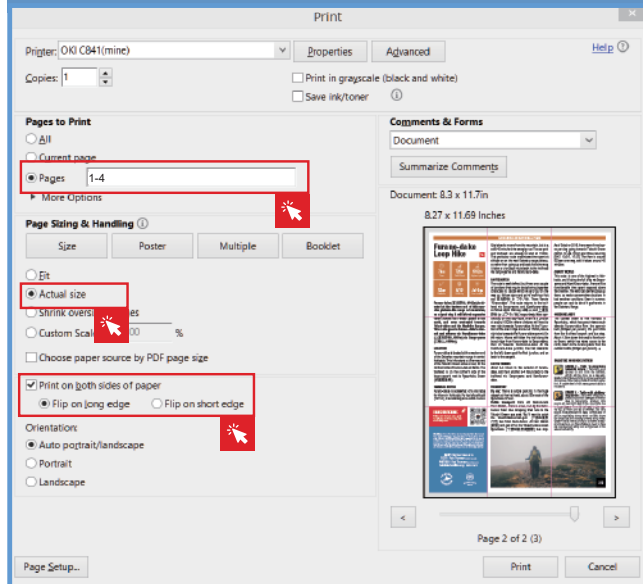
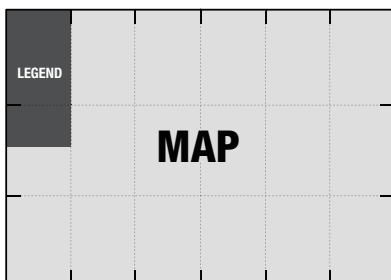


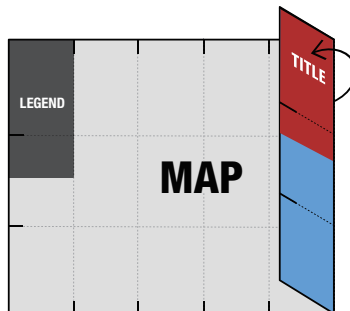
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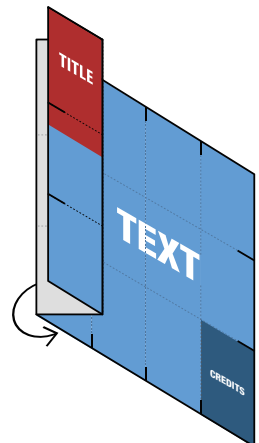
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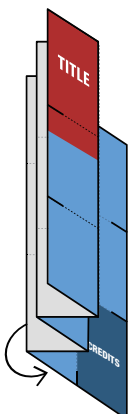
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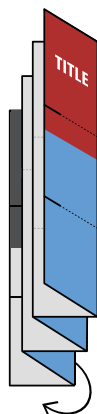
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