




Dairoku-yama

大麓山Ski Touring Map1:25000







7hrs
Time




1040m
Total Climb




1459m
Highest point



15.5km
Distance



7.5/10
Difficulty



Jan-May
Best season

Dairoku-yama 大麓山 (1459m) is a lofty and distant objective on the southwestern border of Daisetsuzan National Park in central Hokkaido. Fit and strong ski tourers’ seven plus hours of toil will be rewarded with grand views across the Furano plains as well as the entirety of the Daisetsuzan Range to the northeast. Best suited for the firm snow of spring, this is a deserving peak-hunt for those seeking a fresh perspective on the central Hokkaido mountains.



LOCATION
Dairoku-yama sits at the southwestern end of the Daisetsuzan National Park in central Hokkaido. It’s right on the border of the national park. The trailhead is about 30 minutes drive from central Furano City, via the hamlet of Rokugo.

GENERAL NOTES
Dairoku-yama is the highest point in the University of Tokyo Hokkaido Forest, and as

such, this route travels through forest that officially belongs to (or is at least managed by) the University of Tokyo. While this route is a vaguely popular (i.e., it might see a few people on it per season), ski tourers should obey any instructions from forest research staff. On this trip, I didn’t encounter any staff, but snowmobiles were clearly active on the lower approach road. Take care and give way to any management staff.

Difficulty: This is a very long route, particularly so if taking it on in deep winter – expect deep snow and plenty of trail-breaking required. For that reason, we’d recommend this route for spring, when the snow will be more hard packed.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Fit and strong parties can expect about 5.5 hours on the ascent, and about 1.5 hours on the descent.

Park well to the side of the road near the bridge over the Ponnunobu-gawa river (ポン布部川). Follow the forestry road to the north of the fence separating the field from the river – you’ll pass a forestry management house on the left. At the far eastern end of the field, you’ll encounter a rope mesh gate which you can duck under. Continue to follow the road to the 427m point marked on the map. Here, head north northeast along a faint old road for just over 2km on the western (left) side of the river.

At some point, find a suitable snow bridge to cross the river and head up the spur to the broad forested slope. Head now in an east northeast direction towards the summit access forestry road, joining with the road at around 1030m. Cut the corner of the road, and join back up with the road, following it up to the flat saddle at 1178m. From here, you’ve still for

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about 300m to climb to the summit, steeper now. For most of the winter, this last section will be quite wind-scoured – ski crampons may be required. Return the way you came.

TRANSPORT
By car: The trailhead is easily accessed from central Furano City via the hamlet of Rokugo. Note that heavy farm machinery uses the road near the Ponnunobe-gawa bridge, so make sure to park well to the side of the road. Also avoid parking at the very end of the road, as this is where snow-clearing machinery turns around.
Public transport: There is no public transport to this route.

SAFETY NOTES

While the terrain is relatively benign on this route, it is a long way. Make sure to allow plenty of time if shooting for the summit – a pre-dawn start is recommended. The final 100m or so of elevation gain may be on bullet-proof wind-scoured snow, so ski crampons are recommended.

ONSEN NEARBY
If headed back to Furano City, Hotel Naturwald Furano ホテル ナトゥールヴァルト 富良野 (600yen) has some nice outdoor baths. If willing to travel further afield, our natural choice would be Hakuginso 白銀荘 (700yen) up near Tokachi Onsen – the open-air baths are some of the best in Hokkaido. ■




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

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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)

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.



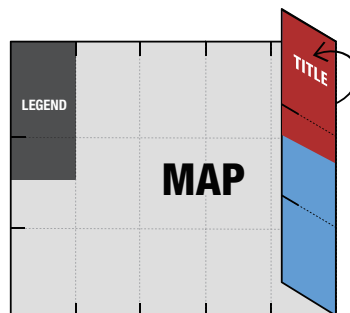
Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size" is selected (Windows).

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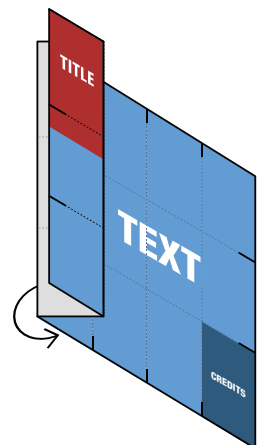
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