

Dairoku-yama Nth. Ridge



6hrs Time	965m Total Climb	1216m Highest point
18km Distance	8/10 Difficulty	Jan-Apr Best season

Dairoku-yama (大麓山, 1459m) is a remote, lonely peak in deep winter. Not many people will stand on its summit in the snowy season. However, this multi-peaked massif is home to a number of remote slopes, most with very well spaced trees, on multiple aspects. Access from the Ningle Forest Management Hut is via a tricky clamber across a stream near the hut.

LOCATION

Dairoku-yama sits to the south of Furano-dake and Maefurano-dake, at the southwestern end of the Daisetsuzan Range in central Hokkaido. In deep winter, skiers will need to travel from a closed road gate across 6.5km of very gently ascending terrain before getting to the Ningle Forest Management Hut and then ascend from there.

GENERAL NOTES

The descent down to the Fudo-no-taki (不動の滝), Nunobe-gawa creek (布部川) crossing and subsequent scramble up to the main ridge is a bit of a gong show on this route. The actual northern ridge has some

lovely skiing, and the Fudo-no-taki waterfall is impressive, but the approach definitely verges on Type-2 fun. Hence, this route is not, by any stretch of the imagination, a practical or highly recommended route. It is the result of having a full spare day at the Ningle Forest Management Hut, waiting for the weather to clear for an attempt on the summit of Maefurnao-dake.

If attempting this route, please accept that it is well and truly in a beta-stage of development. It requires considerable clambering up small sections of rocky cliff. Nothing involves anything even approaching exposure to a life-threatening fall, but skiers will need to be open-minded, fit, and creative.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. Expect about 4-5 hours from road-end to the 1200m point, and then about 2hrs back to the road-end. Our route timings here assume you're carrying (or pulling) overnight gear to the hut. If doing this as a daytrip, one might be able to shave off an hour or so.

Access the Ningle Forest Management Hut as per the details on the Maefurano-dake route overview. From the hut, head up the upper summer hiking trail towards the Genshi-ga-hara plateau. In about 1km, drop down to below the Fudo-no-taki. This is a moderately steep ski through trees for 50m or so, then a very steep (but short) drop down to the creek proper. When we were there in March 2020, there was a makeshift bridge made of large logs straddling the creek just below the waterfall. We easily skinned across this on an ample-wide covering of snow. From the waterfall, traverse along the far side of the creek downstream for about 150m. Space between the ravine wall and the stream will be tight in places. The crux comes at the end of the 150m, with a scrambly 'gap'. Brush snow out of the way to find handholds to push yourself upwards, and grab onto the saplings on the other side to haul yourself across. We did this with skis still attached to boots. In March 2020, falling here would simply have meant a soft landing in snow, with an easy short 2m re-ascent. Your mileage may differ depending on snow conditions.

Once past the crux, it's a steep zig-zag ascent on good snow, through a messy wind-fall strewn forest. Soon enough the forest will transform into slopes with well-spaced old-growth trees. Follow the ridge up to around the 1200m knob. After a few laps, on aspects suited to the conditions, the final return is back the way you came. The crux point on the descent is as befuddling as it was on the ascent, but not impossible. Once across the stream near the waterfall, the steep, short climb back up to the summer trail is the final crux of the route. Some in our party opted to bootpack, some managed to cut a steep skin-track. Follow the summer trail back to the hut.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is roadside parking at the road-

closed gate (see online guide). Park well to the side of the road, and don't park too close to the gate, as snow-clearing equipment uses this area to turn around. You may need to spend 15 minutes or so clearing your own parking space off the side of the road.

Public transport: There are no public transport options for this route.

SAFETY NOTES

This route is best suited to a party with at least one experienced ski tourer, accustomed to problem-solving in the outdoors - the creek-crossing involves plenty of scrambling. Also note that this is a very remote route. Given the difficult and long access, any foot rescue will be a long time coming - skiers need to be self-reliant, prepared, and experienced with difficult backcountry travel.

ONSEN NEARBY

From the winter trailhead, the closest onsen is Furano La Terre (ふらのラテール, 980yen). It's about 14km (20mins) from the trailhead. There's indoor baths, a cave bath, outdoor baths - it's a huge facility. It also has an attached restaurant. If you're headed further into central Hokkaido, then it would be worth making the extra 20 minutes drive up the mountain to the Tokachi Onsen area. Ryounkaku (凌雲閣, 800yen) at the end of the road arguably has one of the most epic outdoor onsen views in Hokkaido. Of course there's good old Hakuginso (白銀荘, 700yen for a soak). And for the adventurous, there's the Fukiage Onsen free wild onsen just down the road from Hakuginso (吹上温泉, free). ■



NINGLE FOREST
MANAGEMENT HUT



Details: Available to general public upon application - call Furano City Council to arrange key pickup. Good wood-burning stove (wood supplied), interior toilets, well maintained and upkeep.

Capacity: 30 persons.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Furano City Council, TEL: 0167-39-2312.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <http://bit.ly/dairok>



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Maefurano-dake
plus Ningle Hut

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Map declination from GRID NORTH: 9°43' W (-3' per year) | MGRS Zone: 54TXP
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Symbol Key

3:00

Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *

Freeride Route *

Advanced Route *

5

National Highway

66

Prefectural Highway / Gate

Municipal Road

Minor Municipal Road

Forestry Road

Bus route / Stop

Ski lift / Abandoned Ski lift

Municipal boundary

Power lines

600

Contour lines (100m, 10m)

Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks

Trees / No trees

G3 G6

Backcountry gates

P

Ploughed parking / Onsen facility

Shop / Public toilet

Hut / Campground

Shrine / Temple

Hot spring / Fumerole

Transmission tower

* Dashed route line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanche/falls etc).

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Features 地点名

8 - Kumagera Chute
クマゲラシュート

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Load your printer with A4 printer paper (210mm x 297mm). If you've only got Letter size (215.9mm x 279.4 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.

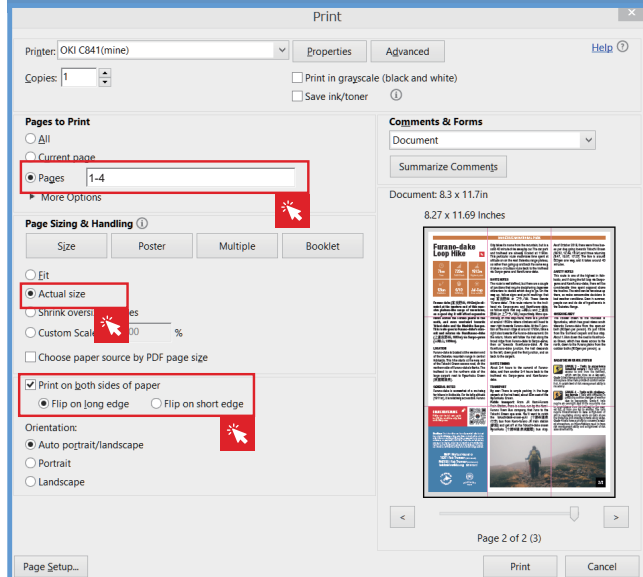


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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