

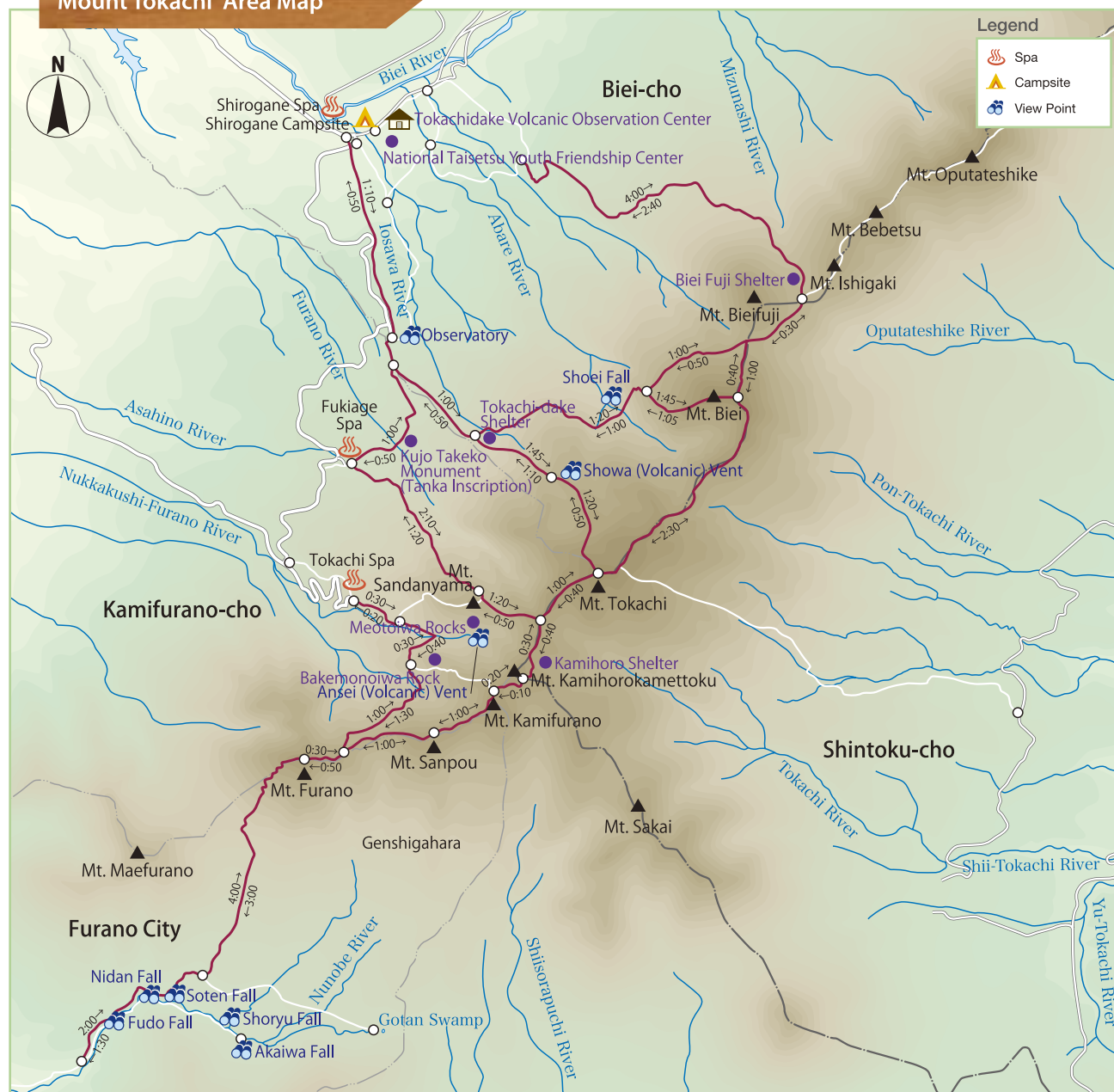
Visitors' Guide 2

Tokachidake

Mount Tokachi Area

The Tokachi Mountain Range is a series of mountains situated to the south of the Daisetsuzan volcanoes and its highest peak, Mount Tokachi, is a volcano that is still active. A large number of people visit the southern area, which a Mount Tokachi, Mount Biei, and Mount Furano. Furthermore, you can get an unbroken view of the mountain range from the west side of this area (the Kamikawa region) with no high frontal mountains. Most of the public routes for visitors begin at Biei and Furano at the western base. The eastern side the Tokachi region is one of the most mountainous areas in Hokkaido.

Mount Tokachi Area Map



Mount Biei (2,052m)



Mount Biei and Biei Fuji

Mount Biei is north of Mount Tokachi. There are two routes: one begins at Shirogane Hot Spring, going through Bogakudai and joining Mount Tokachi trail. It then branches to the left, going through Ponpizawa and climbing the western ridge. The other route hugs the slope near the Biei Fuji Evacuation Hut on the north side of the summit from Shirogane Hot Spring. The view is splendid from the summit, where rocks have piled up.


Aleutian Avenas
(*Sieversia pentapetala*)

Mount Tokachi (2,077m), Bogakudai



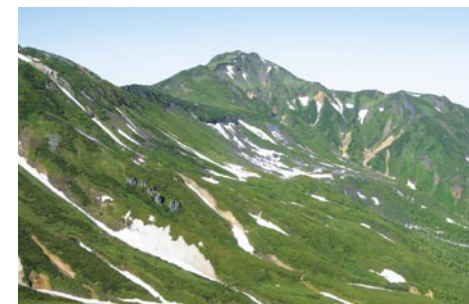
From Mount Sandanyama to Mount Tokachi

From Shirogane Hot Spring, there is a roadway all the way to Bogakudai. There is a splendid view of Mount Tokachi releasing smoke, and Beardtongue (*Pennellianthus frutescens*) grows in the sandy areas. You can enjoy a walk through the woods using the walkway stretching from here through Fukiage Hot Spring all the way to Tokachidake Hot Spring. The mountain trail to Mount Tokachi runs through a rocky area. There are numerous volcanoes near the summit such as the Taisho Vent, the Grand Vent, and the 62 Vent. The summit is a small lava dome with nothing obstructing the view. You should gather the latest information on the volcanoes at the trailhead upon before climbing.

The slopes around Mount Sandanyama and Mae-tokachidake are ideal sites for mountain skiing in the winter.

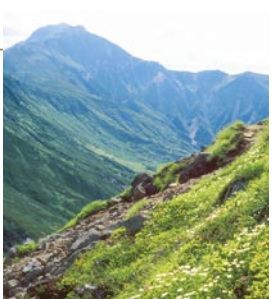

Beardtongue
(*Pennellianthus frutescens*)

Mount Furano (1,912m)



Mount Furano

Mount Furano, located in the south of Tokachi Mountain Range, is a volcano that ceased activity early. For this reason, the mountain is highly abundant in alpine flora. Tokachidake Hot Spring is used as a base for mountaineering. The view of Genshigahara from the summit is quite fascinating. There is also a climbing route along the Nunobe River from Furano, though it is rather demanding due to its length.


Mount Furano viewed from
flower garden

Genshigahara

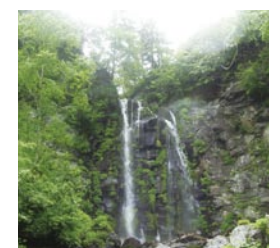


Genshigahara

Genshigahara is a wetland located on the eastern hillside of Mount Furano. It is an expansive area where needleleaf trees blend with the wetland, creating beautiful northern scenery. It is located on the Mount Furano mountaineering route, which goes from Furano to Mt. Furano via the Ninguru Forest. There are two routes: one along the Nunobe River, and the other through the woods. There are many waterfalls along the river route. You should equip yourself with proper footwear since there are places where the route requires the use of wires and ropes. In addition, wooden walkways have not been established in the wetland. Please be careful not to stray off the established path in order to prevent both accidents and damage to the wetland.



Cotton Grass



Soten Falls