

Directions to the Takarada Campsite

Please be sure to check and print a copy of the Google map to ensure you will arrive safe and sound. In addition, we've added some maps at the end of this document. ☺

From Sapporo / Kutchan / Otaru:

Get onto the 230 and follow it through Rutsusu towards Lake Toya. A few kilometers after Rutsusu you'll see a big sign marking a relatively sharp left turn onto Route 66 ;) Follow route 66 until it you reach a small settlement of Toyamachi. At the traffic lights near the lake turn left onto the 132. After a couple of kilometers there will be a road to Takarada Camp Site on your right.

From the expressway:

No matter what direction you are coming from you want to take the Abuta-Toyako 虻田洞爺湖 exit. At the traffic lights at the end of the off ramp take a right turn. You'll pass through a tunnel. When you come to the traffic lights at the end of the tunnel turn left and then almost immediately after this turn right onto a tiny lakeside road. It's the 578 but it may not be marked. As long as you are on a tiny lakeside road, with the lake on your right, you are all good. Follow route 578 for quite a few kilometers until you reach a small settlement of Toyamachi. At the traffic lights go straight and the road will become the 132. After a couple of kilometers there will be a road to Takarada Camp Site on your right.

From the Oshamambe area:

From Oshamambe you want to turn onto the 37 towards Muroran and Toya. After Toyaura keep your eyes peeled for the major intersection marking the left turn onto the 230 towards Sapporo. Go through the two massive tunnels. When you come to the traffic lights at the end of the second tunnel turn left and then almost immediately after this turn right onto a tiny lakeside road. It's the 578, but it may not be marked. As long as you are on a tiny lakeside road, with the lake on your right, you are all good. Follow route 578 for quite a few kilometers until you reach a small settlement of Toyamachi. At the traffic lights go straight and the road will become the 132. After a couple of kilometers there will be a road to Takarada Camp Site on your right.

From the Muroran area:

From Muroran you want to head on the 37 towards Date/Toya/Oshamambe. After Toya Town keep your eyes peeled for the major intersection marking the major right turn onto the 230 towards Sapporo. Go through the two massive tunnels. When you come to the traffic lights at the end of the second tunnel turn left and then almost immediately after this turn right onto a tiny lakeside road. It's the 578, but it may not be marked. As long as you are on a tiny lakeside road, with the lake on your right, you are all good. Follow route 578 for quite a few kilometers until you reach a small settlement of Toyamachi. At the traffic lights go straight and the road will become the 132. After a couple of kilometers there will be a road to Takarada Camp Site on your right.

From Chitose:

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From Chitose take Route 16 towards Shikotsuko. At the traffic lights just before Shikotsuko turn left onto the 276 towards Tomakomai and then at the very next traffic lights turn right onto the other stretch of the 276 towards Rutsusu. Follow the 276 along the south side of Lake Shikotsu. A few kilometers after you lose sight of the lake you want to turn left onto the 453 towards Date. Follow this road for quite some time until you reach a tiny town (perhaps called Takinomachi). There will be a set of traffic lights with a petrol station on your right and a small unobvious sign marking Route 2 to Lake Toya. I believe it may only be in Japanese 洞爺湖. You want to turn right here and follow the small road winding uphill. After just a few kilometers you'll want to turn right

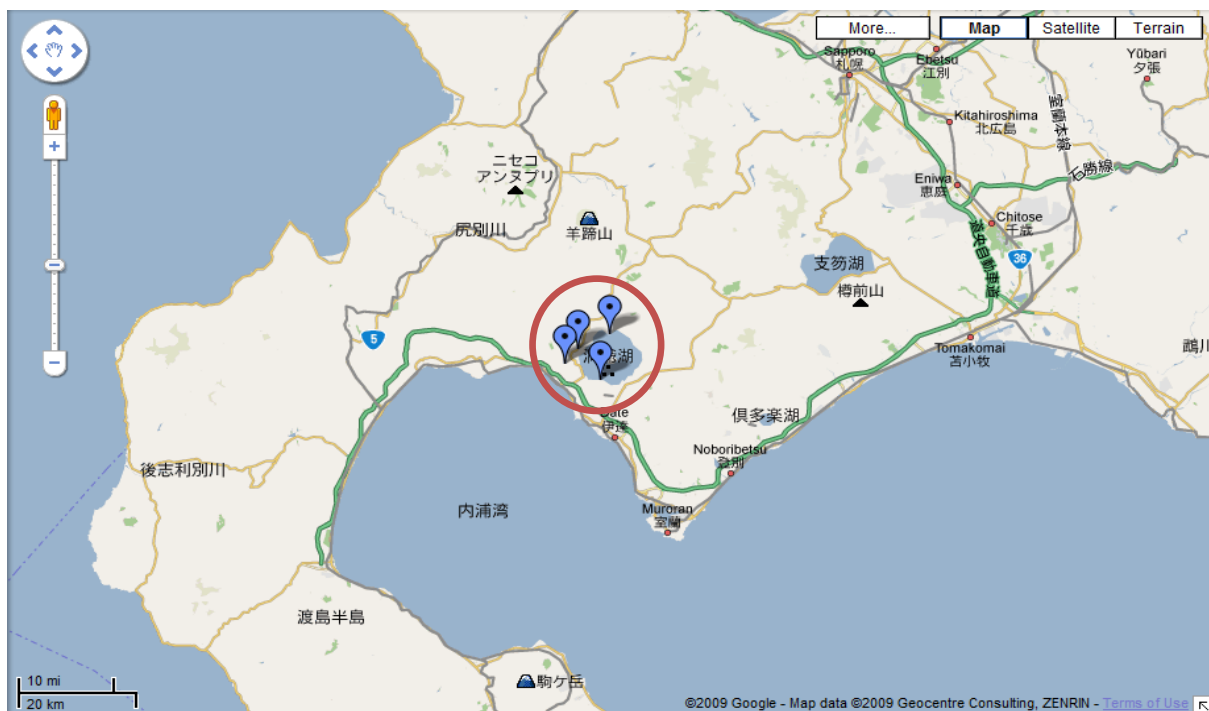
onto the 132. Follow the 132 a considerable way around the lake, after about 10km look out for a small road on the right leading to the Takarada Campsite. (If you get to a town called Toyamachi you have gone to far, turn around and backtrack about 2-3 km)

From the Tomakomai area:

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From Tomakomai take Route 276 towards Shikotsuko. At the traffic lights just before Shikotsuko turn left towards Rutsusu, this will still be the 276! Follow the 276 along the south side of Lake Shikotsu. A few kilometers after you lose sight of the lake you want to turn left onto the 453 towards Date. Follow this road for quite some time until you reach a tiny town (perhaps called Takinomachi). There will be a set of traffic lights with a petrol station on your right and a small unobvious sign marking Route 2 to Lake Toya. I believe it may only be in Japanese 洞爺湖. You want to turn right here and follow the small road winding uphill. After just a few kilometers you'll want to turn right onto the 132. Follow the 132 a considerable way around the lake, after about 10km look out for a small road on the right leading to the Takarada Campsite. (If you get to a town called Toyamachi you have gone to far, turn around and backtrack about 2-3 km)

Maps



Southern Hokkaido

Maps (cont.)



Lake Toya



Campsite Closeup