

Map of Accident Risk Areas

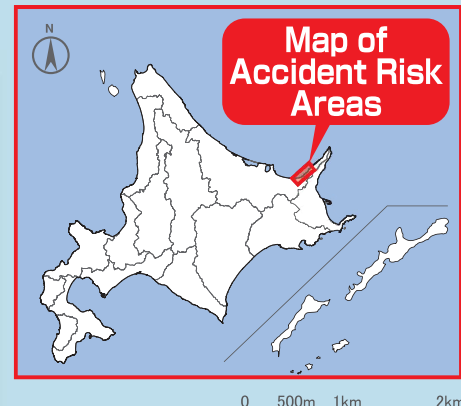
East Okhotsk, Shiretoko Area

ヒヤリハットとマッブ

Be extra careful on winter roads!

Local residents and other road users were asked about risk spots. This map features their comments. For safe driving, please refer to this map.

This map aims to promote traffic safety in the Eastern Okhotsk and Shiretoko areas. It was created through cooperation among local residents, municipalities, local police stations, the Hokkaido Traffic Safety Promotion Committee, traffic safety associations and road administrators.



The road at the rock shed is prone to freezing. Watch your speed and steering!



Watch for pedestrians and parked cars. Visitors come to see salmon migrating upstream. Please park in the lot.



This road section has successive curves. Watch your speed and steering!



The road has successive curves as it passes through a residential district. Watch your speed and steering!



This road is narrow and has successive curves. Slippery when frozen.



Waterfalls and a tunnel are ahead. Watch for pedestrians and for road freezing.



Must-have Handbook for Driving in Hokkaido

Comments from international tourists about driving difficulties.

<http://www.hkd.mlit.go.jp/topics/toukei/chousa/h20keikaku/handbook.html>

For more information, please refer to this pamphlet.

<http://www.ab.hkd.mlit.go.jp/douro/ezosika/ezo.html>

Legend

- 50 Road distance marker*
*These are installed at 1-km intervals on national highways.
- Accident risk area (Source: Map of Accident Black Spots published by the Shari Police Station, the Shari Traffic Safety Promotion Committee and the Shari Traffic Safety Association)
- Deer collision risk area
- Accident black spot as reported by a particularly high number of people
- Roadside Rest Areas
- Parking lot
- Scenic turnout

Contacts

- Emergency number for roads / TEL #9910 (treefalls, rock falls and other slope failures; damaged road accessories; potholes)
Website http://www.hkd.mlit.go.jp/zygyoka/z_doro/9910/index.html
- Police (110)
- Ambulance (119)
- Phone directory assistance (104)
- Hokkaido Emergency Medical Information Center 0120-20-8699 (toll free), 011-221-8699
- Japan Road Traffic Information Center (050-3369-6666, speed dial #8011)
Hokkaido information (050-3369-6601) Hokkaido Expressway Information (050-3369-6760)
- JAF Road Service (0570-00-8139, speed dial #8139)
- United States Consulate General in Sapporo (011-641-1115)
- Australian Consulate Sapporo (011-242-4381)
- South Korean Consulate General in Sapporo (011-218-0288)
- Sapporo Branch, Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office (011-222-2930)

Related websites

Hokkaido road condition information from the Hokkaido Regional Development Bureau
PC address <http://info-road.hdb.hkd.mlit.go.jp/>
Mobile address <http://info-road.hdb.hkd.mlit.go.jp/m/>

Northern Road Navi:
Civil Engineering Research Institute for Cold Region
<http://northern-road.jp/navi/>
★Search by distance and travel time. ★Find useful links for auto touring.

Hokkaido District Transport Bureau
<http://www.tb.mlit.go.jp/hokkaido/>
★About tourism promotion. ★Measures to draw international tourists.

Basic knowledge of traffic safety:
Department of Environment and Lifestyle, Hokkaido Government
<http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/ks/dms/safetysdrive/>
★Traffic safety awareness ★Basic rules and etiquette ★Winter driving tips ★Accident response

Visit Hokkaido: Hokkaido Tourism Organization
<http://www.visit-hokkaido.jp/>
★Accommodations ★Events ★Sightseeing Routes ★Access
Note: Download the Hokkaido sightseeing pamphlet in English, Chinese or Korean.

Hokkaido Prefectural Police
<http://www.police.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/>
★Overview of Hokkaido
★Overview of the Hokkaido Prefectural Police
★Map of police stations

Japan Automobile Federation (JAF)
<http://www.jaf.or.jp/>
★Emergency road service
★Issuance of driver's license translations
★Sales of driving manuals ★Global services

Point-and-speak phrase sheet

Traffic accidents 『交通事故』編		Road closure 『交通マヒ』編
Asking for assistance 助けを求める		Collecting information 情報収集
助けてください tasukete kudasai Please help me.	日本語ができません nihongo ga dekimasen I don't speak Japanese.	通行止めはありますか? tsuukoudome wa arimasuka? Are there road closures?
警察を呼んでください keisatsu o yonde kudasai Please call the police.	救急車を呼んでください kyukyusha o yonde kudasai Please call an ambulance.	迂回しなければなりませんか? ukai shinakereba narimasenka? Do I have to take a detour?
Reporting the situation and place 状況と場所を伝える		時間はどのくらいかかりますか? jikan wa donokurai kakarimasuka? How long does it take?
交通事故です koutsuu jiko desu There has been an accident.	けが人がいます kega nin ga imasu There are injured persons.	どうすればいいですか? dousureba ii desuka? What should I do?
ここはどこかわかりません koko wa dokoka wakarimasen I don't know where I am.	この住所を教えてください kokono jusho o oshiete kudasai Please tell me the address of this location.	

Sightseeing Map

見所マップ

Autumn-Spring

Autumn highlights



1 Lake Abashiri [Abashiri]

TEL: 305 552 815*33

This brackish lake has the longest shoreline (about 40 km) of any lake in Abashiri. It's a stopover and wintering spot for migratory birds such as whooper swans, and it bustles with various wild birds.

2 Asahigaoka Park [Ozora]

TEL: 305 251 669*03

This popular park is known for sunflowers that bloom into autumn. From this scenic overlook, view the splendid vistas of Lake Abashiri, the Akan Mountains and the Shiretoko Peninsula.

3 Lake Tofutsu [Abashiri, Koshimizu]

TEL: 305 418 338*63

Inscribed on the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance in 2005, Lake Tofutsu bustles with whooper swans, white-tailed sea eagles, gray herons, ducks and other waterfowl.

4 Kigarashi Farm [Koshimizu]

TEL: 444 587 207*28

After the wheat is harvested, field mustard plants are applied as fertilizer.

5 Cosmos Road [Kiyosato]

TEL: 444 656 271*71

Cosmos flowers are an autumnal feature on the road from Kiyosato Town through Naka-Shari. Enjoy pleasant views that feature Mt. Unabetsu.

7 Unabetsu Ski Area Nature Recreation Management Centre [Shari] (hot spring)

TEL: 642 622 840*77

Hours
Daytime / 9:30-16:00 (closed on Mondays)
Nighttime / 18:00-21:00 (closed Saturdays, Sundays, Mondays and national holidays)
Management Centre / 10:00-21:00

Winter highlights

8 Limited season: Drift Ice Observation Plaza (Hinode Area) [Shari]

TEL: 642 745 899*88

The views of the Okhotsk ice floes and Mt. Unabetsu are enjoyable. White-tailed sea eagles, Steller's sea eagles and other wildlife can be seen.

6 Ten ni Tsuzuku Michi ("Skyward Road" Viewing Point) [Shari]

TEL: 642 557 321*63

The road is endless. This 18-km straightaway appears to lead skyward.

9 Oshinkoshin Falls [Shari]

TEL: 894 727 262*88

The Shiretoko Drift Ice Festival (Jan. 30 to Feb. 28) features enchanting luminaria.

10 Shiretoko Drift Ice Festival (National Shiretoko Campsite) [Shari]

TEL: 757 540 439*47

The festival lasts for about a month from Jan. 30, which has been designated Shiretoko World Natural Heritage Day. Enjoy the nights in Shiretoko by going to an ice bar, appreciating illuminated drift ice and visiting an ice art dome.

11 Shiretoko National Park Nature Center [Shari]

TEL: 757 603 547*41

Free snowshoe lending
Utopia Shiretoko shop
Phone: 0152-24-2611

You can borrow equipment even when the center is closed.

Enjoy a thrilling film that introduces the hidden scenic spots of Shiretoko. The aerial cinematography gives you the perspective of a soaring eagle.

What is Map Code*?

A Map Code is a 6- to 10-digit number (for a standard Map Code) that lets you find your destination in Japan with pinpoint accuracy.

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Using Map Code Numbers to Set Your Destination

Enter the 6- to 10-digit number that's unique to each facility.

- Touch the map code button.
- Enter the map code number.
- Press "Complete".
- To engage the navigation, set the destination and press the "Guidance" button.

Recommended Hot Springs

Facilities	MAPCODE	Facilities	MAPCODE
Ozora Hotel Sansui	305 275 492*33	Kiyosato Ryokusei-so Lodge & Hot Springs	444 597 785*25
Ozora Himawari Onsen (Memambetsu Agricultural Structure Improvement Center)	305 246 518*06	Kiyosato Papas Land	444 439 528*25
Ozora Phlox Onsen	305 020 553*60	Kiyosato Midori-no-Yu	444 196 036*11
Abashiri HOKUTEN NO OKA Lake Abashiri Tsuruga Resort	305 460 864*06	Shari Unabetsu Nature Recreation Village	642 622 825*22
Abashiri Hotel Abashirikoso	305 521 621*58	Shari Shari Onsen Yumoto Kan	642 572 325*60
Abashiri Abashiri Kankou Hotel	305 552 734*63	Shari Utoro Onsen Yuhidai-no-Yu	757 540 252*28
Abashiri Onsen Ryokan Motoyoshi	305 521 538*74	Shari Iwaobetsu Onsen (closed from mid-November to late April)	757 671 784*34
Koshimizu Koshimizu Onsen Fureai Center	444 672 306*66		

Winter weather may cause road closures. For updates, check road information websites.



The "Don't Feed the Bears" Campaign is under way in Shiretoko.

- Don't feed the bears!
- Don't leave behind garbage or food!
- Never approach a bear!

DON'T Feed Them!
Committee for the "Don't Feed the Bears" Campaign in Shiretoko

12 Koshimizu Gensei Kaen (Primeval Flower Garden) [Koshimizu]

TEL: 958 080 025*47

This primeval flower garden is on the narrow dune along National Highway 244. Some 40 species of flower bloom in succession, brightening the short summer from June to August.

13 Memambetsu-Asahi (a road with views of Mt. Shari) [Ozora]

TEL: 305 252 628*71

This impressively straight road leads to Mt. Shari. The sight was used for a popular Chinese movie, and the director Akira Kurosawa filmed the movie "Dreams" here. [Near Asahigaoka Park]

14 Higashi-Mokoto Shibazakura (Moss Pink) Park [Ozora]

TEL: 638 713 571*60

The neighboring farmers have been diligently planting and growing moss pink. This has become the largest moss pink park in Japan. May is the best season to see moss pink. Superb views of Mt. Shari and Mt. Mokoto can be seen from a hill that's accessible by sightseeing bus (fee applies).

15 Highland Koshimizu 725 [Koshimizu]

TEL: 638 447 144*41

The viewpoint affords spectacular panoramas of Lake Kussharo, the Shiretoko Mountains and the Akan Mountains. This is also known as a breeding site of the Japanese bush warbler. You'll be surrounded by these singing warblers.

Closed during winter. (usually from early November to late April)
For more information, please refer to the road information websites on the reverse side.

Detailed map of the astronomical observatory environs

Spring highlights

16 Astronomical observatory [Kiyosato]

TEL: 444 444 590*17

Enjoy views of windbreak forests, farms and stunning stars in the foothills of Mt. Shari.

Legend

- Scenic Deck: Enjoy the local scenery from this simple streetside deck.
- Scenic Cafés: Enjoy the local charm at scenic cafés. There are some seasonal cafés run by organizations related to Scenic Byway routes, and restaurants recommended by the organizations.
- Roadside Rest Areas: These are comfortable spots for taking a break: free parking and restrooms 24 hours a day. Wi-Fi, tourist information on various places, and road information are all available.
- Scenic turnout: These are safe parking spaces from which you can walk to spots ideal for photographing beautiful Hokkaido scenery, such as dairylands, rural farmscapes and fields of flowers.
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