

Daisetsuzan Grand Traverse
Genshigahara to Aizankei Onsen Full Traverse (68km)
First day: August 8th, 2021 | Total days: 8-10

Basic idea: Commit as much as is reasonable to the full walk of the Daisetsuzan Range, from Genshigahara to Aizankei Onsen – the ‘True’ Grand Traverse. Starting on the 8th of August. Carry extra two days food, in case needing to sit out bad weather in a hut.

Southern-end start: Advantage is that it gets the big days with no bail-out options out of the way at the beginning. Can plan to start with good weather forecast for the first two or three days. Beyond that, we have options to shorten days according to the weather.

Day 1 (Sun, 8th Aug) - Ningle Forest to Kamihorometokku Hut via Furano-dake

9hr 10min (↑1310m, ↓286, 10.8km)

Stay: **HUT** (Tim & Madoka join for day 1 hike and camp)

Forecast: 25 high, 18 low, sun w showers, 54km/h gusts, 15km/h max constant

Day 2 (Mon, 9th Aug) - Kamihorometokku Hut to Bieifuji Hut via Tokachi-dake

6hr (plus **1hr** for climbing Biei-dake and Bieifuji along the way) (↑460m, ↓570, 8km)

Stay: **HUT**

Forecast: 18 high, 11 low, scattered clouds, 60km/h gusts, 18km/h max constant

Day 3 (Tues, 10th Aug) - Bieifuji Hut to Futago-ike Campsite, **4hr 50min** (↑312m, ↓640, 5.1km)

Stay: **CAMP**

Forecast: 11 high, 9 low, heavy rain all day, 91km/h gusts, 22km/h max constant

Day 4 (Wed, 11th Aug) - Futago-ike Campsite to Tomuraushi Minami-numa campsite (**9hr 40min**)

(↑886m, ↓344, 11.8km)

Stay: **CAMP** (Saoka hikes Tomuraushi onsen to Minami-numa 8 hours)

Forecast: 15 high, 8 low, scattered clouds, 28km/h gusts, 6km/h max constant

Day 5 (Thurs, 12th Aug) - Minami-numa to Chubetsu Hut (**5hr 30min**) (↑311m, ↓626m, 10.6km)

Stay: **HUT**

Forecast: 14 high, 8 low, scattered clouds, 23km/h gusts, 6km/h max constant

Day 6 (Fri, 13th Aug) - Chubetsu Hut to Hakuundake Hut (**5hr 40min**) (↑628m, ↓292m, 10.7km)

Stay: **HUT**

Forecast: 15 high, 9 low, scattered clouds, 32km/h gusts, 8km/h max constant

Day 7 (Sat, 14th Aug) - Hakuundake Hut to Ura-asahi Campsite, including summit of Asahidake

(**5hr**) (↑474m, ↓389m, 8.4km)

Stay: **CAMP**

Saoka's Option: Just head straight for Asahi-dake Onsen (**6hr 30min**) or Kuro-dake (**4hr**)

Forecast: 15 high, 11 low, scattered clouds, 54km/h gusts, 15km/h max constant

Day 8 (Sun, 15th Aug) - Ura-asahi Campsite to Aizankei Onsen (**5hr 55min**) (↑412m, ↓1473m, 11.8km)

Stay: Onsen hotel

Forecast: 19 high, 8 low, scattered clouds, 35km/h gusts, 4km/h max constant

IMPORTANT: There is a possibility that we would need to stay a day or two somewhere along the way due to weather. **I.e., we may end up completing the trip in the afternoon of the 17th of August.** Please be prepared with extra two days of food and/or willingness to escape part way through the trip. Only feasible escape option is **to Tomuraushi Onsen** on Day 5.

Taking part: Participants are welcome to take part for the full walk or join part/leave part way through.

Food, tents, cookers, personal gear: BYO