

Take a Leave from the City and Wonder into the Great Nature of Lake Utonai



Location: Central Hokkaido
Lake Utonai, Tomakomai City

Main Activity: Canoeing to Lake Utonai
Cycling around Lake Utonai

Difficulty: 2 / 5 (Easy Active)

Duration: 1 day

Pax: Min. 10, Max. 20

Highlights

- Canoe down the mother river of Lake Utonai – the Bibi River
- Cycle near Lake Utonai and observe its rich nature
- Enjoy a delicious local seafood curry for lunch



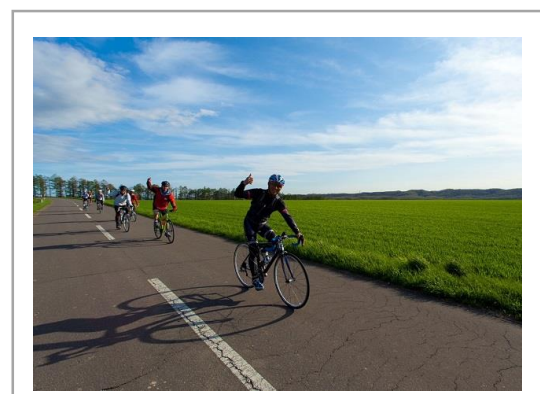
Canoeing down Bibi River



Canoeing a narrow area



Cycling Guide with the members



Cycling around Lake Utonai

Overview

Lake Utonai, located just 1 hour away from the great city of Sapporo, is composed by uncultivated land, wetland and several clear streams, including Bibi River and Yufutsu River. This rich environment lead Lake Utonai to become a habitat for many animals and plants, especially for migratory birds with over 270 types flying in yearly. In 1991, Lake Utonai's rich environment was recognized and registered on the Ramsar Convention as the 4th place in Japan.

In this tour, enjoy the waterway journey into the Bibi River, the mother river which supplies 80% of Lake Utonai's water, by canoe. After having a local specialty dish for lunch, hop on a rental bicycle and explore through the wondrous nature surrounding Lake Utonai.

Itinerary

08:00AM – Met by English Speaking Guide at Sapporo Station. We will board a chartered coach to Bibi River in Tomakomai City. The drive will be about an hour.

09:30AM – We will be met by our canoe guides. When ready, we will canoe down the Bibi River. As we canoe down the gentle streamflow in the first half of the river, we will enjoy the sounds of the nature, like birds chirping and the murmuring of the river. Towards the latter part of the river, the width of the river gets narrow, so more granular control will be needed. This canoe adventure will be about 2 hours.

12:00PM – Lunch will be at a local restaurant near Lake Utonai.

14:00PM – Our afternoon adventure will be cycling near Lake Utonai. A professional cycling guide will guide us around the area for an hour and a half. Not just Bibi River, but there are more wilderness and wetlands around Lake Utonai. In the morning, we learned and experienced the rich nature from the water, so in the afternoon, we will get in touch with the nature from a different perspective – land.

18:00PM – We will arrive back to Sapporo Station around this time.

Lunch

Lunch will be at a local restaurant near Lake Utonai. We will be tasting the specialty of Tomakomai City, surf clams, in a seafood curry. The local restaurant is a self-serve restaurant common in the countryside of Japan. We will have the chance to purchase a food ticket for the curry from a ticket vending machine and hand it to the staff in the restaurant. Seafood curry is one of the most famous local food of Japanese people. Japanese curry is different from Indian curry, as it is thicker and onions, potatoes and carrots are the standard ingredients.

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