KURAGARI PASS

5.77 miles · 9.28 km

Ascent ~730 m · Descent ~630 m (DEM estimate)

V1 / MOUNTAIN WALK

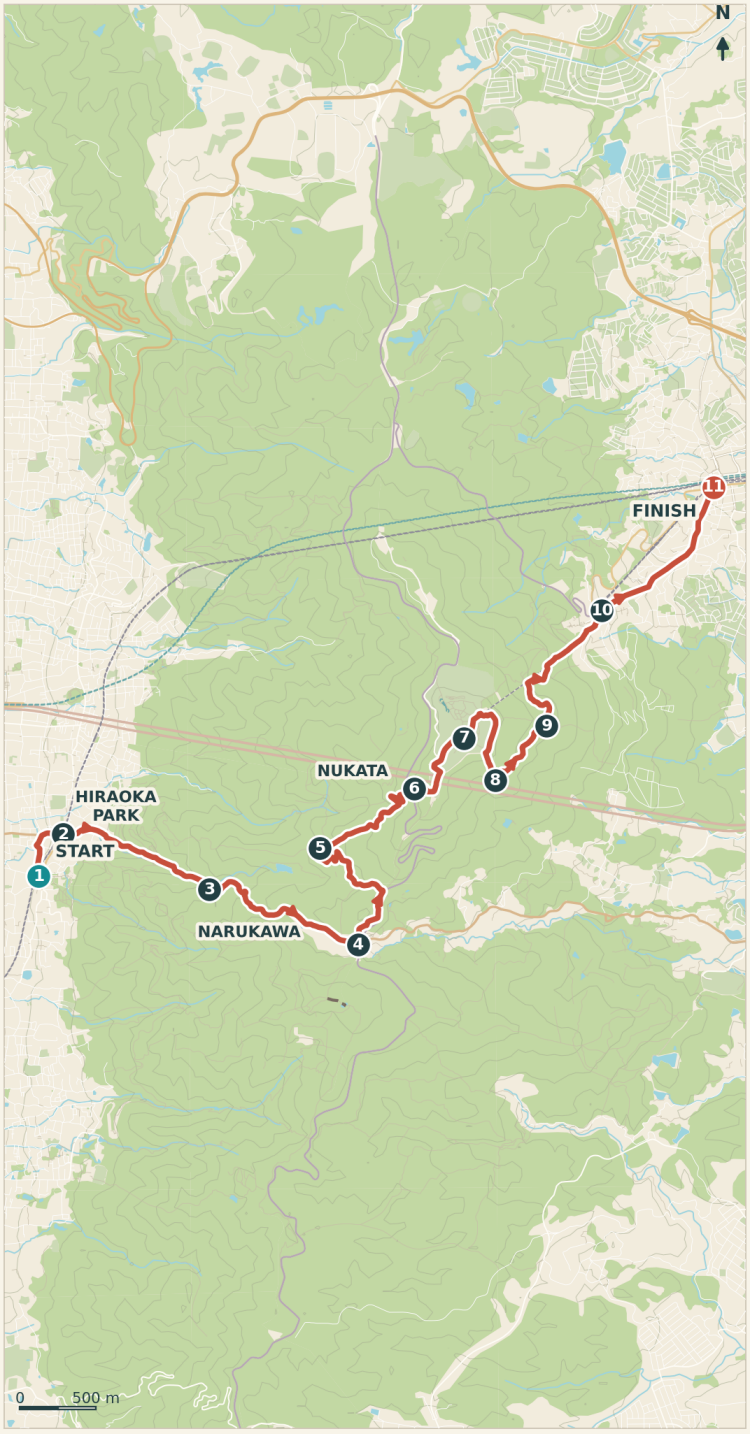
Hiraoka → Ikoma

Allow about 4–5 hours

Very steep road · Forest trails / steps

MOUNTAIN ROUTE MAP

North up · 50 m contours · Dashed link closed



THE WALK

From Hiraoka, join the historic Kuragarigoe Nara Kaido. Follow the full steep western Route 308 ascent to Kuragari Pass and its cobbled border crossing. Turn north onto forest trails; use the Nukata connection and pedestrian Tunnel 2 beneath the Skyline.

Continue through the Mount Ikoma summit vicinity, then take the official eastern forest detour near the former Kakurinji site. Descend through Kasumigaoka and the Hozanji approach to Ikoma Station. No sightseeing stops or mileage loops.

Very steep Route 308 shares narrow space with vehicles; wet concrete, cobbles and leaves are slippery. Use signed hiking gates. Bokura–Ginsho barricade avoided; never enter the Skyline.

CHECKPOINT		MILES
1	**Hiraoka Station (east side)**	**0.00**
2	Route 308 ascent begins	**0.28**
3	Lower steep climb	**0.97**
4	Kuragari Pass	**1.74**
5	Nukata forest approach	**2.49**
6	Nukata south / Tunnel 2	**3.10**
7	Mount Ikoma summit vicinity	**3.50**
8	Eastern forest detour	**3.98**
9	Kasumigaoka forest trail	**4.32**
10	Hozanji approach	**5.04**
11	**Ikoma Station (south side)**	**5.77**

Cumulative miles from Hiraoka station approach.

Estimated mix: 27% historic road (2.50 km); 41% forest trails; 31% other developed / stepped approaches; 1% unknown.

Other paving is estimated; many OSM surface tags are absent. Natural 5.77-mile traverse retained below the preferred six miles to avoid artificial detours.

TRANSIT FROM / TO MORINOMIYA

OUT: JR Osaka Loop Line toward Tsuruhashi / Tennoji to Tsuruhashi; change to a Kintetsu Nara Line eastbound LOCAL for Hiraoka (A14).

BACK: Ikoma (C27), Keihanna / Chuo Line through train toward Yumeshima; alight at Morinomiya (C19). No transfer on a through train.

OSM / official notices checked 05 Nov 2026; not field-surveyed. Recheck weather closures, hiking gates and hornets.

Elevation: GSI DEM10B, 10 m sampling / 50 m smoothing; estimated gain/loss. GPX elevations use this same model.

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Sources: OSM · GSI · Osaka closures · Ikoma hiking map · JAC summit passage · Kintetsu (linked)