



Teshio River, Horonobe Town 'Mikazukiko Canoe Port' ▶ Teshio Town 'Teshio River Riverside Park'
Paddling distance: 23 km

2nd (Saturday) Canoe workshop and pre-camp / 3rd (Sunday) Touring and lunch exchange meeting

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Today, I become Takeshiro Matsuura of the 'Reiwa' era.
 In Bifuka Town, Teshi, which is the source of the Teshio
 River (meaning 'beam' in Ainu language), and in Okhotsk
 Village, the birthplace of Hokkaido naming, there is a
 portrait of Takeshiro Matsuura (held by the Hokkaido
 Literature Museum). 168 years ago in the summer, there
 was a man who ascended the Teshio River. It was in June
 of the 4th year of Ansei (1857) during the late Edo
 period that Takeshiro Matsuura crossed over to the Ezo
 region (present-day Hokkaido) and explored the area's
 second largest river, the Teshio River. Matsuura
 proceeded toward the source of the Teshio River, tracing
 the river's course together with the Ainu people. After
 completing his exploration, Matsuura submitted a letter
 regarding place names in the second year of the Meiji
 era, presenting six candidates for place names. Among
 them, 'Kaitō' was changed to 'Hokkaido' by replacing
 'Kai' with 'sea.' The letter explains that 'Kai' refers to the
 self-designation of the Ainu people, indicating
 Matsuura's deep involvement with the Ainu during his
 exploration. 'Teshio (Teshio River) is located in the
 western part of Hokkaido, and it is the second largest
 river in Hokkaido.' Reflecting on the records from the
 'Teshio Diary' which documented the exploration of the
 Teshio River basin at the time, and overlaying it with the
 current river flow, we can perceive a new flow of the
 Teshio River.

