



# Inaho-mine

稲穂峯 Ski-tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 41' W

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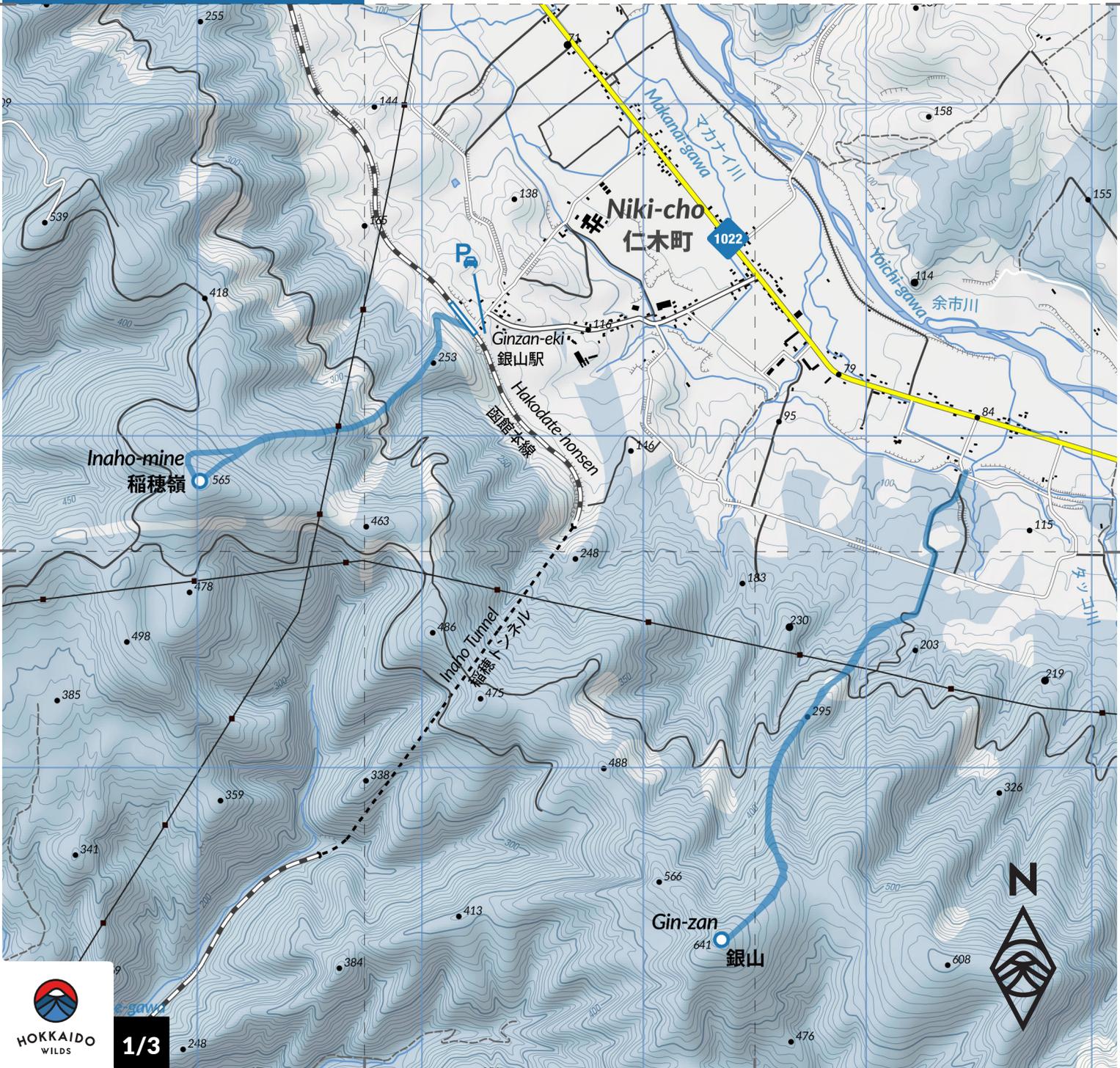
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- Route
- National Highway
- Prefectural Road
- Municipal Road
- Minor Municipal Road
- Walkway
- Bus route (bus stop)
- Contour lines (100m, 10m)
- Power transmission lines
- Trees/no trees
- Rocks/cliff
- Highway number
- Designated campsite
- Hut

## Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	分岐	junction
cho	町	town
dake/mine	岳/峯	peak
eki	駅	station
hinangoya	避難小屋	shelter
ike	池	pond
kawa/gawa	川	river
kako	火口	crater
ko/mizumi	湖	lake
kyo	湖峡	gorge
numa	沼	pond
onsen	温泉	hot spring
sawa	沢	stream
taira/daira	平	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	山	mountain

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# Inaho-mine Half-day Ski Tour



2.5hrs Time	420m Total Climb	565m Highest point
3.5km Distance	3.5/10 Difficulty	Jan-Apr Best season

This quick, popular route up Inaho-mine (稲穂峯, 565m) is perfect for backcountry beginners wanting to hone their skills, and for the more experienced wanting a quick blat in the hills. At the upper reaches of the route is a wide 60m-vertical slope that is perfect for a few laps. It's wide enough for everyone to get a taste of fresh snow, even if the rest of the route is tracked up. The route literally starts from the Ginzan JR Station platform.

## LOCATION

This route is located in Niki Town, about 1.5 hours northwest of Sapporo City (about 1 hour drive north of Niseko). The route starts at Ginzan Station on the Hakodate JR Line.

## GENERAL NOTES

This is a true half-day trip that is perfect for beginners wanting to hone their skills, or experienced backcoun-



try skiers wanting a quick blat in the hills on their way to Otaru or Sapporo City. The summit affords 360-degree views across to Yotei-zan (羊蹄山), the Niseko Ranges, the Ohotsk Sea, as well as Yoichi-dake (余市岳) to the northeast. The lower part of the route is a little crowded as far as trees go, but the vegetation spaces out nicely further up. Just along the ridge is Ginzan (銀山, 641m) with its prominent radio repeater station, so if you'd rather make it a day-trip, the traverse can be done in a few hours.

Note that -mine (峯/みね) is one more of those suffixes that the Japanese language uses to denote mountains and/or peaks. It is usually reserved for 'prominent rises on a ridge', and mine are often long ridge-like peaks. Inaho-mine certainly fits that description.

## ROUTE TIMING

About 1hr 50mins up, and 40mins down. Make sure you allow enough time for gazing at the view across to Mt. Yotei and the Niseko Range at the top, as well as a few laps of the upper slope.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is ample parking in one of two large cleared parking areas next to Ginzan JR Station.

**Public transport:** The most obvious choice for public transport is by rail – the trail starts at the southern end (Kutchan end) of the platforms at Ginzan JR Station. For train times, just look up Ginzan Station (Niki Town) on Google Maps and choose the train option. There used to be a local bus service to Ginzan from Yoichi City, but this is no longer in service.

## SAFETY NOTES

This is a relatively straight forward route, but the Yuki-yama Guide notes avalanche risk in the gully to the skier's left when descending from the summit. Also be very

careful when crossing the train tracks - there are no warning lights or bells. Stop, look, listen, and if safe, cross. Never under any circumstances ski or walk along the tracks, and do not ski across the tracks - cross only at the southern end of the platform, and remove skis before crossing.

## ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen is the very nice Akaikawa Caldera Onsen (赤井川カルデラ温泉, 400yen per person), about 20 minutes away from the station by car (no public transport options). It is known for its very hot indoor bath (43degC), but the outdoor bath and another newer indoor bath are more humane. ■



## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <http://bit.ly/inaho-m>



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### STEP 2

Open the print window by clicking on File > Print (or hitting Ctrl + P on your keyboard).

### STEP 3

Make sure "Actual Size" is selected.

### STEP 4

For double-sided printing, select "Print on both sides of paper".

### STEP 5

For best results, select the highest quality print option available on your printer (settings will vary).

### STEP 6

You won't need this instructions page, so just select the pages that don't include this instruction sheet.

### STEP 7

Click "Print".

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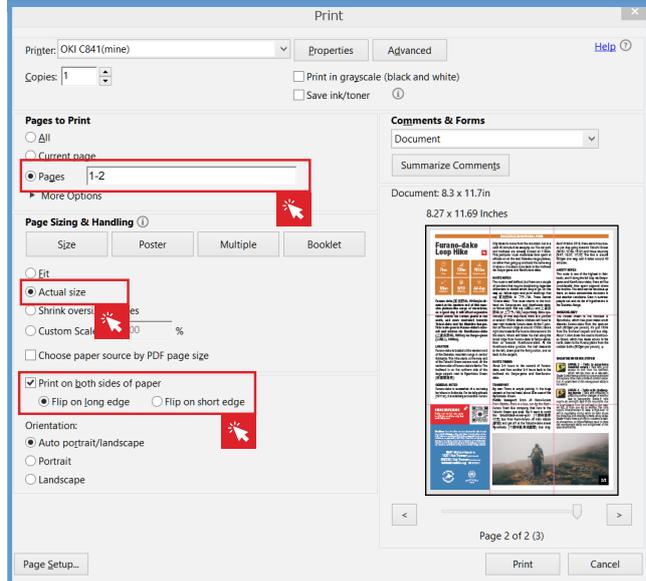


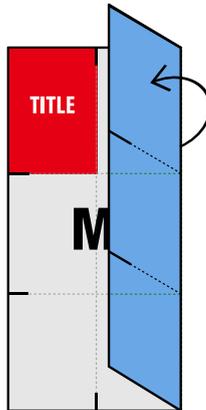
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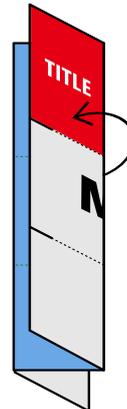
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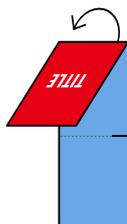
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