Horonai-yama
(Rankoshi-cho)

蘭越幌内山　Ski Touring Map　1:25000

0　250　500　750　1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 37' W

Symbol Key (some may not be present)

Symbol	Description
0:30→	Route (time between points)
	National Highway
	Prefectual Road
	Municipal Road
	Minor Municipal Road
	Walkway
	Bus route (bus stop)
	Avalanche-prone slope
600	Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	Power transmission lines
	Trees/no trees
	Rocks/cliff
♨	Onsen (hot spring)
	Fumerole
1022	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
goya/koya	小屋	hut
hinangoya	避難小屋	shelter
ike	池	pond
kawa/gawa	川	river
kako	火口	crater
ko/mizumi	湖	lake
kyo	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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Map labels

473
695
672
581
372
Shikaribetsu-gawa
シカリベツ川
566
695
681
545
432
Pinkaribetsu-gawa
ピンカリベツ川
342
533
457
734
356
Horonaidai 2-gawa
幌内第二川
333
523
411　← 2:30　0:30 →
Kombu-ga
昆布川
Horonai-yama
幌内山
842　0:30 →
646
383
766
Pankehoronai-gawa
パンケ幌内川
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Penkehoronai-gawa
ペンケ幌内川
965
329

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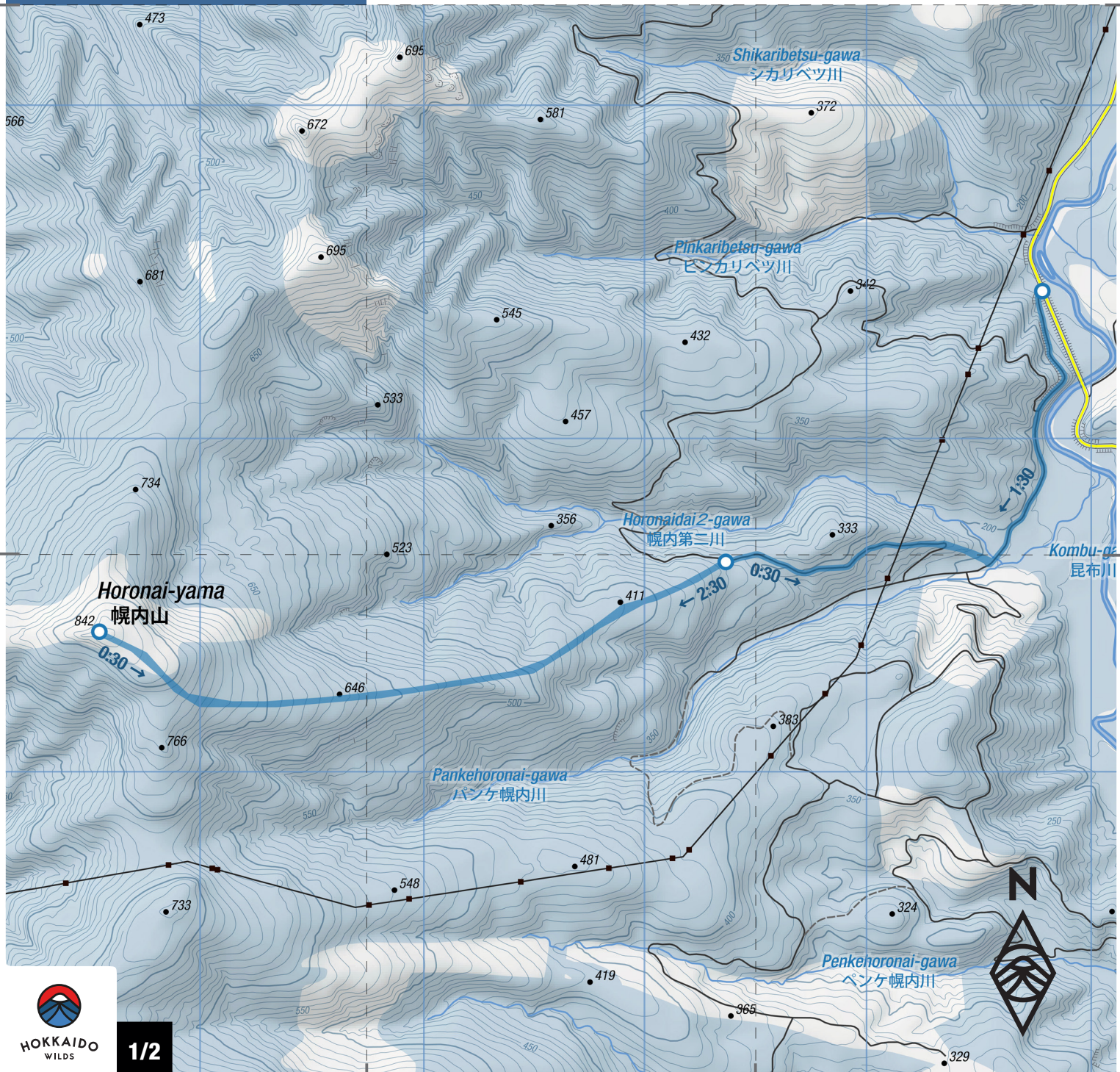
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🕐 **5hrs** Time	🏔 **674m** Total Climb	🚩 **842m** Highest point
📍 **12km** Distance	🧠 **6/10** Difficulty	❄ **Feb-Apr** Best season

"Enjoy a 3km downhill run," boasts a Japanese guidebook. One needs little more encouragement than this to head up Horonai-yama (幌内山, 842m) only 30 minutes drive south from Niseko Hirafu. The views from the unassuming peak are stellar - Yotei, Konbu-dake, the entire Niseko Range, and then the Pacific Ocean and Kariba-yama to the west. The route itself consists of a very low-angle broad ridge, so would be perfect for a conservative day trip when the Niseko regional avalanche risk makes steeper terrain unappealing. There's no summer trail, so put this on your winter list!

LOCATION

This route up Horonai-yama in Rankoshi Town (Niseko area) starts about 10km south of Konbu Station on the JR Hakodate Line. The trailhead is just north of the Shinkansen tunnel construction on Route 34.

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GENERAL NOTES

When it is possible to skin straight up a ridge with little to no zig-zagging – as is the case with Horonai-yama's eastern ridge – the mind starts wondering if all the effort is going to result in some decent downhill skiing. It was very early spring when we visited, so we needn't have worried – the promised 3km downhill ski was mellow but sustained and plenty of fun. I'd therefore position Horonai-yama as a great route for when the avalanche risk in the Niseko region is higher than normal, but the weather is otherwise clear. It is the conservative choice that will ensure an enjoyable day out, even for a party with relative beginner backcountry skiers. Note however that the upper reaches are relatively featureless, so your navigation skills will need to be on point, and this route would best be avoided in low visibility conditions. Also note that this is a very seldom-frequented peak, so you'll be very alone. The climb up is a solid four-hour plus trek, so best to start early.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Allow about 4 hours from the forestry road entrance to the summit, and another 1 hour back down. On the descent, from the creek-crossing at around 200m in altitude you'll likely want to put your skins back on for the final walk along the forestry road back to the main Route 34.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is no parking at the trailhead so either park in the carpark at another forestry road junction just north of the trailhead, or at the turn-around spot further up the road, past the Shinkansen tunnel. In either case, expect around 5 minutes walking along the side of the main road from the car to the trailhead.

**Public transport:** There are no public transport options.

SAFETY NOTES

The main safety concern on this route is ending up on the wrong ridge on the descent. Make sure to keep to the main broad eastern ridge – the same as you came up on. Also take care in low visibility conditions. The main ridge is broad and undefined at times.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen is Yusenkaku Onsen next to Konbu JR Station (幽泉閣, 500yen), about 10km from the trailhead heading north along Route 34. ∎
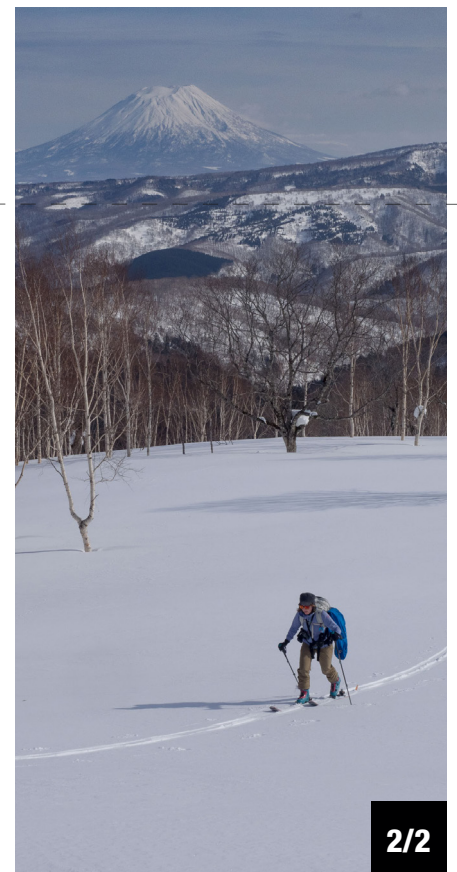
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STEP 2
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STEP 3
Make sure "Actual Size" is selected.

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
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STEP 7
Click "Print".

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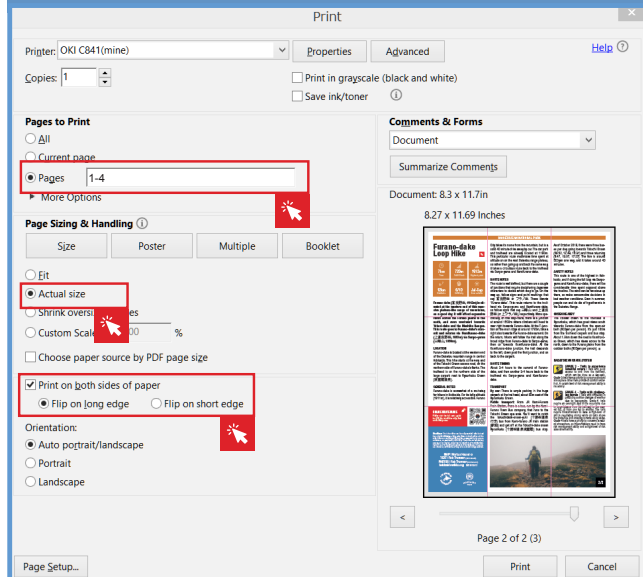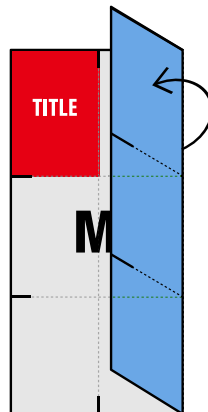

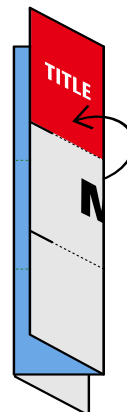**Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).**
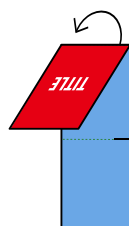
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