Matashita-Yama

股下山　Ski Tour Map　1:25000

0　250　500　750　1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 38' W

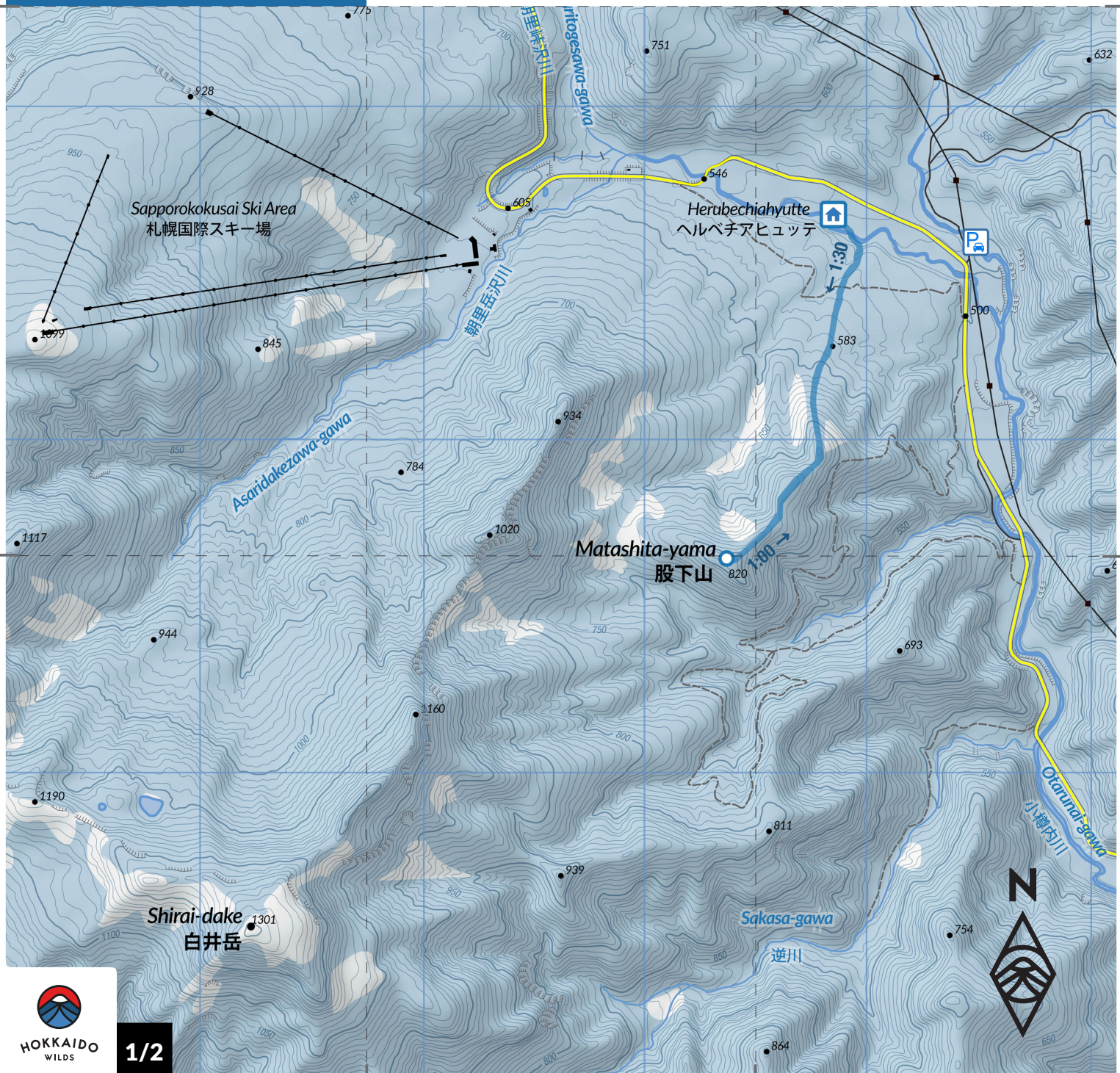Map by **hokkadowilds.org**/Rob Thomson CC BY-SA 4.0

Symbol Key (some may not be present)

Symbol	Description
0:30→	Route (time between points)
	National Highway
	Prefectural 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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Sapporokokusai Ski Area
札幌国際スキー場

Herubechiahyutte
ヘルベチアヒュッテ

Matashita-yama
股下山

Shirai-dake
白井岳

HOKKAIDO WILDS

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Matashita-yama Ski Tour

2.5hrs Time	**260m** Total Climb	**820m** Highest point
4km Distance	**3/10** Difficulty	**Jan-Mar** Best season

Matashita-yama (股下山, 820m) is an unassuming peak sitting in the shadow of Shirai-dake's (白井岳, 1302m) bulk. There is a mellow open area on the way up to Matashita-yama though, so it makes for a not too challenging summit, easily completed in a morning, and with a few turns to be had on the way down. The quaint and historical Helvetia Hütte is at the foot of the mountain, so makes for a fun overnight for a small group. The route's proximity to the Sapporo Kokusai ski area allows access via public transport.

LOCATION
Matashita-yama is a low-lying peak about 1km south of the Sapporo Kokusai Ski Area. In this route guide, we start from the Hokkaido University Helvetia Hutte. However, if doing this as a daytrip, most people park at the Okuteine trailhead carpark and go from there.

GENERAL NOTES

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This route is often overlooked, as it doesn't feature very widely in guidebooks of the hills west of Sapporo. It is well loved though, with backcountry skiers there most weekends, wanting a quick run in the hills. The final 600m or so from the 730m mark to the summit is quite flat, with some ups and downs and plenty of large, wind-blown drifts. If it is purely lapping the slopes you're after, then it may be worth just to get to the 730m mark and lap the slope on the northeastern side of the ridge.

ROUTE MARKERS
The route from the 583m point was marked with frequent colorful ribbons when we were there in February 2019. Like most routes in Hokkaido, it is best not to assume route markers though – be prepared to navigate on your own. The route from the hut to the 583m point is certainly not marked.

ROUTE TIMING
Bank on about 1.5 hours from hut to summit, and another 1 hour back. If coming from the ski area, allow about 20 minutes from the ski area to the hut. It is downhill from the ski area to the hut, but it is very mellow – you'll need your skins on from the beginning, particularly in mid-winter with plenty of fresh snow. If coming from the Okuteine-yama car park, you'll also want to allow about 20 minutes of skinning to the hut.

TRANSPORT
By car: There is a large carpark area at the start of the Okuteine-yama trail.
Public transport: As of March 2017, there were around 6 buses in the morning going from Sapporo Station Bus Terminal No. 17 to Sapporo Ski Field. The earliest bus was at 7:10am, arriving at the ski field at 8:50am. NOTE: Ski boots cannot be worn in the bus due to safety (slipping) concerns. Either bring a change of shoes, or just wear your boot liners onto the bus.

SAFETY NOTES
Take care when crossing the stream east of the hut. Also, despite this route's relative close proximity to the Sapporo Kokusai ski area, it is very much the backcountry. Check snow conditions before skiing the gully to the northeast of the 730m mark – this is a classic terrain trap.

ONSEN NEARBY
Jozankei Onsen area has a huge number of onsen to choose from. If traveling by car, consider either Hoheikyo Onsen (1,000yen per person, and they have Indian curry), Hotel Milione (500yen per person), or Matsu-no-yu closer to Sapporo City (about 650yen per person). ∎

HELVETIA HÜTTE

Details: A very basic but well-kept Swiss-designed hut, rebuilt in 1985.
Capacity: 12 persons.
Cost: 250yen per night.
Maintenance: Hokkaido University Academic Alpine Club
Contact & Booking: Hokkaido University Student Support Center (学務部学生支援課学生総合担当), TEL: 011-706-7533.
Booking details: Stays must be booked at least 3 working days in advance.

STEP 1
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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
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STEP 7
Click "Print".

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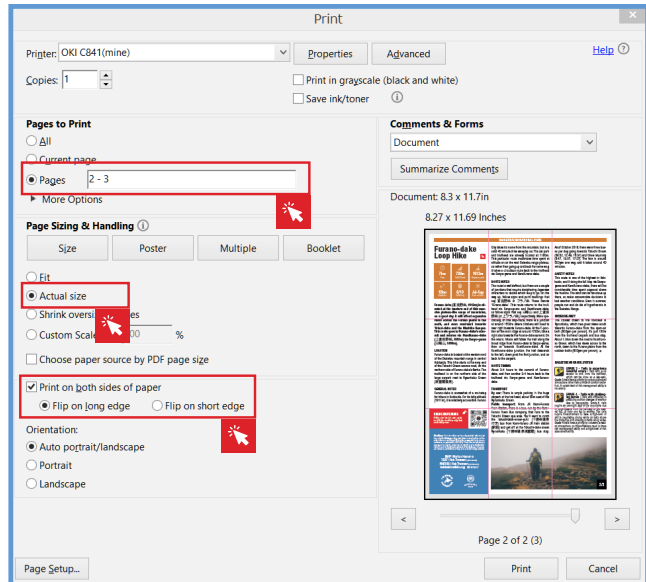
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