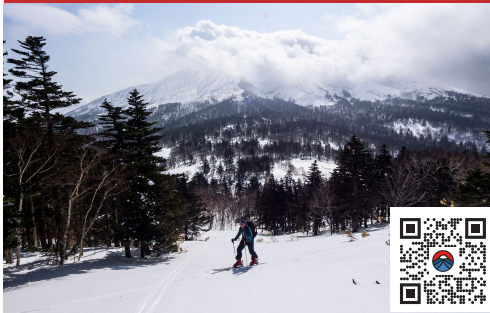




# Pon-yama (Rishiri Island)

ポン山 Ski Touring Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 10° 14' W

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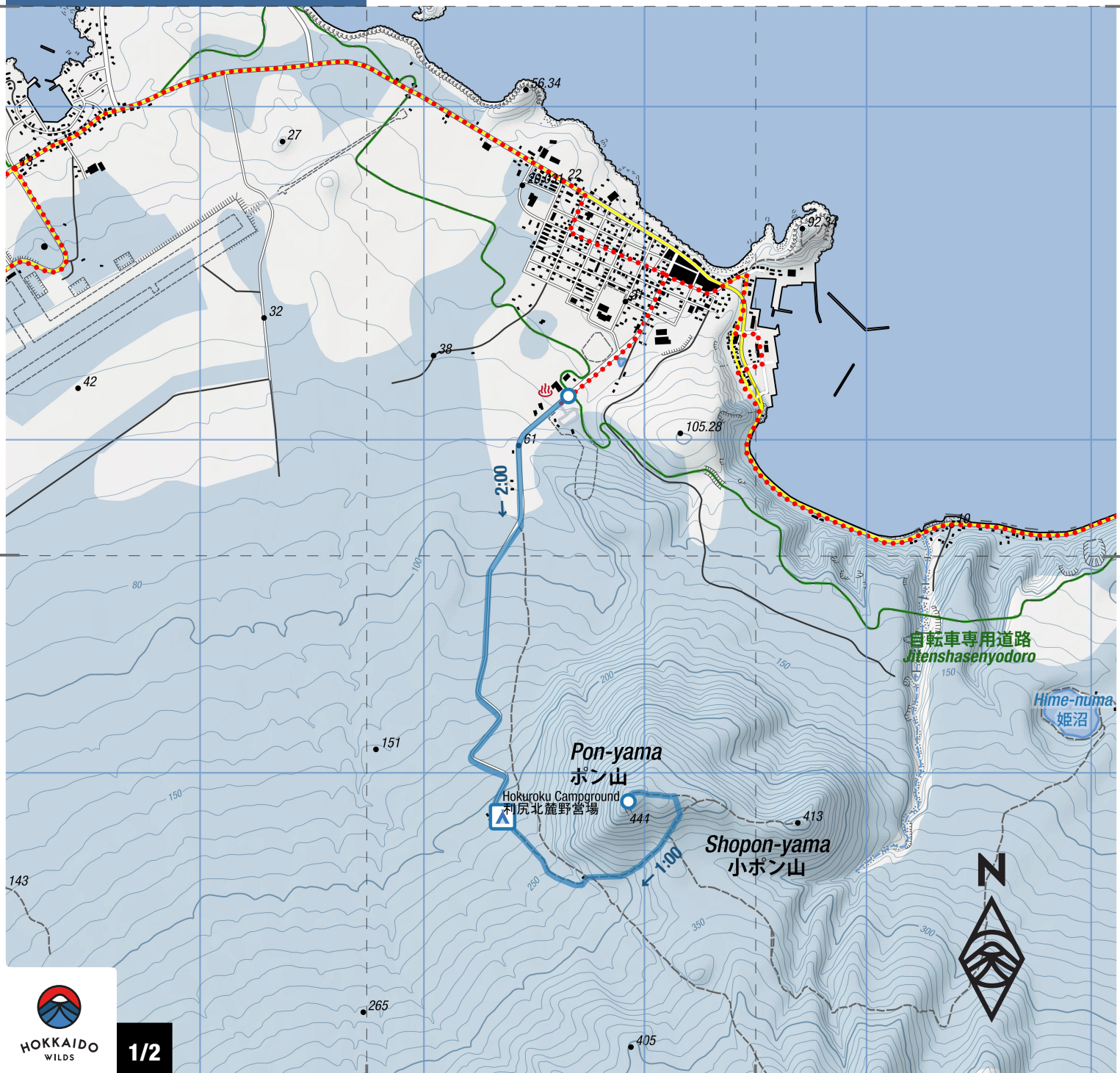
## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

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|--------|-----------------------------|-----|---------------------------|
| 0:30 → | Route (time between points) | 600 | Contour lines (100m, 10m) |
|        | National Highway            |     | Power transmission lines  |
|        | Prefectural Road            |     | Trees/no trees            |
|        | Municipal Road              |     | Rocks/cliff               |
|        | Minor Municipal Road        |     | Onsen (hot spring)        |
|        | Walkway                     |     | Fumerole                  |
|        | Bus route (bus stop)        |     | Highway number            |
|        | Avalanche-prone slope       |     | Designated campsite       |
|        |                             |     | Hut                       |

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## 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





# Pon-yama (Rishiri Island)



 3hrs Time	 374m Total Climb	 444m Highest point
 7.7km Distance	 3/10 Difficulty	 Mar-Apr Best season

**Pon-yama (ポン山, 444m)** is the prominent hump behind the Oshidomari township, where the ferry gets into Rishiri Island from Wakkanai City. From its southern slopes, climbers get front-row seats to awesome views of Rishiri-zan. This is a very straight forward route, following the road from the onsen to the campground, and then wrapping around the back of Pon-yama to ascend via a nice sheltered treeless slope. From the summit, expect great views of Rishiri-zan to the south, and the Japan sea to the north. This is a great route for beginners, or for anyone keen for a ski (or snowshoe) when the weather's not suitable for skiing Rishiri-zan.

## LOCATION

This winter route up Pon-yama starts from the Rishiri-fuji Onsen in the Oshidomari Township on the northern side of Rishiri Island. Rishiri Island is west off the coast of Wakkanai City at the northern tip of Hokkaido.

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <https://hok.jp/ponyama>



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## GENERAL NOTES

We actually did this little peak on our way back from a summit attempt on Rishiri-zan. The wind was ferocious up on Rishiri-zan, but perfectly acceptable down on Pon-yama. Pon in Japanese literally means 'lump' or 'bump', and there are a few Pon-yamas on Rishiri Island. However, this Pon-yama in Oshidomari is the only one without a qualifying placename. The others all take a place-name prefix (such as Oniwakipon-yama etc). I guess that might be because of all the Pon-yamas on the island, this Pon-yama is the highest at 444m.

Some guidebooks indicate it is possible to ski down from the summit to the north, directly towards Oshidomari township. From the summit, however, the trees looked fairly dense, so we opted to ski down the way we'd come up. The open ski-slope was nice for a few fun turns, facing Rishiri-zan.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect about 2 hours from the onsen to the summit, and another 1 hour back down. In April, it may be possible to drive all the way to the Hokuroku Campground, thus saving almost an hour on the ascent.

This route is sporadically marked with signposts (in Japanese). However these may be buried depending on snowfall. Best to assume you'll be navigating on your own.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is plenty of parking at the Rishiri Onsen. If visiting in April, it may be possible to drive all the way to the Hokuroku campground.

**Public transport:** There are daily ferries to Rishiri Island, leaving Wakkanai ferry port at 6:55am and 1:55pm between January and April. Tickets cost 2,500yen each way. There is no extra charge for skis/snowboards. To get to Wakkanai, either take a highway bus or the train, with service from centers such as Sapporo and Asahikawa. Once in Rishiri, it is a 1.5km walk from the ferry terminal to the start of the route. Guests staying at the Rishiri Green Hill Inn Hostel can make use of the free hostel shuttle between the hostel and the onsen.

## SAFETY NOTES

As mentioned above, this route is not marked, so there may be some route-finding required beyond the Hokuroku Campground at the end of the road. Make sure to bring a map/compass and/or a GPS device.

## ONSEN NEARBY

The Rishiri-fuji Onsen (利尻富士温泉保養施設, 500yen) is worth the stop. Note that in winter (November till April) it is open from noon till 9pm, and is not open on Mondays. ■



## PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

### STEP 1

Load your printer with A4 printer paper (210mm x 297mm). If you've only got Letter size (215.9mm x 279.4 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achieve an accurate scale, but the map will be clipped a little at the top and bottom.

### 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".

## PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

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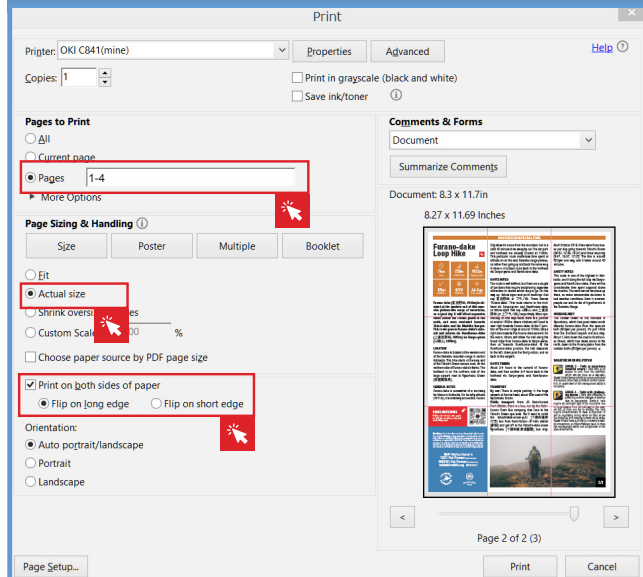


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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