



Unabetsu-dake (Shiretoko Peninsula)

海別岳 Ski Touring Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000m

1cm on the map equals approx. 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 5' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

	Route (time between points)		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
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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



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 6.5hrs Time	 1296m Total Climb	 1419m Highest point
 16.2km Distance	 7.5/10 Difficulty	 Mar-Apr Best season

Unabetsu-dake (海別岳, 1419m) receives a lot of wind during the winter, and gets relatively little snow. This limits its nice-snow potential, but it makes up for this in epic views on the descent, skiing towards a drift-ice covered Okhotsk sea. If you're lucky enough to climb it in good weather, you'll also get great views southwest towards Shari-dake (斜里岳, 1547m) and northeast towards the mountains of the Shiretoko Peninsula. There's nothing technical or steep on the approach, so that makes it one of the least technical major peaks in the Shiretoko mountain range.

LOCATION

This route up Unabetsu-dake starts on the west side of the mountain, about 13km east of central Shari Town, in eastern Hokkaido. The actual start will depend on where the snow has been cleared to on any given year. It could be quite close

to the guidebook-start of the route, such as here, or it might be as far as 1km west of the guidebook-start of the route.

GENERAL NOTES

Unabetsu-dake is one of the least technical big-mountains in the eastern Hokkaido Shiretoko mountain range. There's nothing super steep, and given the right weather, navigation can be a breeze too. It is a relatively long approach, however, so skiers will need to be fit and prepared for around 4-5 hours above the treeline. On a good day, you'll have views northeast towards Rausu-dake and other peaks on the Shiretoko Peninsula proper, as well as great views of the majestic Shari-dake to the southwest.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. Expect about 5 hours from trailhead to summit, and then about 1.5 hours back down. From the forestry road t-intersection here, head straight across the field due east to the deer-fence. Depending on snow levels, you may need to walk along the fence for a bit to find a suitable crossing point. From there, cut across the forest southeast to join up with the remnants of an old forestry road. Follow this all the way up the valley, past a large dam. About 750m beyond the dam, find a suitable slope to climb up onto the main broad ridge that will take you all the way to the summit ridge. On the descent from the summit, the valley directly west of the summit can be good skiing in stable conditions. In anything but the most stable of conditions, return the way you came down the broad ridge for some fun skiing.

TRANSPORT

By car: If the road is cleared to the t-intersection, then park well to the side of the road. Consider digging out a parking spot so as to not block the road.

Public transport: There are no public transport options.

SAFETY NOTES

Calm pleasant days on Unabetsu-dake are few and far between, so don't be too stubborn if the wind is up and visibility is low. Make conservative decisions and enjoy the wander through the forest. The broad ridge up to the summit is featureless, and on the descent it is very easy to head in the wrong direction. When visibility is low, stop and check your location often.

ONSEN NEARBY

Koshikawa Onsen (越川温泉) part way up the Konpoku Pass is a unique experience – a natural onsen housed in a simple building, with gender-separate bathing areas. Payment is via an honesty box, 200yen per person. There's no staff there, so it is open 24 hours a day, 365 days of the year. If you're carrying on in the opposite direction towards Utoro, then the Utoro Yuhidai Onsen is highly recommended for its sunset views. If heading back to Shari, then there's the old-school Yumoto-kan at the northwest corner of town (400yen per person). ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/una-ski>



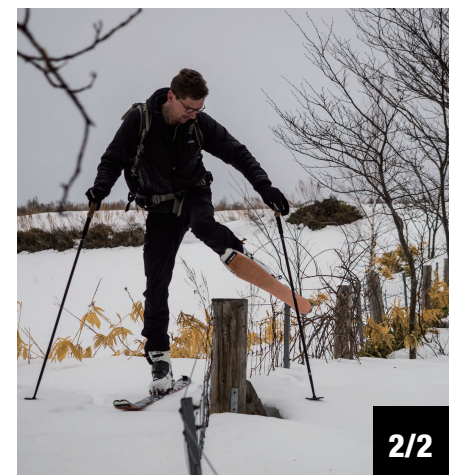
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STEP 2

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".

PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

The 1:25,000 scale used in the map is accurate if the PDF is printed without scaling (i.e., ACTUAL SIZE). Follow the instructions on this page to ensure an accurate rendering of the scale.



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

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