



# Daikoku-yama

大黒山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 44' W

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## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

0:30 →	Route (time between points)	600	Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	National Highway		Power transmission lines
	Prefectural Road		Trees/shrubs
	Municipal Road		Rocks/cliffs
	Minor Municipal Road		Onsen (hot spring)
	Walkway		Fumerole
	Designated campsite		Highway number
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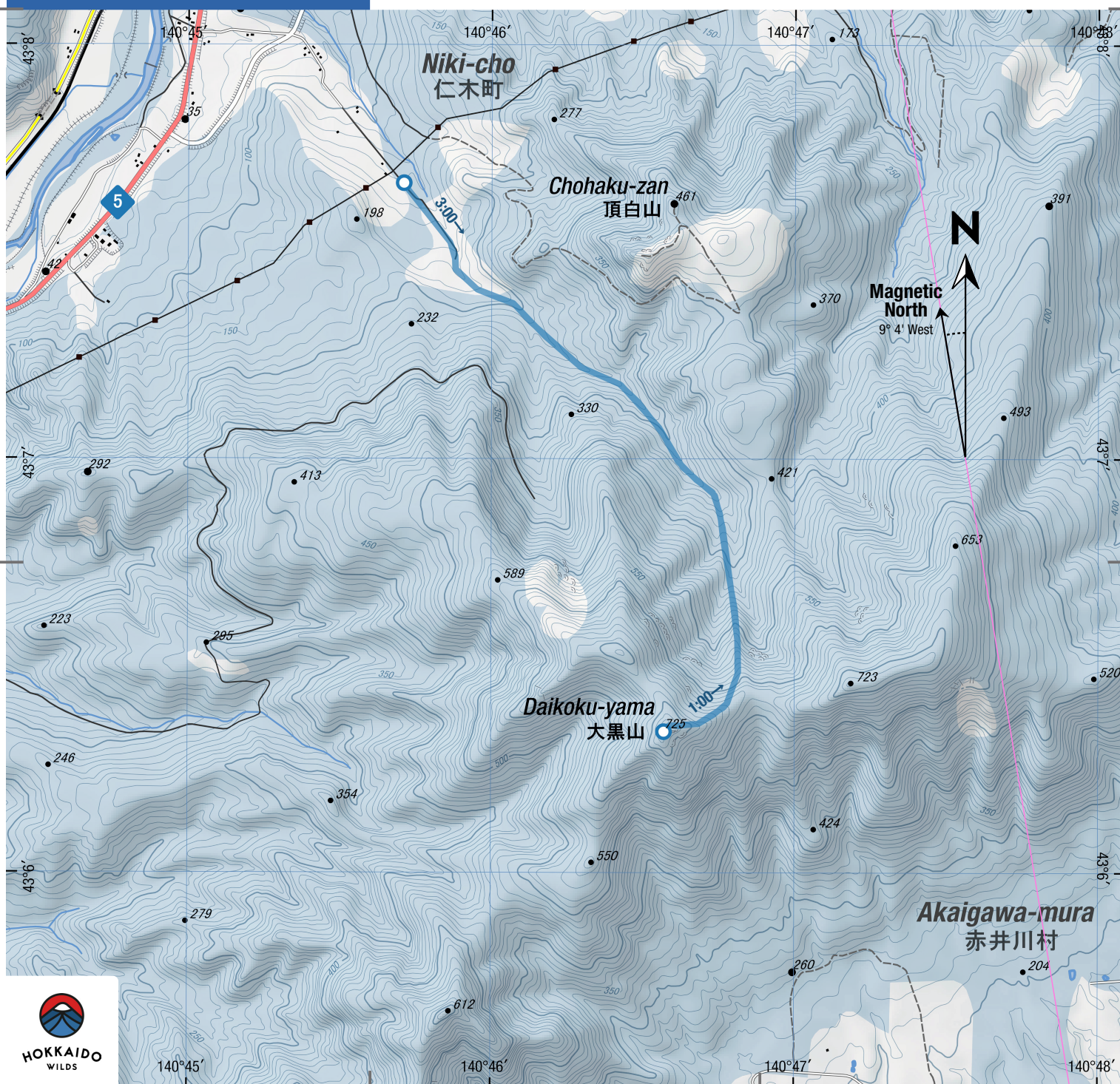


## Japanese Map Glossary

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

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# Daikoku-yama Ski Touring



4hrs Time	560m Total Climb	725m Highest point
6.6km Distance	5/10 Difficulty	Dec-Mar Best season

**Daikoku-yama (大黒山, 725m) is the highest point on the Akaigawa Caldera Rim near Yoichi City in southern Hokkaido. In addition to a great north-facing open slope, it offers inspiring views to the south towards Yotei-zan and the Akaigawa caldera. There's no summer hiking trail to the summit, so winter is the time to visit. If you're looking for a peak with a good base of snow early in the season, this is one of the best in the area - Daikoku-yama has good skiing from around the second week of December.**

## LOCATION

Daikoku-yama is on the northern side of the Akaigawa caldera rim, near Yoichi City about an hour by car northwest of Sapporo City. This ski touring route starts at the end of the snow-clearing on a small far-access road on the Nikki side of the caldera.

## GENERAL NOTES

### ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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With some of the earliest timing for a good base of snow, Daikoku-yama is well known as an early-season playground for backcountry skiers in the Sapporo area. The Hokkaido Yuki-yama Backcountry Skiing Guidebook recommends from around the first or second week of December for good skiing. This is also a relatively easy peak, suitable for first-timers with an experienced buddy.

This route is also withing relatively easy public-transport access from Kutchan/Niseko. The main Hakodate JR train line runs through the Nikki Valley, so this route joins the Inahomine and Gin-zan ski touring routes as having good potential for car-less Niseko-based people looking to escape the resort madness.

**Parking:** There's only very limited space for parking at the trailhead, perhaps enough room for a few cars. Be prepared to spend 15 minutes or so carving out your own spot to the side of the road.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Most skiers will spend 3 hours on the ascent, and 1 hour on the descent for this route. The route is not marked, but navigation is relatively straight forward. As a rule, keep to the right of the stream and you should arrive at the base of the small basin area in about 1.5 hours or so. It can be a steep traverse through relatively tight-packed trees at times, but distances are relatively short. Take care in the basin area – the upper reaches are rocky underneath, with very few anchors to keep the snow in place. Indeed, when we were there in early spring, the entire basin area had already avalanched considerably. Best to keep to ridges to make the final climb to the summit. On the descent, you've got about 250m of drop – perfect for a few laps. Just keep aware of the central, possibly unstable area of the basin. The return is via your uptrack along the stream.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** As mentioned above, there's room for a few cars at the end of the snow clearing around. This is a farm access road, so park as far to the side of the road as humanly possible, and/or carve an extra 30cm or so of parking space out to make it easier for locals to pass by.

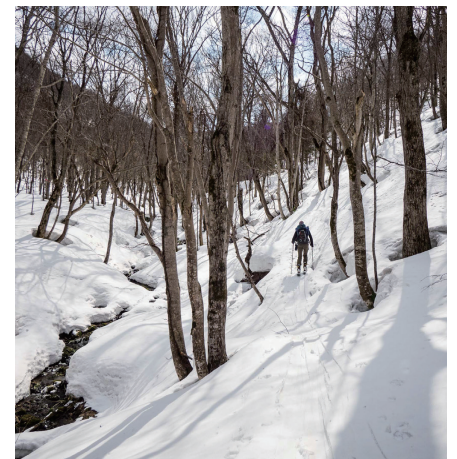
**Public transport:** If you don't mind a 3.5km (1hr) walk, then this route is accessible from JR Nikki Station (二木駅) on the main line from Sapporo or Kutchan.

## SAFETY NOTES

The main point of concern on this route is the unstable slope on the upper section of the central part of the basin. Arguably this would offer the best skiing, but caution is required – this is known for being an avalanche-prone slope.

## ONSEN NEARBY

It's a bit of a drive, but the Akaigawa Caldera Onsen (赤井川カルデラ温泉・保養センター, 400yen) is a great place to soak the weary legs. It's about a 25 min-drive from the trailhead. ■



## 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)

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.

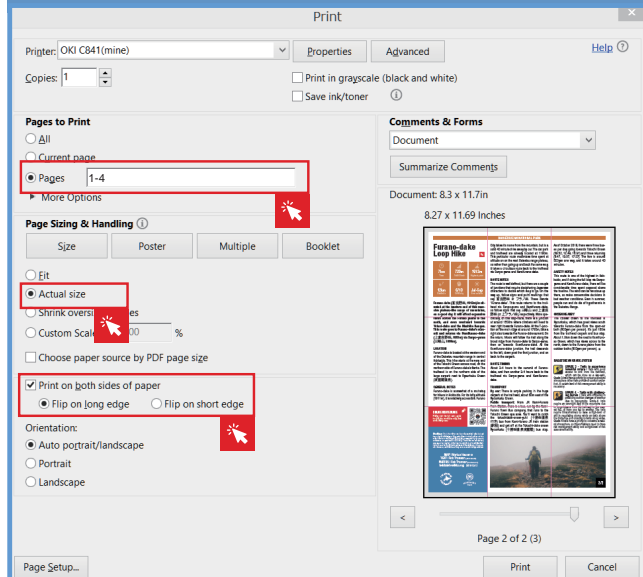


Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size", and Pages 1-4 are selected (Windows).

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