



Bihinai-yama

美比内山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 40' 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/shrubs
	Municipal Road		Rocks/cliffs
	Minor Municipal Road		Onsen (hot spring)
	Walkway		Fumerole
	Bus route (bus stop)		Highway number
	Designated campsite		Hut



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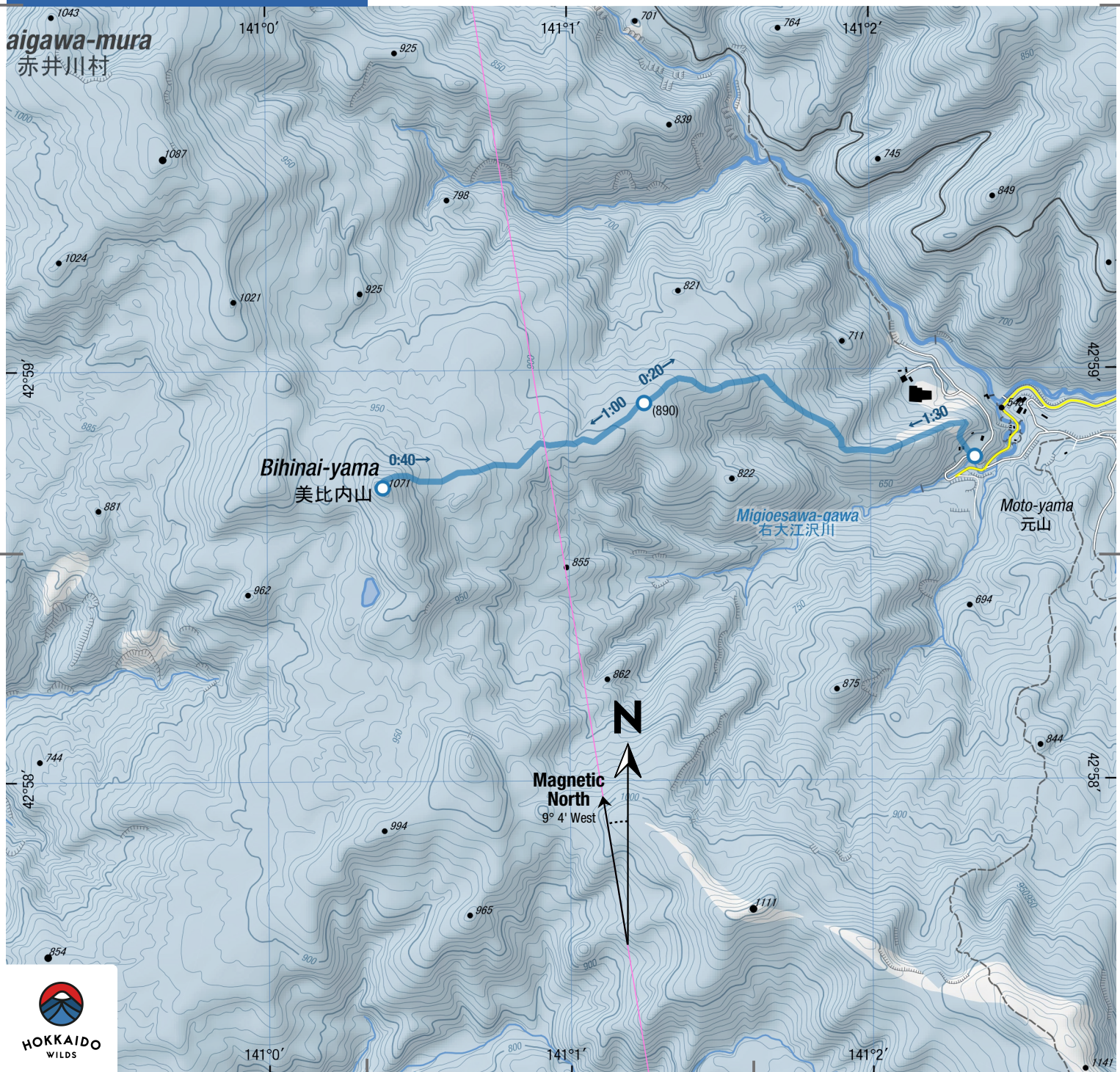


Japanese Map Glossary

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 ike</i>	小屋 避難小屋 池	hut shelter pond
<i>kawa/gawa kako</i>	川 火口	river crater
<i>ko/mizumi kyo</i>	湖 峡	lake gorge
<i>numa</i>	沼	pond
<i>onsen</i>	温泉	hot spring
<i>sawa</i>	沢	stream
<i>taira/daira tani/dani</i>	平 谷	plateau valley
<i>taki</i>	滝	waterfall
<i>toge</i>	峠	pass
<i>yama/san/zan</i>	山	mountain

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Bihinai-yama Ski Touring



 3.5hrs Time	 470m Total Climb	 1071m Highest point
 6.5km Distance	 5/10 Difficulty	 Dec-May Best season

Bihinai-yama (美比内山, 1071m) is a very laid-back hill in the popular Toyoha Mine area above Jozankei in Sapporo City. The final upper slopes are great lap-able deep-powder havens, and there's some mellow downhill potential on the lower quarter too. The middle 30% of the route is a more or less flat ridge, so the return may require some enthusiastic poling - snowboarders will likely regret their life decisions. This route joins others in the area as a quick, accessible route from central Sapporo.

LOCATION

Bihinai-yama sits in the middle of the long ridge stretching between Yoichi-dake (余市岳, 1488m) and Muine-yama (無意根山, 1464m), in the hills directly west of central Sapporo City. It's accessed via the Toyoha Mine (豊羽鉱山), which is accessed via a road coming off the main road to Sapporo Kokusai Ski Area.

GENERAL NOTES

It's difficult to describe this route as anything other than a very nice walk on skis – punctuated with one or two short but sweet deep-powder downhill slopes. The middle section has some gorgeous large old pines and white birch, but it's very flat. So if you're looking for an easy, almost danger-free route, and one you can smell the roses along the way, this is your route. This mountain is not as popular as the nearby Onuma-yama or Senjaku Plateau on Muine-yama, so you'll most certainly have the place to yourself. Worth noting is that while the *Hokkaido Yuki-yama Guidebook* positions this route as suitable from mid-December, our experience on this route in a very snow-lean mid-December 2019 suggests in most years this route may be best left alone till well into January.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Skiers should allow about 1.5 hours from the carpark to the start of the flat ridge section (at 890m). From there, it is another 1 hour or so to the summit. Despite the flat sections on the descent, there's still enough downhill to allow skiers to complete the full descent in about 1 hour.

This route is not marked. The *Hokkaido Yuki-yama Guidebook* promised a first scramble up onto the main ridge from the carpark, and it was just that – a side-stepping scramble through tight trees. With another 1.5m of snow (likely within another couple of weeks), this first scramble up to the ridge would have been much more straight forward. Once on the ridge proper, however, it was a pleasant – albeit all rather flat – skin up to the final steep slope beneath the summit.

The middle section of this route is, as mentioned, quite flat. Therefore, skiers may find themselves in two minds as to whether they should put the skins back on for the middle-section descent or not. We managed without skins, but there was some vigorous poling required.



TRANSPORT

By car: There is a widened parking area just before the gate to the Toyoha Mine. Park well to the left of this parking area. Avoid parking in front of obvious snow-clearer snow piles. NOTE: This parking area is, officially, a privately managed parking area. Make extra efforts to park out of the way of mine operations.

Public transport: There are no public transport options for this route.

SAFETY NOTES

Beware of large cornices to the climber's left of the summit. Also note that the face below the summit (the eastern side) is prime avalanche territory – take extra time to check stability of the snowpack if attempting to ski this slope.

ONSEN NEARBY

If you are headed back towards Sapporo City, you'll be passing through Jozankei Onsen area. A favourite of ours is the down-to-earth Matsu-no-yu Onsen on the Sapporo City side of Jozankei Onsen. There's another onsen right next door (Kogane-yu Onsen), but Matsu-no-Yu has a view of the river and hills. Both onsen have cheap and cheerful restaurants attached. If you have time, you might want to check out the Ainu Culture Center just across the road from the onsen. ■



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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".

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