



# Shiribetsu-dake West Bowl Route

尻別岳 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

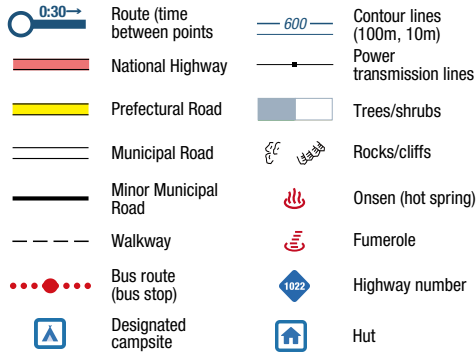


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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 41' W

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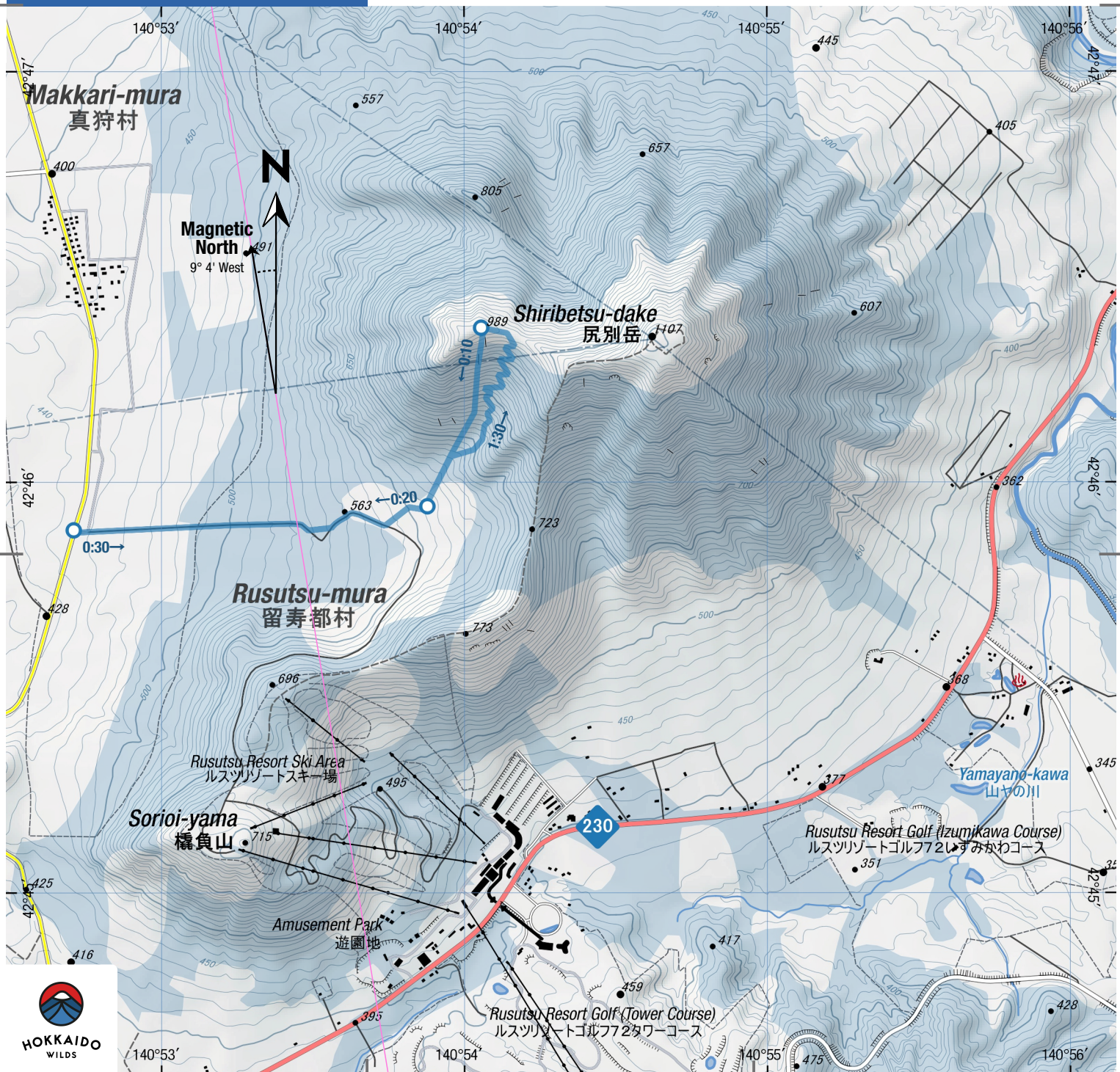


## Japanese Map Glossary

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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 3hrs Time	 500m Total Climb	 992m Highest point
 5.5km Distance	 5/10 Difficulty	 Dec-Apr Best season

This West Bowl Route up Shiribetsu-dake (尻別岳, 1107m) is one of this volcano's most popular routes. Access is straight forward, navigation is relatively simple, and there are a variety of descent options. On a clear day, the lower summit will allow views of Yoteizan to the northwest, and Lake Toya far in the distance to the south. Due to the route's popularity, it's advisable to get in early, and make the most of one's turns before the hordes arrive. The descent down the clear avalanche path should only be attempted in stable conditions. The well-spaced trees on the looker's right are also fantastic skiing terrain..

## LOCATION

Shiribetsu-dake's southeastern flanks are home to part of the sprawling Rusutsu Ski Resort in southern Hokkaido, about 20km southeast of Niseko. This particular backcountry ski touring route



up Shiribetsu-dake, however, approaches the mountain from the west. It first approaches via a straight farm road, and then up the looker's right of a large south to southwest facing bowl, also known as the Shiribetsu West Bowl.

## GENERAL NOTES

For the advanced backcountry skier, Shiribetsu-dake offers some of southern Hokkaido's steepest terrain, still with the south's voluminous powder that it's known for. At only 1107m in height, this mountain packs some punch. The entire eastern side of the mountain from the peak is home to a number of steep chutes and gullies. This western bowl route outlined on this page is on the western side, however, and is arguably, the 'bread and butter' route of the mountain, popular due to easy access, ease of navigation, and a number of good descent options.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect up to 2 hours for the ascent, and about 40 minutes for the descent. After parking well to the side of the road near the agricultural road entrance, head due east parallel to the rows of trees. After about 1km, the road will veer to the right, but skiers can carry on straight ahead to cut the corner, joining up with the road again in about 200m. After joining with the road again, it's another 200m or so until it's time to veer left (northeast) off the road through the forest towards the base of the west bowl. As of January 2020, there was still an old, faded sign nailed to a tree. Before the sign faded, it warned skiers of avalanche danger in the area.

About 250m through the trees will be the base of the bowl. The bowl itself is an avalanche slide-path, naturally void of old-growth trees. While in stable conditions it makes for a good descent slope, it's advisable to zigzag one's way up through the trees on the looker's right. The trees are generally quite well spaced, so the tree-skiing here is good too.

Sticking to the trees at the looker's right of the main bowl will lead to a small saddle between the west bowl summit (989m) and

the Shiribetsu-dake summit proper (尻別岳, 1107m). From the saddle it's possible to head up to the main summit in about 20 minutes, however many will simply ski from the west bowl summit. Make the descent either on the main bowl itself if conditions are stable, or in the trees via your skin track if things are looking questionable.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is no dedicated parking area for this route. Park on the eastern side of the road near the farm road entrance, as far to the side of the road as possible, so as to not block traffic.

**Public transport:** This route is not accessible by public transport.

## SAFETY NOTES

While the Rusutsu Resort sits at the southern end of the mountain, Shiribetsu-dake is well and truly the backcountry – it is not patrolled, there is no avalanche management, and routes are not marked or maintained. All backcountry travelers on this route should, of course, carry avalanche rescue equipment, and be versed in its proper use. As mentioned above, Shiribetsu-dake has a reputation locally as high-risk for avalanches. While not Shiribetsu-dake specific, the Niseko Avalanche Information website is the only source of daily avalanche information in the general area – use their reports in conjunction with weather reports and your own on-the-ground observations.

## ONSEN NEARBY

For a down-to-earth soak with the locals, try the Makkari Village Onsen (真狩温泉, 500yen). About 15 minutes by car from the trailhead. Open from 11am till 9pm, they have great outdoor baths, and an attached restaurant. Closed on Mondays. If heading back towards Sapporo then you may also want to try one of the various onsen at the Rusutsu Resort. 1,300Yen with towel service included ■

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <http://hokkw.jp/shiriwb>



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

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