



Weisshorn

ワイスホルン Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 47' 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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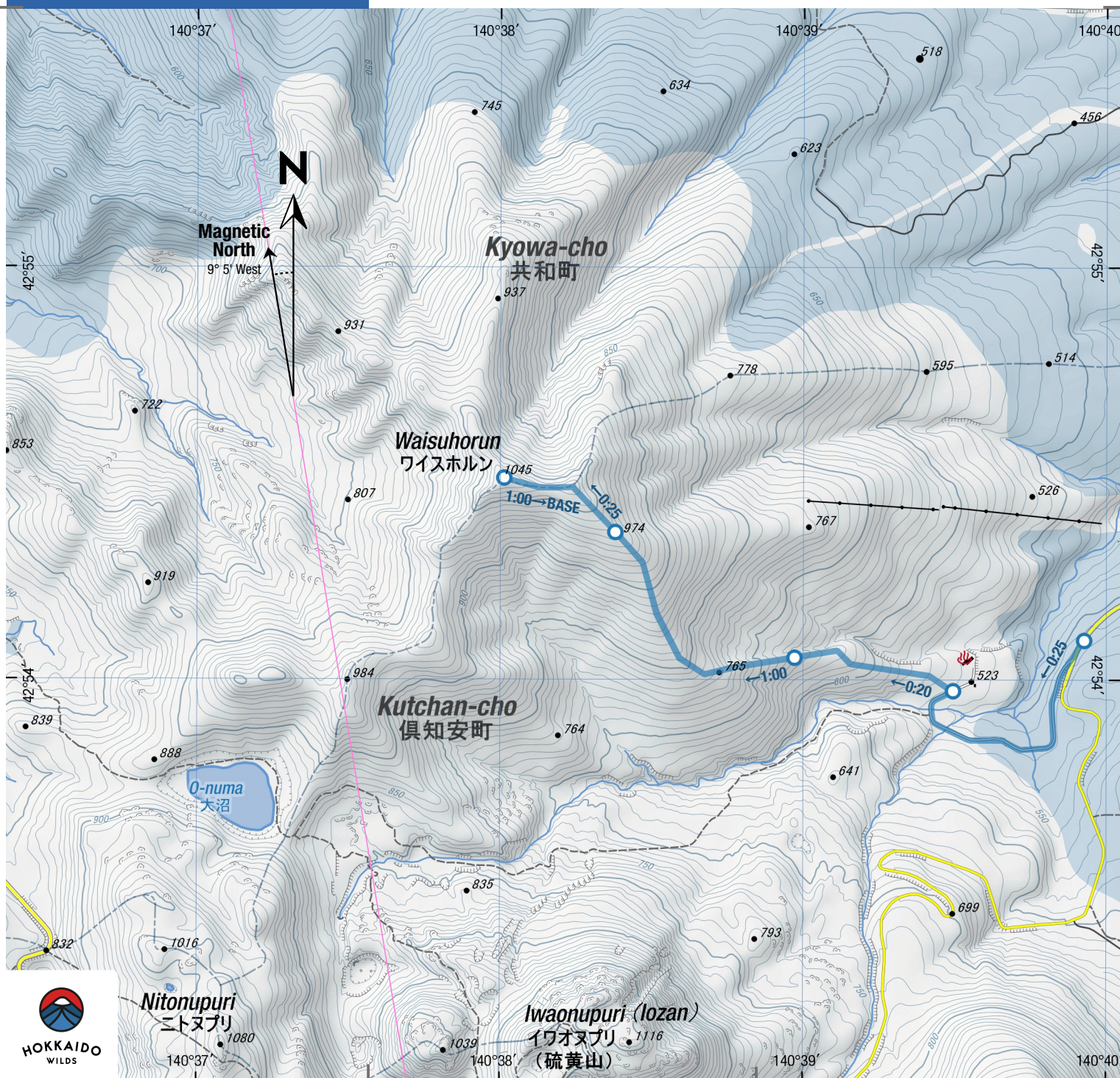


Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
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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Weissshorn Ski Touring



4hrs Time	500m Total Climb	1045m Highest point
7km Distance	5/10 Difficulty	Dec-Apr Best season

Niseko's own Weissshorn (ワイスホルン, 1045m) sits to the north-north-west of the main Niseko United ski resort, and was once home to a full ski area of its own. The mountain has a number of bowls and ridges suited to great skiing, along with impressive views on a good day across the Niseko range. These are within relatively easy access via a 3 hour skin up the mountain's eastern ridge. Here we outline the popular up-and-back route, starting at the road-end past Hanazono Ski Resort.

LOCATION

Weissshorn sits to the northwest of the Niseko ski resort area in southern Hokkaido, attached to but sitting to the north of the Niseko end of the Niseko Range. This backcountry ski touring route up Weissshorn starts at the end of the snow clearing on Route 58, about 5km along the road from the Hanazono Ski Resort.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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GENERAL NOTES

Weissshorn is a strange name for a mountain in Japan. Apparently, the mountain started out as Kozawa-dake (小沢岳), but was later re-named to Weissshorn in the 1920's. For a full run-down on the name, take a look at the online route overview.

Weissshorn is home to the now defunct Weiss Ski Area. While the lifts are not running now, however, there is a cat-skiing operation that runs on the cleared slopes. Ski tourers should keep off the ski slopes. The ski slopes are brutally *not* steep anyway - the better turns are had in the alpine.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. Overall, expect up to 3 hours for the ascent, and about 1 hour for the descent. Starting from the end of the snow clearing, head down the smaller minor road to the right. Carry on along this road for just over 1km (about 20 mins), before veering left off the road to join up with the ridge you'll follow all the way up. If you end up at the old abandoned ski resort building, you've gone too far.

After about 25 minutes, you'll arrive at the base of a large knob. Wrap around the looker's left of this to carry on up the ridge. At around 750m the trees thin out, and the ridge is exposed to the elements. Keep following the ridge up. To the looker's right, on the other side of the compact valley, you'll see the defunct Weiss Ski Area top ski lift. Once you're at the 1000m mark, it's flat 300m walk to the true summit. This route returns the way it came from.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is no official parking area for the winter trailhead. There's room at the far end of the snow-cleared area for about four cars.

Obey any no-parking signs posted.

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

SAFETY NOTES

The main concern on this route (beyond the issues outlined in our Hokkaido ski touring safety post) would be navigation in low visibility conditions when beyond the treeline. Dropping down the wrong ridge or bowl on Weissshorn will lead skiers off in completely different directions.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen to the trailhead is arguably the down-to-earth Kutchan Onsen (くつちゃん温泉, 800yen). They also offer a lunch menu, but the last order is at 1:45pm. ■



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".

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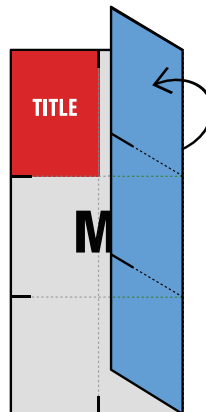
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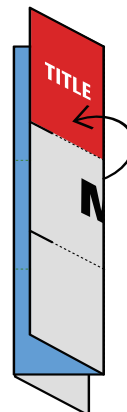
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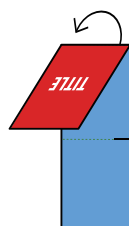
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