



Nito-nupuri Summit

ニトヌプリ 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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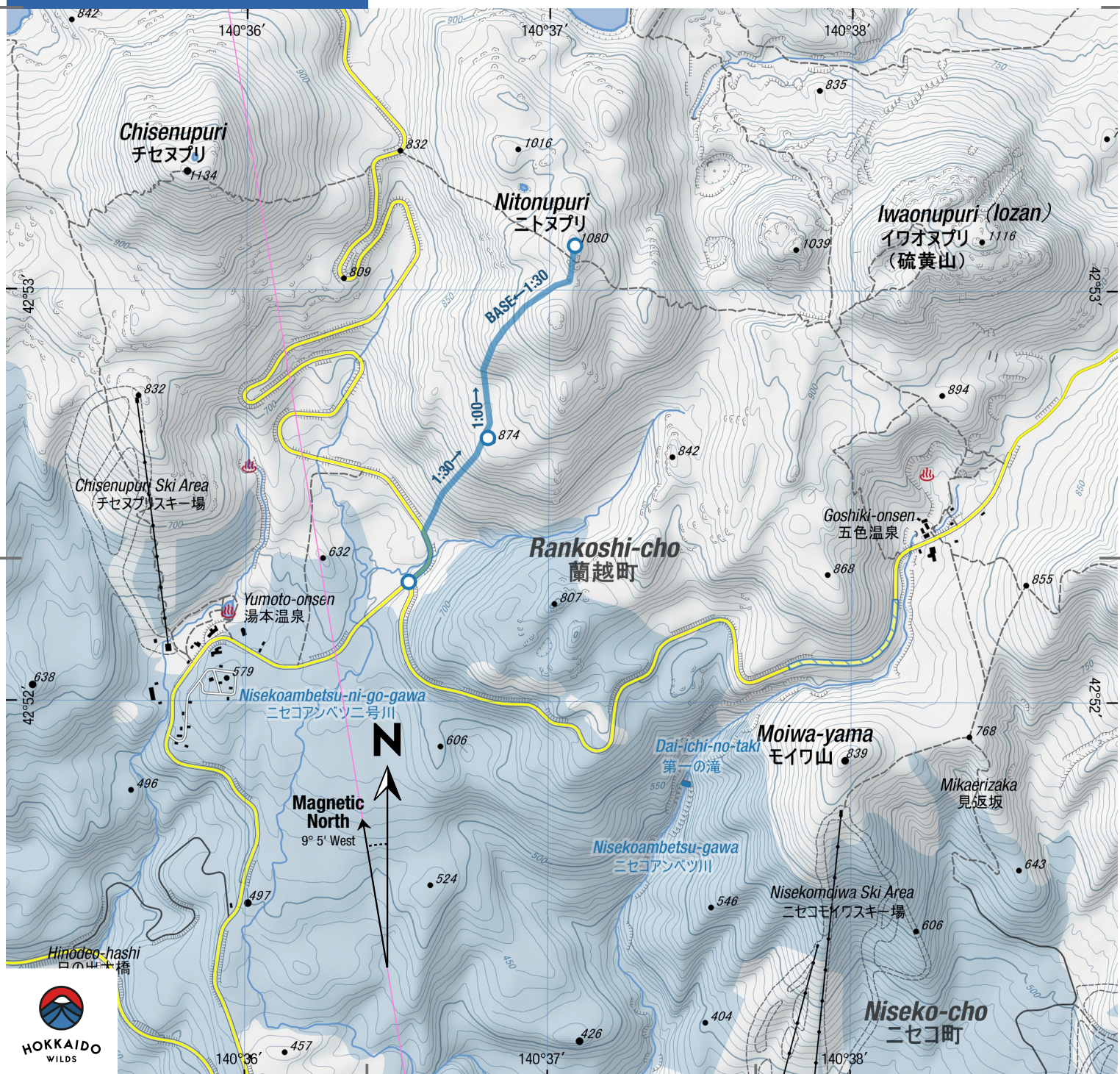


Japanese Map Glossary

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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Nitonupuri Summit Route



3.5hrs Time	470m Total Climb	1080m Highest point
3.7km Distance	5.5/10 Difficulty	Dec-Apr Best season

There are 13 major peaks in the Niseko Range, and Nitonupuri (ニトヌプリ, 1080m) is the one of the lowest, tucked away behind an imposing false peak. Given the easy access to its lower flanks, however, Nitonupuri is one of the range's most popular for a relatively quick morning or afternoon ski. With two distinct 'steps' to the mountain, separated by a compact plateau, skiers can adjust plans on the fly according to conditions. The steep climb to the plateau, as well as the steep slope above it offer very good, lappable skiing potential. Our hot tip to Hokkaido Wilds readers is *arrive early at the trailhead to avoid missing out on parking*.

LOCATION

The summit of Nitonupuri is tucked away in the Niseko Range behind a false peak, in between the popular peaks of Iwaonupuri and Chisenupuri. The start of this route is at the closed winter gate near



the turn off to Goshiki hot springs, on Route 66.

GENERAL NOTES

Nitonupuri means 'the mountain with a forest' in the Hokkaido indigenous Ainu language. The mountain is one of the many dormant volcanoes that make up the Niseko Range. The majority of this Nitonupuri summit route is most certainly more of a ski than a walk, with some fantastic downhill and lappable slopes both down below and up top. The final push to the true summit, however, does require some rather flat traversing. It's likely that most skiers headed to the summit will leave their skins on for the return to below the false summit. That said, if the weather is good, it's worth taking the extra 20 minutes or so to bag this minor peak on the Niseko Range. Good views are had down to the coast at Iwanai, east to Iwaonupuri and Annupuri, and west towards Chisenupuri.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. Expect about 2.5 hours in total for the skin up, and 1 hour back down. The first step in making a successful attempt on Nitonupuri is get to the trailhead early. Not because this is a long, arduous route, but because this route has one of the most popular, crowded trailheads in the Niseko Range, with no cleared parking. If you arrive any later than around 9am, you may find the only parking available is on the roadside, which is technically illegal. See vehicle access notes below. Having arrived nice and early in your prime parking position, gear up and start skinning up Route 66 beyond the closed (probably buried) gate. In around 250m, you'll come across a large road sign, just beyond the bridge. Cut up the steep slope to the right of the road, and zigzag your way up to the 874m plateau. If the weather is foul, this may be about as far as you get up Nitonupuri. This first slope below the plateau is prime lapping terrain, however, so you'll still have plenty of fun keeping low in the trees.

If the weather allows it, push on across the plateau, and ascend up the looker's left ridge

of the headwall. From here it's a 100m climb up to a knob on the ridge. Past the knob is another 60m or so of vertical climb, before starting a low-angle contour around the left of the false peak (also referred locally to the Nitonupuri South Peak). Don't be tempted to climb all the way up the false peak, as you'll only need to descend down the other side in order to get to the Nitonupuri Summit. Follow the contours around until the last small push to the summit. This route returns the way it came.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is a small area at the end of the snowclearing on Route 66, where four or five cars can fit without having to park on the side of the road. If this small area is already full, you may see others parked on the side of the road, hard up against the snowbanks on the left side of Route 66. Technically, this is illegal for a number of reasons, and can effectively reduce Route 66 to one lane, causing traffic headaches. While we haven't heard of vehicles being towed, please obey any signs posted, and always make as much effort as possible to not obstruct traffic. **Public transport:** This route is not accessible by public transport.

SAFETY NOTES

The main point of concern on this route is the steep first slope from the road. While the route outlined here traverses relatively well anchored snow, there are clearer areas which skiers should be aware of. Also note that this route is very much the backcountry – it is not patrolled, and there is no avalanche control. All skiers should be proficient in navigating on their own, have their own avalanche rescue equipment, and be versed in its use. Also note that despite its relative low height of 1080m, like other mountains in Hokkaido, temperatures can plunge to -20°C with windchill – always err on the side of bringing that extra puffer.

ONSEN NEARBY

The natural choice of post-ski onsen for this route is the gorgeous Yuki-chichibu Onsen (雪秩父温泉, 700yen). Famous for its outdoor baths and mud-infused waters, this is an onsen that should not be missed. They also have a restaurant, operating from 11:30am till 3pm each day. ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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