



Teshio-dake (via Teshiodake Hutte)

天塩岳 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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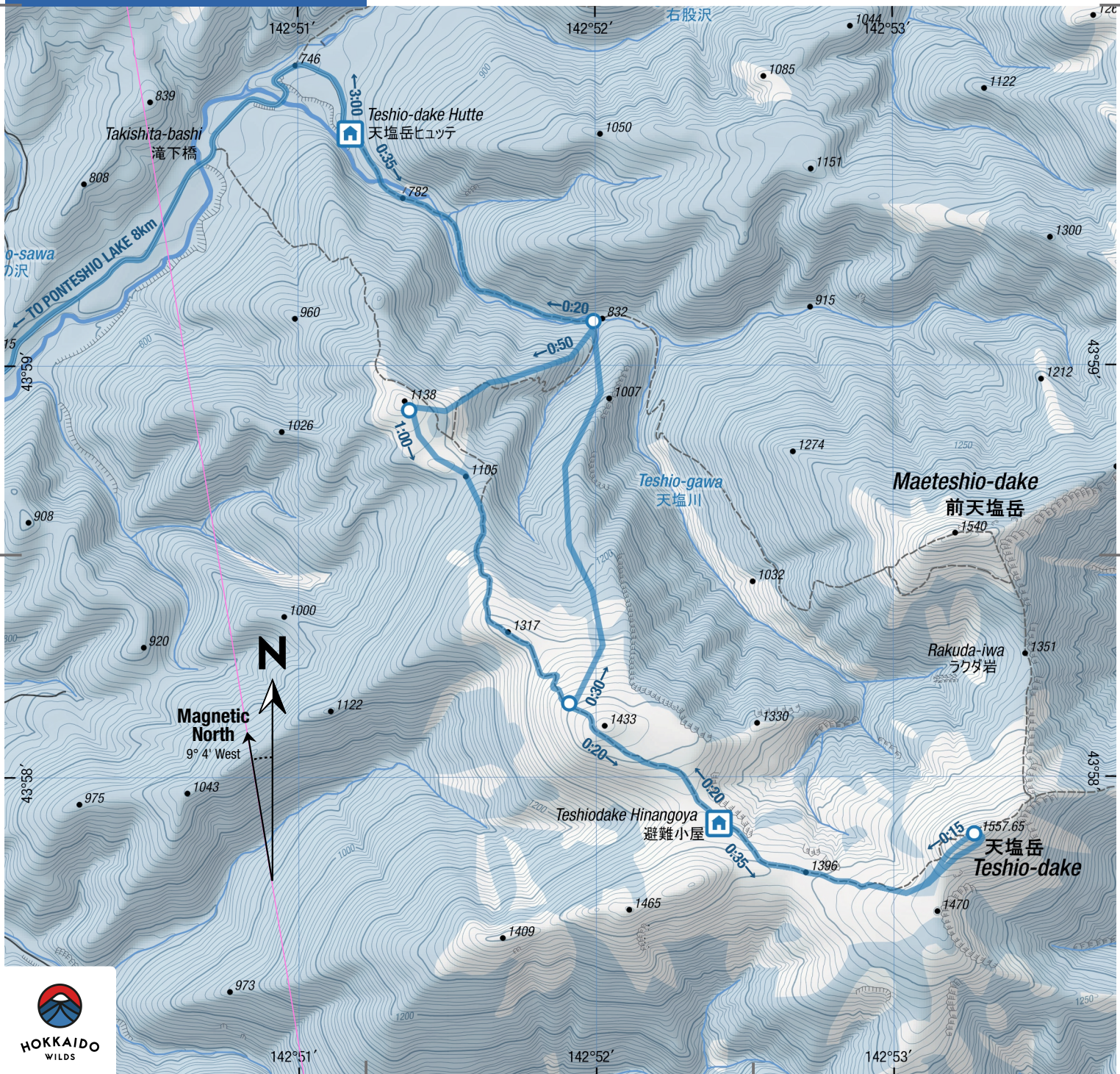


Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
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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Teshio-dake Western Ridge



11hrs Time	1104m Total Climb	1558m Highest point
30km Distance	7.5/10 Difficulty	Jan-Apr Best season

Teshio-dake (天塩岳, 1558m) is northern Hokkaido's highest mainland peak, with fantastic views south to the Daisetsuzan Range. In winter, most backcountry skiers approach from the east for a long daytrip. However, with a gorgeous hut on the western side of the mountain, Teshio-dake makes for an excellent overnight or multi-day destination. Here, we outline a winter variation on the classic New Route summer hiking trail (新道) from the Teshiodake Hutte to the summit via the emergency huts on the western ridge. Snow conditions can be variable in the area, with high winds often buffeting the upper slopes, but pick your aspect and the skiing can be great.

LOCATION

Teshio-dake sits at the southern reaches of northern Hokkaido. As such, some might, at a stretch, describe Teshio-dake as an outlying peak in the northern Daisetsu Range. This winter route to

Teshio-dake via the Teshio-dake Hutte starts at the far eastern end of Ponteshio Lake, here, about 9.5km west of the hut.

GENERAL NOTES

Teshio-dake is a tough nut to crack in winter regardless of whether one approaches it from the west via the hut, or from the east from Route 273. Our friend Yamano-makochan reported an 8.5 hour day trip there recently from the east, so it's not a mountain to be taken lightly. Given our proclivity towards a good winter mountain hut, however, a western approach via the massive Teshio-dake Hutte seems a no-brainer. Haul supplies into the hut on an improvised pulk (using a Homac snow sled), and it makes for a great base for a couple of nights.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. From the road clearing end (at the eastern end of Ponteshio Lake) to Teshio-dake hut, it's a 3 to 3.5hr skin along a mostly flat snowed in road. Bank on between 2 and 2.5 hours for the return, with skins on – the road is not steep enough to glide. From the hut to summit is about 3.5 hours, and then about 1.5hrs back to the hut. From the hut, head southeast along the summer hiking trail (the Old Route 旧道). The trail is unmarked in winter. Temporary summer bridges across streams are removed for winter, so suitable snow-bridges will need to be found on the three crossings of the Teshio River (really a creek way up here).

After about 1.5km, head south onto the Connecting Route (連絡道), and quickly gain the ridge. You'll be on this ridge all the way up to the New Route (新道), joining the main western ridge just south of the 1138m knob. Once on the western ridge, it's about 2 hours to the summit, via the Teshio-dake Emergency Hut. Note that this western ridge above the treeline and very exposed to the elements. On the return, head back the way you came along the western ridge, to about 100m beyond the 1433m peak. From there, we opted to descend via a northern spur with good tree skiing on its western aspects. At the terminus of the spur, re-connect with the Old Route hiking trail, and head back to the hut.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is good access to the 'trailhead' at the end of Ponteshio Lake, via the quaint little town of Aibetsu in the south. Aibetsu town has an amazing soba restaurant, as well as a convenience store. There is no official parking

or cleared parking areas at the end of the roadclearing at the end of Ponteshio Lake. Therefore, park well to the side of the road, and avoid parking in the snow clearer's turn around spots (the two big snow-cleared 'divots' perpendicular to the road). Please leave a note on the dashboard indicating your intentions – we've heard of the police being called by concerned dam workers when our friends stayed at the hut for a couple of days.

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

SAFETY NOTES

In winter, this is an extraordinarily remote location. Skiers must be self-sufficient, experienced, and well prepared. Note that cell reception is very limited in the area – we recommend some sort of GPS messenger, such as the Garmin inReach for emergency communications. Much of the route to the summit is beyond the treeline – be prepared for temperatures to plunge below -20°C.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen to the trailhead is arguably the super local Kyowa Onsen (協和温泉, 500yen). There's no outdoor bath, but the retro indoor baths boast a couple of tubs, a sauna, and a cold pool. They're open from 8am till 10pm, and also offer accommodation and a small restaurant.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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TESHIODAKE HUTTE



Details: Available for use year-round. Access in winter via 9km skin along closed road, boards over doors and windows to be returned before leaving. Wood available. No booking required.

Capacity: 40 persons.

Cost: Free.

Contact: Shibetsu City Asahi Subdivision, TEL: 0165-28-2121.

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STEP 1

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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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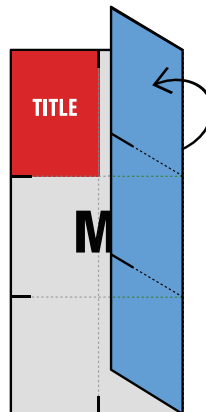
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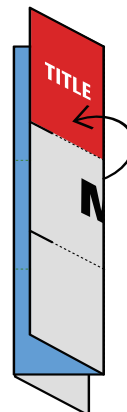
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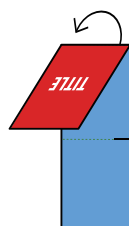
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