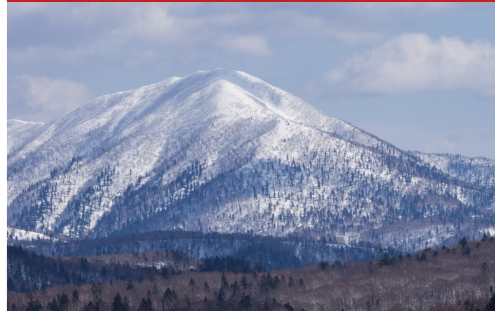




Chitokaniushi-yama

チトカニウシ山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

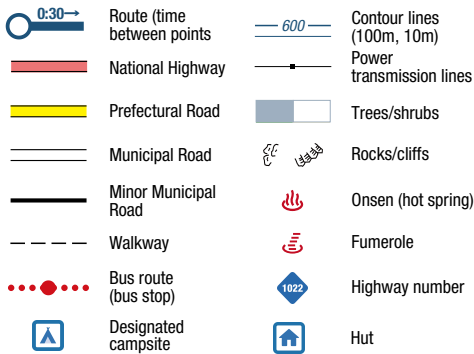


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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
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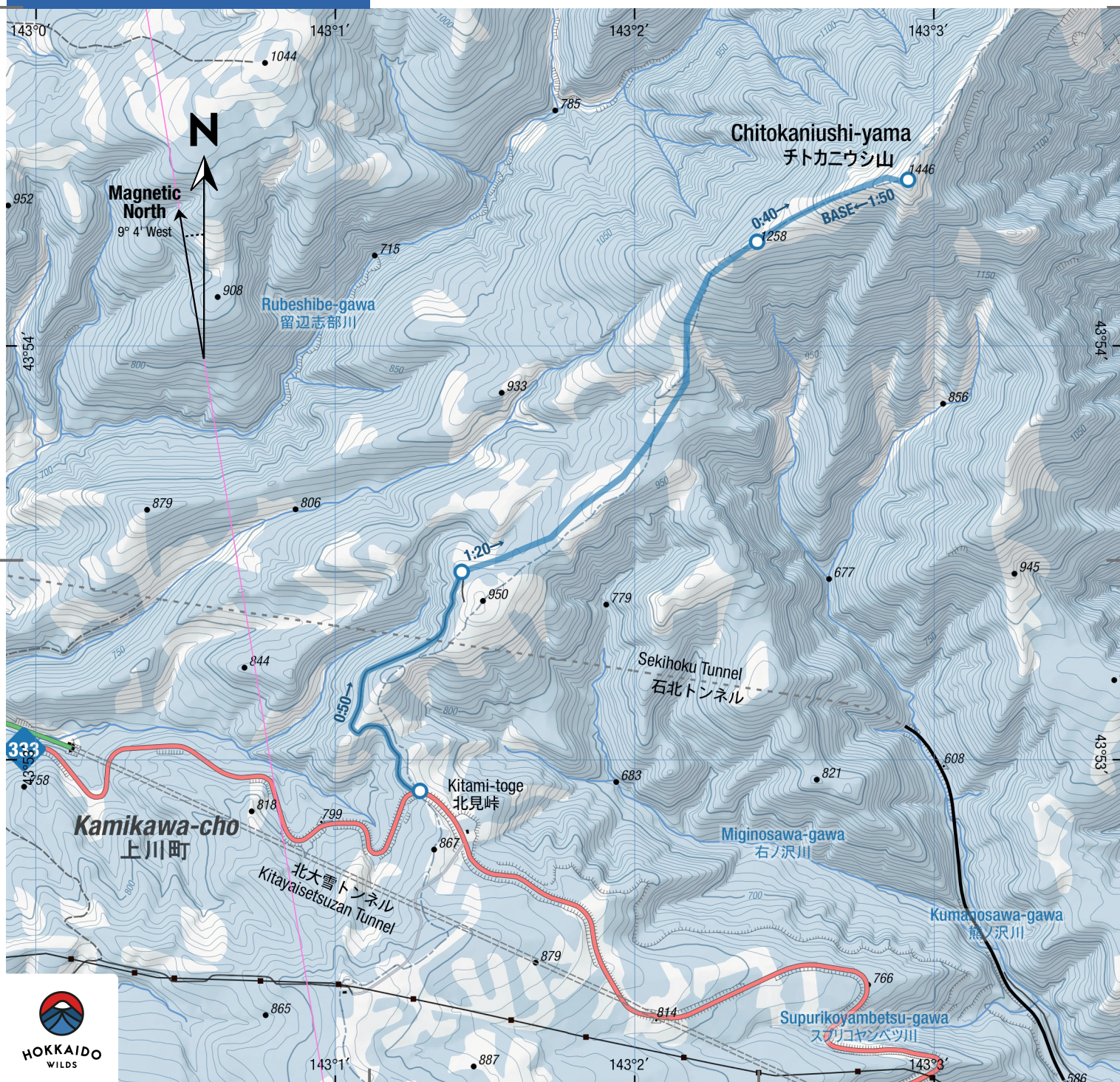


Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki	分岐	junction
cho	町	town
dake/mine	岳/峯	peak
eki	駅	station
goya/koya	小屋	shelter
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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Chitokaniushi-yama



5hrs Time	570m Total Climb	1446m Highest point
8.7km Distance	6.5/10 Difficulty	Feb-Apr Best season

The ski touring route up Chitokaniushi-yama (チトカニウシ山, 1446m) starts high up on the Kitami Pass (北見峠, 857m) in northern Hokkaido. This gives relatively easy access to good snow and amazing views of the surrounding northern Daisetsu mountains. The basic up-and-back route along the southwestern ridge allows some good skiing, but experienced backcountry skiers will enjoy sampling the various faces and bowls from the summit. If conditions are stable, the south-southwest bowl or the steep western face just below the summit are good candidates for laps.

LOCATION

Chitokaniushi-yama in the Kitami mountains sits just to the north of the Daisetsuzan range in northern Hokkaido. The trailhead for this winter ski touring route up the mountain starts at the entrance to a forestry road near Kitami Pass.

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



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GENERAL NOTES

On a clear day, you can't miss Chitokaniushi-yama if anywhere near Kitami Pass. Its rounded summit and thick ridge leading up from Kitami Pass is unmistakable. As such, it's one of the very popular peaks for backcountry skiers and boarders in the Kitami Pass area. It's worth noting that from the carpark it's about 2.5km of only very gently ascending terrain before climbing starts in earnest. In order to make this route more of a ski than a walk, skiers will need to make the most of their time at altitude above 1000m by lapping the steep western face just below the summit, or skiing the south-southwest bowl and drainage (note that both of these options will require very stable snowpack conditions).

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is sporadically marked with tape tied to trees. Such markings are not official, however, so it's best to assume you'll be navigating on your own. Bank on just under three hours from car to summit, and just under two hours back down. Add on about an hour if skiing/lapping the western face.

Clamber up the snow bank at the snowed-in entrance to the forestry road on the Kamikawa side of Kitami Pass. Follow the forestry road for 1.5km. When the road makes a hard right hairpin, leave the road and continue straight up to the wide plateau-like ridge above. Once on the plateau, it's another 1km or so on only very gently ascending terrain before the climbing starts in earnest from around altitude 1000m. From here, just follow your nose upwards, and you'll be funneled up to a false peak at 1258m. If your visit has been preceded by high winds, the final 200m or so of vertical climb may be on hard packed snow and/or ice. In most cases you'll be on skis to the summit, but be prepared to bootpack if necessary.

On the descent, the easiest route down is back the way you came. If you have the time and energy for more climbing, however, the steep western-aspect slope just down from the summit to the skier's right of the ridge is sublime. This will give skiers about 300m vertical descent on a steep slope with well spaced trees. Just before the slope funnels into a maze of deep gullies, switch back to skins and make a long sweeping climb back to the summit ridge, and head back to the trailhead via the forestry road.

TRANSPORT

By car: Kitami Pass is very easily accessed



via the Asahikawa-Monbetsu Expressway (旭川紋別自動車道). Get off at the Ukishima Interchange (浮島IC) and access Kitami Pass on Route 333. Incidentally, there's no toll on the expressway from the Pippu Kita Interchange. At the trailhead, there's room for up to about 10 cars in the cleared parking area. Just up the road is the gigantic Kitami Pass parking area too, so there's no shortage of parking for this route.

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

SAFETY NOTES

The main southwest ridge is relatively well defined, but when descending down to the flat section of the ridge, there are a couple of spots where one might be tempted to veer off course to the right or left. Take special care in low visibility conditions to double-check your location frequently. Also note that while the south-southwest bowl and steep western face can offer great skiing, avalanches would run far into very tight and deep terrain traps – exercise extreme caution if considering skiing these areas.

ONSEN NEARBY

There aren't many onsen very close to Kitami Pass, or in Kamikawa Village. If your travels are taking you to Souunkyo, then the Kurodake no Yu (黒岳の湯) in Souunkyo (600yen per person) is a nice place for a soak. This place also serves delicious Italian food (pasta and pizza) in the ground floor restaurant. If staying at the great-value Rikugeian AirBnB in Pippu, then we'd recommend the Yuyu Pippu hot pools just up the road (遊湯ぴっぷ, 500yen). Yuyu Pippu also serves good value food in their restaurant. ■

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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".

PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

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

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