Higashi-kotanbetsu-yama
(Horokanai Kiritachi Pass)

幌加内霧立峠　　Ski Tour Map　　1:25000

| 0 | 250 | 500 | 750 | 1000 m |

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 55' W

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Symbol Key (some may not be present)

- **0:30→** Route (time between points
- National Highway
- Prefectural Road
- Municipal Road
- Minor Municipal Road
- Walkway
- Bus route (bus stop)
- Designated campsite

- **—600—** Contour lines (100m, 10m)
- Power transmission lines
- Trees/shrubs
- Rocks/cliffs
- Onsen (hot spring)
- Fumerole
- **1022** Highway number
- Hut

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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Horokanai-cho
幌加内町

Kiritachi-toge
霧立峠

Tomamae-cho
苫前町

Higashikotanbetsu-yama
東古丹別山

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Magnetic North
9° 5' West

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Higashikotan-betsu-yama
(Kiritachi Pass)

3hrs Time	**378m** Total Climb	**615m** Highest point
4.6km Distance	**5/10** Difficulty	**Dec-Apr** Best season

Kiritachi Pass (霧立峠, 387m) is one of the coldest, snowiest low-elevation passes in Hokkaido. Directly to the south of the pass, accessed via an easy ridge-line traverse, is an unnamed peak, known locally as Higashikotanbetsu-yama (東古丹別山, 615m). From the peak, there is excellent skiing on westerly and northerly aspects, belying the peak's low stature. The vertical drop on each lap is not much more than 200m, but invest in a good skin-track, and a whole wealth of terrain becomes accessible for a day's worth of skiing for the enterprising ski tourer.

LOCATION
Higashikotanbetsu-yama sits to the south of Kiritachi Pass on the border of Horokanai Town and Tomamae Town in northern Hokkaido, about 1.5hrs north of Asahikawa city. This route from Kiritachi Pass to the summit of Higashikotanbetsu-yama starts from the car parking area at the pass.

GENERAL NOTES
Like most ski touring routes in Horokanai (Japan's coldest and lowest population density town), this route to Higashikotanbetsu-yama is accessed via a road pass. Unlike other pass-based routes in Horokanai, however, this route gains altitude nicely on the way up, allowing for some great downhill skiing, even on the return from the peak. Out of all the routes in Horokanai, this route may have the most reliable snowpack – it starts relatively high, and this northern corner of Horokanai gets some of the area's coldest temperatures.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
This route is not marked. Expect about 1.5 hrs from the carpark at the pass to the summit of Higashikotanbetsu-yama, and another 30 minutes back down. Each lap from the summit on the northwestern face of the peak will take about 45 minutes, including climbing time. Starting from the Kiritachi Pass parking area, head slightly up towards the pass before climbing up onto a narrow, heavily wooded spur to the right. This somewhat cramped spur isn't steep, but you'll be weaving through spindly young-growth trees for about 600m before finally coming to the base of the wide ridge to the the summit. This ridge is a slope with well-spaced old-growth trees – a short but absolute joy of a blast on the descent. The actual summit is a relatively low-key affair. It's broad and featureless, with no summit sign. From the summit, there is excellent skiing on slopes to the west and northwest. This slope is well worth investing in a good central skin track, and doing a few laps. On the return, climb back up to the summit, and return the way you came to the car park.

TRANSPORT
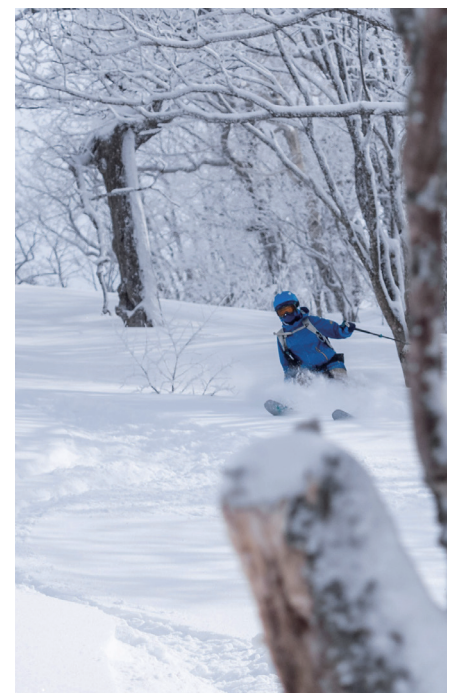**By car:** There is ample parking in the Kiritachi Pass parking area.
Public transport: There are no public transport direct to this route.

SAFETY NOTES
Horokanai is well known for its bone-chilling cold temperatures. Plan accordingly, with extra cold-weather gear.

ONSEN NEARBY
Just down the road is the excellent Seiwa Onsen (せいわ温泉ルオント, 500yen) next to the *michi-no-eki*. At 500yen per person, there's an attached soba restaurant, plus sauna and outdoor baths. ∎

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

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