

# Horohoroyama















Horohoro-yama ホロホロ山 (1322m) is the twin of Tokushunbetsu-yama 徳 舜瞥山 (1309m), connected via a high level ridge. It's not the most popular of ski objectives as although the easiest access route starts from the high point on Prefectural Route 86, this only reopens in the final week of April. Moreover, it is difficult to recommend this route for the skiing given the gentle gradient and late spring conditions. It's more of a nice spring walk on skis (or snowshoes) for those who like exploring. Having said that, the final narrow ridge is fun and the amazing summit views still make it a good day out in fine weather.

## **LOCATION**

Horohoro-yama lies southwest of Lake Shikotsu and inland from the town of Shiraoi on the Pacific coast halfway between the cities of Muroran and Tomakomai, a little under a two-hour drive from Sapporo. This route starts from

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: http://bit.ly/horoski



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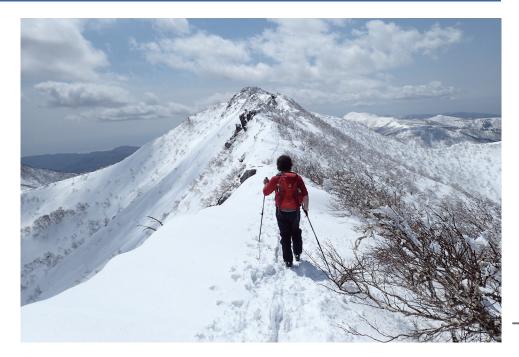
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the Horohoro-yama Pass parking area.

## **GENERAL NOTES**

Prefectural Route 86 between Date City 伊達市 and Shiraoi Town 白老町 is closed over winter and usually reopens in the last week of April.

## **ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES**

Skiers should assume just over three hours on the ascent, and 1.5hrs on the descent. There are no official route markers. Ascend the slope behind the car park (elevation 620m) for a short distance then turn south on a gentle slope. At about 700m there is a steep drop to the skier's left (east), and at 800m a short steep step, the only steep section on the whole route. From here continue up the broad gentle slope through widely spaced trees to a small peak at 1210m. Follow the ridge round to where it narrows at about 1300m. Leave your skis here for the final few hundred meters walk along the airy ridge to the summit. The return route is the same as the ascent.

## **TRANSPORT**

By car: The route starts at 620m, from the

high point of Prefectural Route 86 that connects Date and Shiraoi. There is a car park at the Shiraoi end of the tunnel at Horohoro Pass ホロホロ峠.

**Public transport:** There are no public transport options for this route.

#### **SAFETY NOTES**

Most of the route is on a broad ridge with few features and without good navigation skills it would be easy to become disorientated in bad visibility. The final ridge is narrow with a steep drop to the east and could be awkward in difficult snow conditions. On the descent be sure to check your position to avoid straying off route. Below the steep step trend slightly right to avoid overshooting the car park but mind the steep drop to the east.

#### **ONSEN NEARBY**

Kitayuzawa onsen 北湯沢温泉 is just down Route 453 towards Date and has various options including the excellent Horohoroso (ホロホロ荘 850yen), one of our favourite onsen in the area. ■



# 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 achive 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.

#### STFP 4

For double-sided printing, select "Print on both sides of paper".

#### STFP 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)

The 1:25,000 scale used in the map is accurate if the PDF is printed without scaling (i.e., ACTUAL SIZE). Follow the instructions on this page to ensure an accurate rendering of the scale.



# **ORIGAMI INSTRUCTIONS**

