



Nishikonbu-dake

西昆布岳

Ski Tour Map 1:25000

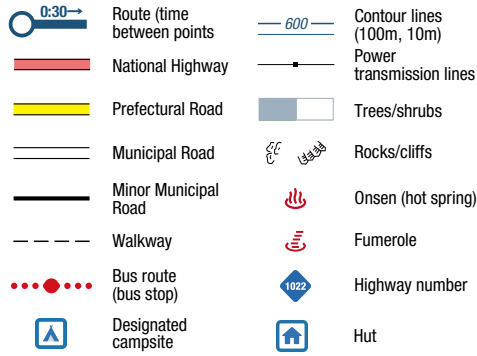


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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 43' W

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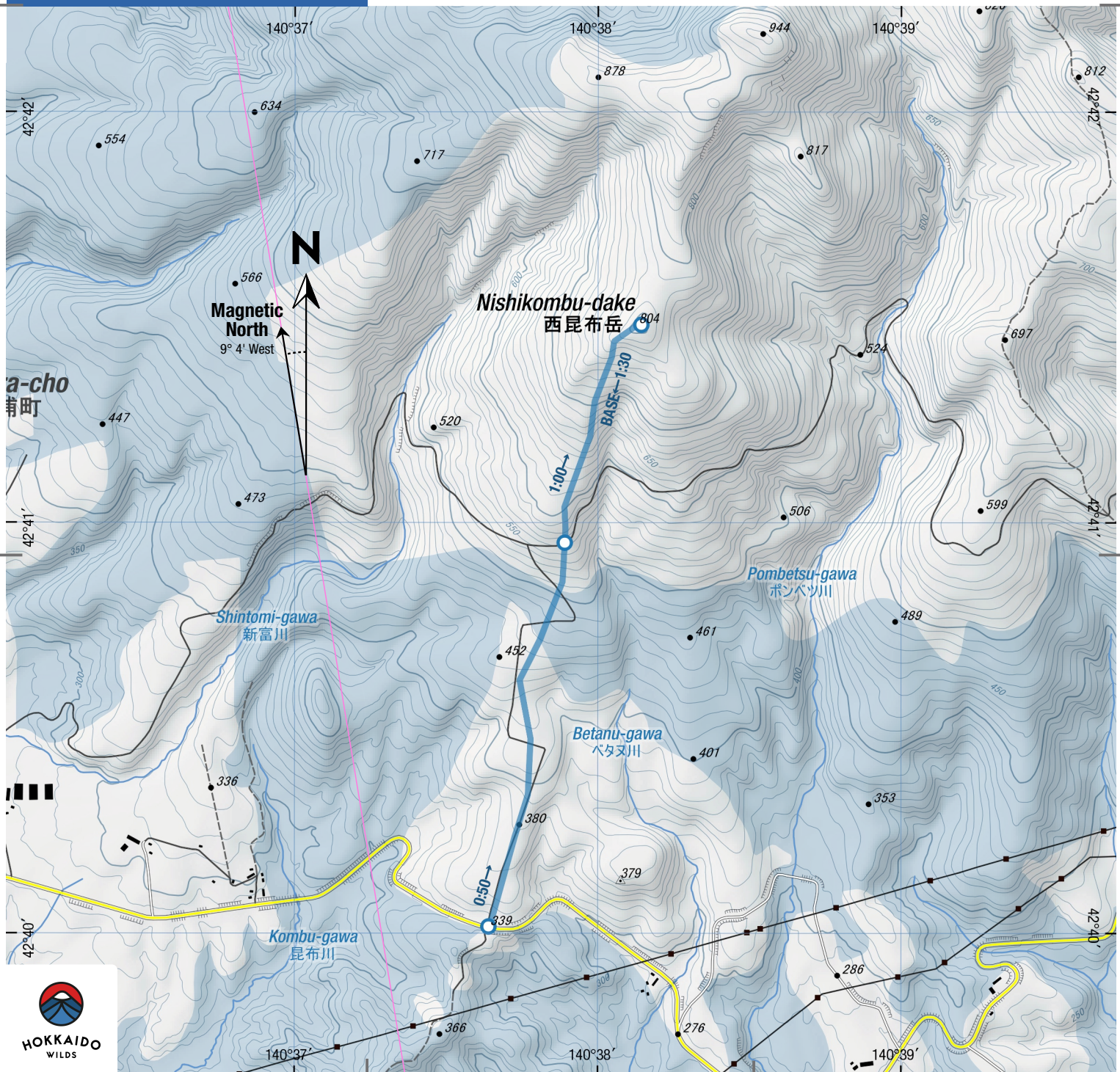


Japanese Map Glossary

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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Nishikonbu-dake



3hrs
Time



437m
Total Climb



804m
Highest point



5.8km
Distance



4/10
Difficulty



Feb-Apr
Best season

Nishikonbu-dake (西昆布岳, 804m) is a diminutive western foothill at the base of the iconic Konbu-dake (昆布岳, 1045m) south of Niseko. It's a beginner backcountry skier's dream, with a broad low-angle approach. Even from the summit, the downhill is mellow, but steep enough to have a good time. The summit allows skiers inspiring views across to Oshima Peninsula and the sea in Uchiura Bay.

LOCATION

Nishikonbu-dake sits on Konbu-dake's southwestern reaches in Toyoura Town in southern Hokkaido. It's about 45 minutes drive south from the bustling Niseko resort area. The route starts from just below a prominent rise in Prefectural Road 914.

GENERAL NOTES

This route is as it is on the can – straight forward, relatively quick, and a great route for beginners. It's not likely to have



quite enough snow on the broad field on the approach until mid- to late-February, so this is a good route to leave till early March onwards.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. This simple up-and-back route will likely take most people just under 2 hours on the ascent, and just under one hour on the descent. Starting at the trailhead, clamber up the snowbank to the wide, featureless field. Proceed straight up the field for about 2km, and you'll enter an old-growth white birch forest. The route continues up along the broad ridge, skirting below a prominent (but mostly harmless) cornice near the summit. From the summit, you'll have views of Konbu-dake to the north east, and down to the sea. Return the way you came up.

TRANSPORT

By car: At the trailhead, there's a snow-cleared spot large enough for about three cars to park side by side – park as efficiently as possible to ensure as many cars are parked off the road as possible. If this small area is full, you'll need to spend about 15 minutes to clear

an extra 1-2m in the snow off the side of the road, in order to park parallel with the road – try to get your vehicle as far to the left as possible.

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

SAFETY NOTES

The main broad ridge can be disorienting in low visibility conditions. Make sure you've got a GPS-enabled device (such as your smartphone with a navigation app).

ONSEN NEARBY

The onsen of choice will depend on where you're driving to after the trip. If headed back so Sapporo on the expressway, consider dropping in to the Toyoura Onsen on the coast to the south (豊浦温泉, 600yen). They have a restaurant attached – their best-seller is deep fried scallops. If headed back to Niseko (or Sapporo via Nakayama Pass), try Makkari Onsen (真狩温泉, 500yen). Makkari Onsen also has a restaurant attached. ■



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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

You won't need this instructions page, so just select the pages that don't include this instruction sheet.

STEP 7

Click "Print".

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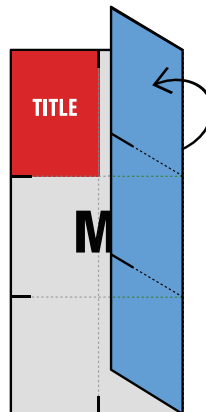
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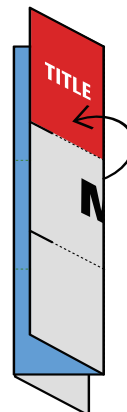
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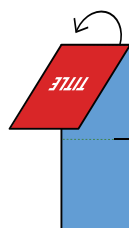
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