



Sankokunai

Raiden-yama Foothills

雷電山三国内 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
Magnetic declination: 9° 47' 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
- Descent route option
- Designated campsite
- 600 Contour lines (100m, 10m)
- Power transmission lines
- Trees/shrubs
- 岩 崖 Rocks/cliffs
- Onsen (hot spring)
- Fumerole
- 1022 Highway number
- Hut

Japanese Map Glossary

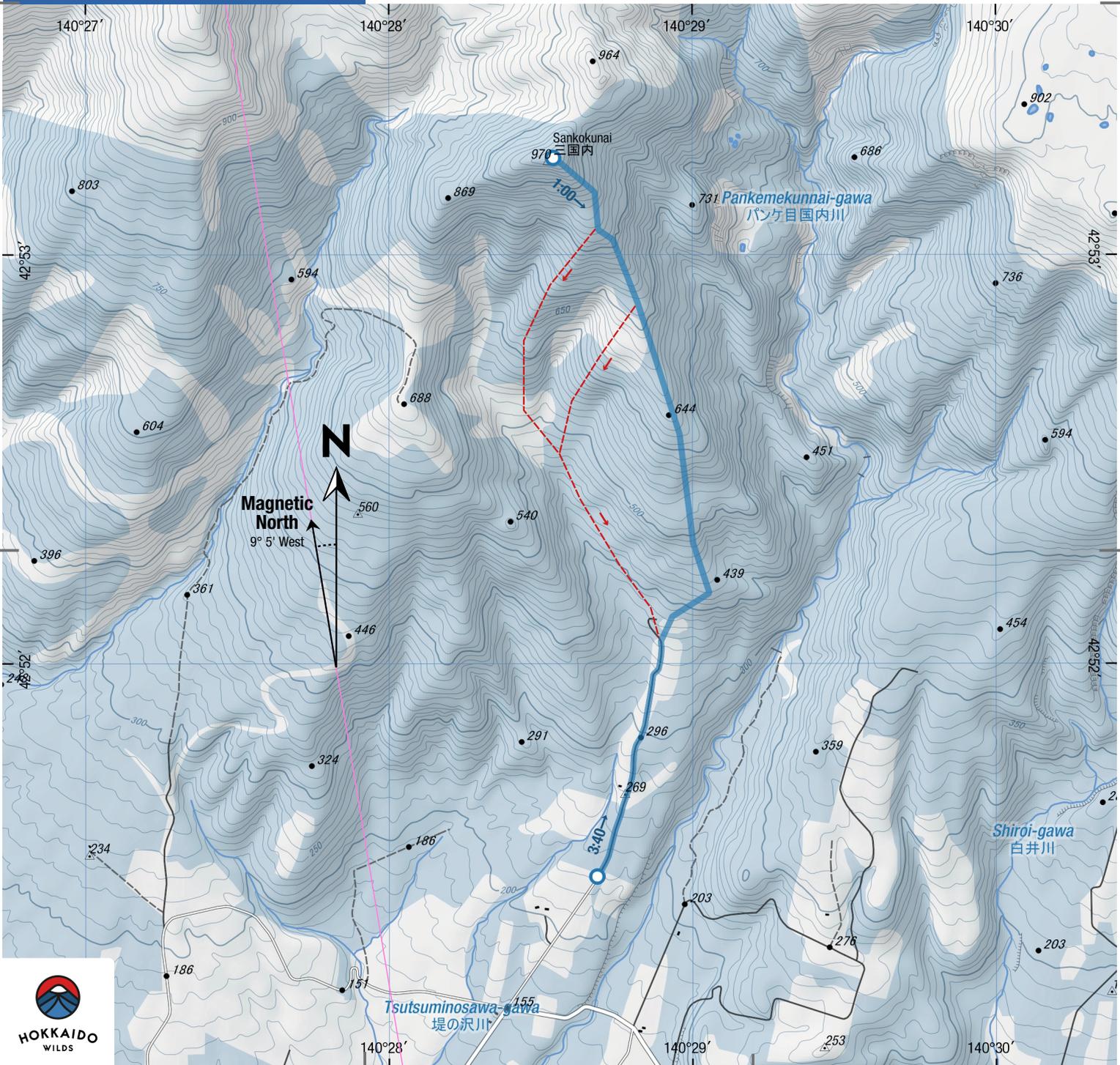
Romaji	Kanji	English
<i>bunki cho</i>	分岐町	junction town
<i>dake/mine eki</i>	岳/峯 駅	peak station
<i>goya/koya hinangoya</i>	小屋 避難小屋	hut shelter
<i>ike</i>	池	pond
<i>kawa/gawa</i>	川	river
<i>kako</i>	火口	crater
<i>ko/mizumi</i>	湖	lake
<i>kyo</i>	湖 峡	gorge
<i>numa</i>	沼	pond
<i>onsen</i>	温泉	hot spring
<i>sawa</i>	沢	stream
<i>taira/daira</i>	平	plateau
<i>tani/dani</i>	谷	valley
<i>taki</i>	滝	waterfall
<i>toge</i>	峠	pass
<i>yama/san/zan</i>	山	mountain

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Sankokunai



 5hrs Time	 740m Total Climb	 970m Highest point
 7.2km Distance	 6/10 Difficulty	 Feb-Apr Best season

Sankokunai (三国内, 970m) is a prominence on the Yoshiguni Route (吉国コース) up Raiden-yama (雷電山, 1211m) at the far western end of the Niseko Range. There's some good western-aspect skiing off the main southern ridge, so this route makes for a good alternative to going all the way to the top of Raiden-yama. Even from 970m, there'll be good views along the Niseko Range, as well as south across the Rankoshi Plains.

LOCATION

This route up to Sankokunai on the Yoshiguni Route up Raiden-yama is on the southern side of the far western end of the Niseko Range in southern Hokkaido. The route starts at the last residential dwelling up a minor road in Rankoshi Town.

GENERAL NOTES

Via most routes up Raiden-yama's broad southern face, skiers seeking to stand upon it's summit will need a solid 7 hours or more for the return trip. Some of the



better skiing on the mountain, however, can be had from minor peaks along the way – such as this minor peak called Sankokunai (三国内). Navigation is relatively straight forward, as the route follows a major ridge once off the forestry road.

On the descent, the main ridge offers very good skiing, as do the two major spurs on the southwestern side of the ridge. This allows for options to choose aspect depending on snow conditions – we encountered breakable sun crust on the southern aspects, but were able to get some good skiing on the more westerly aspects of the first of the two southwesterly spurs.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

This route is not marked. This simple up-and-back route will likely take most people just over 3 hours on the ascent, and about one hour on the descent. From the last dwelling on the road, head up a snowed in forestry road through a plantation conifer forest. Beyond the 269m point, the ridge opens up, with well-spaced old-growth trees. It's just one ridge all the way up, so there should be little concern of getting lost when visibility is good. The final approach to the summit is steep, so check snow stability before zigging your way up. At the top of the slope is a cornice that may need chiseling away to gain access to the summit plateau. From the broad 970m summit, there'll be impressive views north towards Raiden-yama. This route returns the way it came.

However, on the descent, slopes to the skier's right of the ridge (to the west) also offer good skiing.

TRANSPORT

By car: At the end of the snowclearing, there's room for 4-5 cars to park. Do not park in the snow-clearer's turn-around spot – park at least 50m down the road from the end of the snowclearing, so as to not be in the way. The Hokkaido Yukiyama Guidebook suggests that after heavy snowfall, snow-clearing machinery will most certainly conduct snow-clearing at some point during the day – you may need to spend up to 15 minutes shoveling out your own parking space off to the side of the road so as to not be in the way.

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

SAFETY NOTES

On the final, steep treeless approach to the summit, it would pay to check snow stability after heavy snowfall before entering the slope – it's steep and lacks anchors.

ONSEN NEARBY

One of our favourite onsen in Rankoshi is the lovely Yusenkaku Onsen (幽泉閣, 500yen) next to Konbu JR train station. There are a number of indoor baths and an outdoor bath, as well as sauna and cold pool. ■



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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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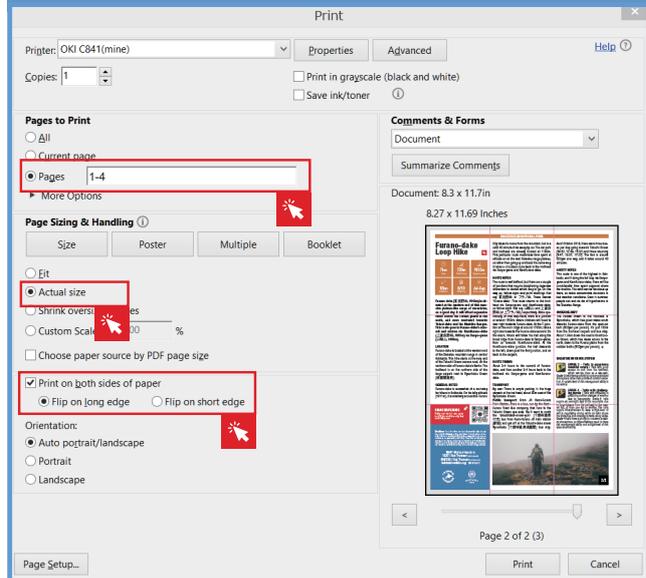


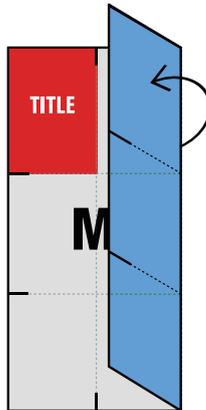
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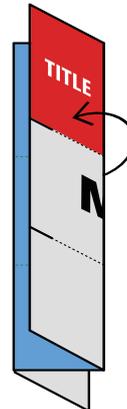
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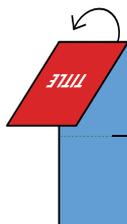
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