



# Sanmen-yama (Horokanai Wassamu Pass)

和寒峠三面山

Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 48' W

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## Symbol Key (some may not be present)

|  |                             |  |                           |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
|  | Route (time between points) |  | Contour lines (100m, 10m) |
|  | National Highway            |  | Power transmission lines  |
|  | Prefectural Road            |  | Trees/shrubs              |
|  | Municipal Road              |  | Rocks/cliffs              |
|  | Minor Municipal Road        |  | Onsen (hot spring)        |
|  | Walkway                     |  | Fumerole                  |
|  | Bus route (bus stop)        |  | Highway number            |
|  | Designated campsite         |  | Hut                       |



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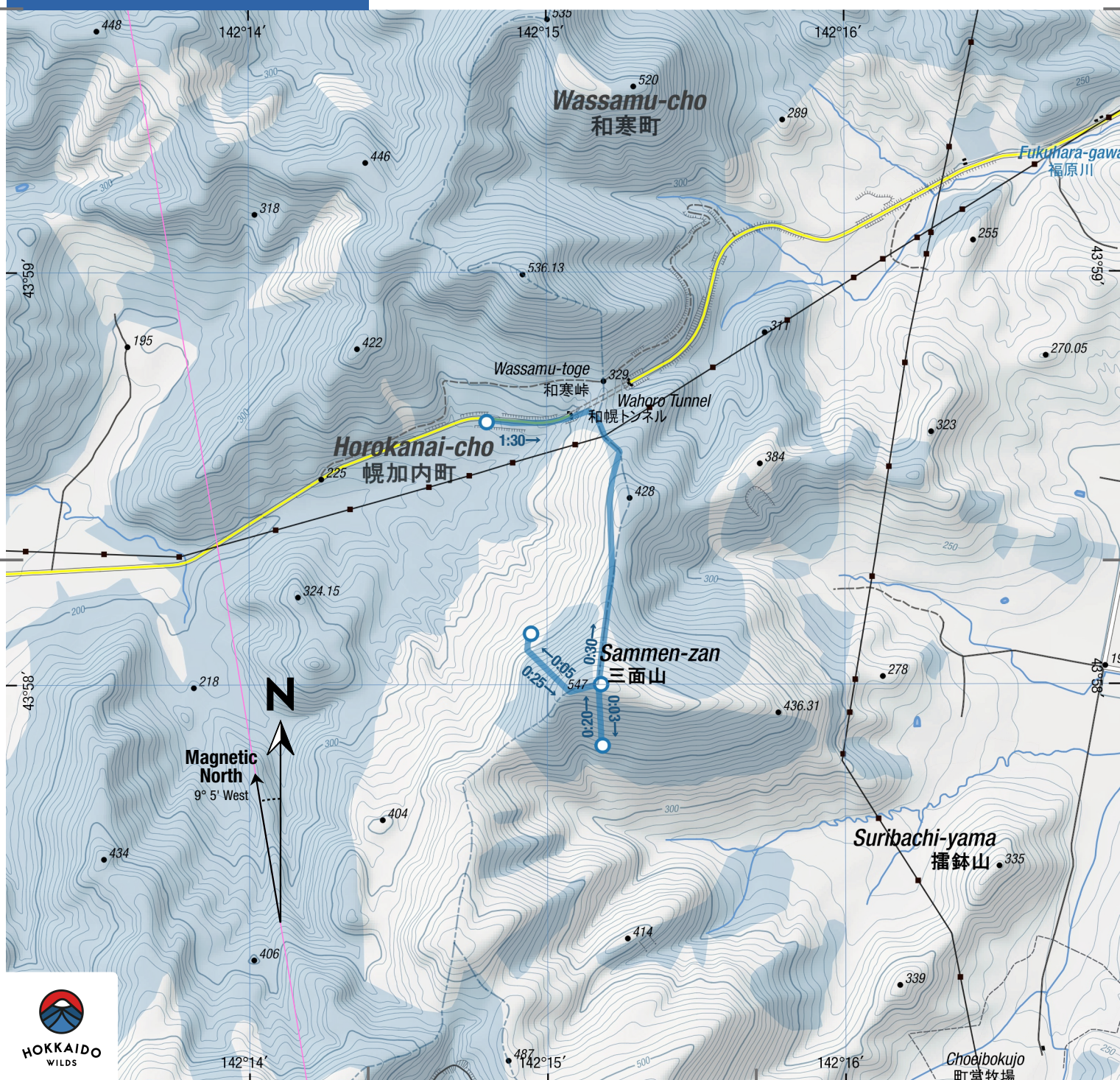


## Japanese Map Glossary

| 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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# Sanmen-yama

## (Wassamu Pass)



|                   |                     |                        |
|-------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 3hrs<br>Time      | 450m<br>Total Climb | 547m<br>Highest point  |
| 5.1km<br>Distance | 4/10<br>Difficulty  | Dec-Mar<br>Best season |

Sanmen-yama (三面山, 547m), just south of Wassamu Pass (和寒峠, 329m) in Horokanai (幌加内町) is a great, easily accessible backcountry skiing location. As the name of the peak would suggest it is almost a perfect triangular pyramid, with south, northwest, and northeastern slopes. These slopes are perfect for lapping that cold powder snow that Horokanai is famous for. Despite being only 547m in height, this peak packs some punch in terms of snow quality, views, and slopes.

### LOCATION

Sanmen-yama is an unassuming peak sitting due south of Wassamu Pass on the border of Horokanai Town and Wassamu Town, just over 1 hour north of Asahikawa City in northern Hokkaido. This route starts at the Wassamu Pass parking area, on the Horokanai Town side of the Wahoro Tunnel.

### ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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### GENERAL NOTES

Like most ski touring routes in Horokanai (Japan's coldest and lowest population density town), this route to Sanmen-yama is accessed via a road pass. This means there's not much climbing to the actual peak. Any downhill skiing, therefore, is from the peak into one of the three main slopes. To get back to the pass, skiers will need to skin back up to the peak and make the final descent from there.

### ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect about 1.5 hours from carpark to summit, and another 30 minutes back to the carpark. The lappable slopes from the summit are generally about 200-300m vertical drop, so allow about 20-30 minutes to climb up after each lap. Park up at the gargantuan Wassamu Pass parking area just before the Wahoro Tunnel at the pass. From there, skin along side the road for about 150m, and gain the small spur to the right just after a steep gully. It's also possible to walk further along and gain the ridge from above the tunnel. Once on the main pass, head due south. Similar to the route up Takadomari-yama from Etanbetsu pass, there's a prominent knob at the start of the route. Don't be tempted to climb up on top of this – wrap around the right hand side through the woods. This will help avoid having to put skins back on on the way back. Keep following along the ridge, which broadens out and passes through a stand of young white birch all the way to the summit. From the summit, skiers are treated to broad views south, east and west. If snow conditions are stable, ski any of those south, northwestern, or eastern slopes, and climb back up for the final return to the pass.

### TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is ample parking in the Wassamu Pass parking area.

**Public transport:** There are no public transport direct to this route. Public buses run from Asahikawa to Horokanai town center.

### SAFETY NOTES

The bare, treeless slopes to the south and northwest of the peak offer great skiing, but should be checked for stability before skiing. Horokanai is well known for its bone-chilling cold temperatures. Plan accordingly, with extra cold-weather gear.

### ONSEN NEARBY

Just up 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. ■



## PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

### 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

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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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.



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

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