



Shokanbetsu-dake
Spring Skiing


暑寒別岳Ski Touring Map1:25000






6hrs

Time




1170m

Total Climb




1492m

Highest point




16km

Distance



7.5/10

Difficulty



Apr-May

Best season

Shokanbetsu-dake 暑寒別岳 (1492m) stands beside the wild and bleak coastline of the Japan Sea, and is subject to the full force of the savage winter winds. It therefore receives huge dumps of snow, which lingers long into spring making this the ideal time to explore its summit and upper slopes. It's a long trek to the summit but on a fine day the big mountain atmosphere, far-reaching views across the ocean and the great skiing in the treeless upper bowl are more than ample reward.

LOCATION
Shokanbetsu-dake lies on the Japan Sea



coast a few hours drive north of Sapporo, and just south of the small town of Mashike 増毛. This spring ski touring route up Shokanbetsu-dake starts at the Shokanso Hut.

GENERAL NOTES
The road to the trailhead hut is usually opened in late April. Before this it will be necessary to park at the barrier across the road and skin or walk a few km up to the hut, adding an extra couple of hours to the day. Since use of the Shokanso trailhead hut is now restricted to

when the road is open, the small fishing town of Mashike is the closest base for accommodation and supplies, and also boasts Japan's most northerly sake brewery, Kunimare 国稀 (free brewery tours and tastings available).

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Expect just over 4 hours from hut to summit, and close to 2 hours back down to the hut.

The lower sections of the route up to the prominent dome-shaped knob at 1076m are

marked by red discs (numbered up to 100) on the trees, though it can be easy to miss them. From here on there are no more trees so no more markers. From the trailhead by the hut at 300m follow the red markers or make your own way on a rising traverse roughly southeast up to the ridge to gain it hopefully to the south of the minor bump at 593m.

From here the broad ridge is long and mild angled up to the dome at 1076m. Take this on the skier's left and continue traversing below the ridge before descending slightly to a col below the big open face below the summit ridge. In good conditions and with time to spare much fun could be had lapping this. Climb the 200m elevation of this slope to a shoulder, then continue along a flat ridge for another six hundred meters to the summit. On the descent take care in bad visibility not to be drawn onto the ridges or into the gullies diverging off northeast, if in doubt trend to the skier's left.

TRANSPORT
By car: The route starts at the large car park below the Shokanso hut, which is at the end of a minor road (Local Route 546) running south for about 10km from Mashike.

CENTRAL HOKKAIDO

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

SAFETY NOTES
The large upper bowl is north facing and according to the Yukiya Guide tends to mostly avoid becoming too crusted and wind affected. In late spring conditions there may be holes or large cracks around the haimatsu dwarf pines on the final ridge. Even in spring the wind here can be fierce – if it is hard to make progress by the 1076m dome it will only be worse above so exercise good judgment. Much 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. On the descent be sure to check your position to avoid straying off route.

ONSEN NEARBY
If heading to Sapporo on Route 231, the small



| 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 |



SHOKANSO HUT

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Details: Available for overnight stays by the general public while the access road gate is open (April till November). A character-filled hut with running water, comfortable sleeping quarters, and a warm wood stove.

Capacity: 30 persons.

Cost: Free.


Contact: Mashike Town Council (増毛町役場商工観光課), TEL: 0164-53-3332

Booking details: No booking required.

and friendly Iwao Onsen (岩尾温泉, 500yen, open April till November) overlooking the sea about 15km south of Mashike is a good place to stop. If you're in the area earlier than April, then the Hamamasu Onsen hotsprings (浜益温泉, 500yen) is a good alternative, a bit further south on Route 231 towards Sapporo. They've got a large outdoor bath area, as well as sauna and cold pool. There's a restaurant attached for lunch meals. There's often local produce for sale in the entrance area. ■

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guides for GPS files, interactive maps, and extra safety notes: <http://hokw.jp/shokanb>




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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 9° 53' W | Map by hokkaidowilds.org CC BY SA 2020/04/01

Symbol Key

(some may not be present)

0:30→

Route (time between points)

— 600 —

Contour lines (100m, 10m)

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National Highway

—

Power transmission lines

—

Prefectural Road

—

Trees/no trees

—

Rocks/cliffs

—

Onsen (hot spring)

—

Fumerole

—

Highway number

—

Hut

—

Municipal Road

—

Minor Municipal Road

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Walkway

—

Bus route (bus stop)

—

Designated campsite

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A detailed topographic map of the Shokanbetsu-dake area in Hokkaido, Japan. The map features a blue route line starting from the bottom left, passing through Shokanbetsu-dake, and ending near the top right. The route is marked with time intervals: 0:30, 1:30, and 1:30. Key geographical features include Shokanbetsu-gawa, Ponshekambetsu-kawa, and Hashibetsu-kawa. The map also shows various peaks, including Shokanbetsu-dake (1492m) and Minamishokan-dake (1296m). A pink line indicates the magnetic declination. The map is overlaid with a grid showing latitude and longitude coordinates. A legend in the top left corner explains the symbols used for roads, contour lines, and other features. A disclaimer and contact information are provided in the bottom left corner.

The logo for Hokkaido Wilds, featuring a stylized mountain peak and the text "HOKKAIDO WILDS".

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Load your printer with A3 printer paper (297mm x 420mm). If you've only got Tabloid or Ledger size (279mm x 432 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achieve 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.

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".

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.

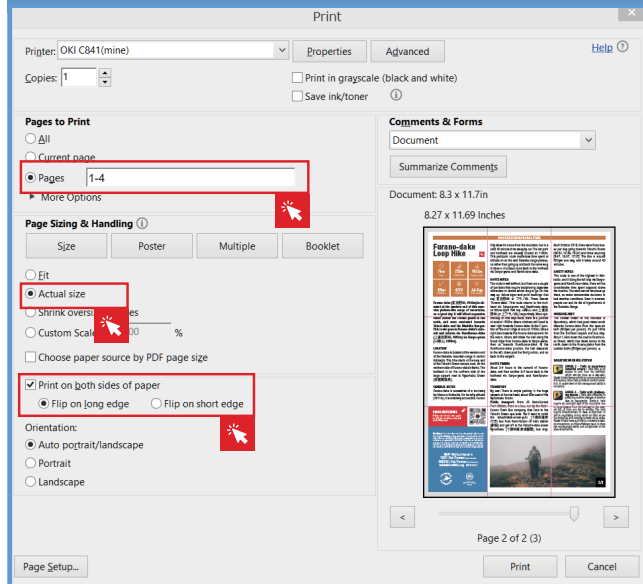


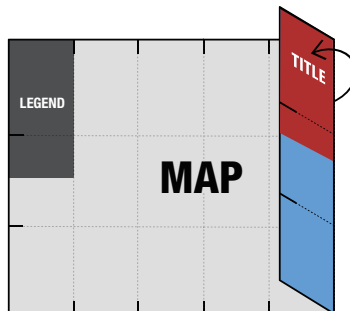
Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size" is selected (Windows).

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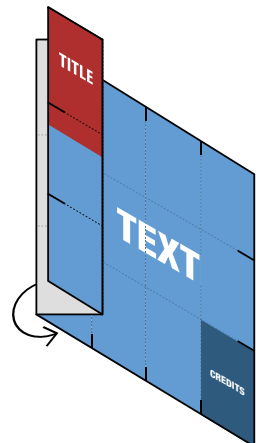
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