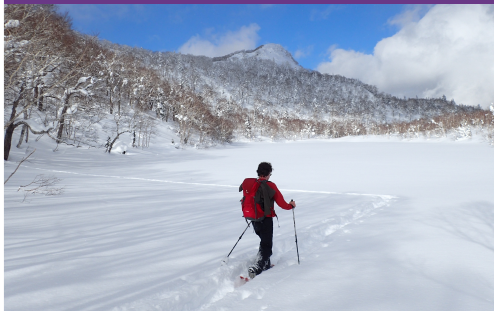




# Soranuma-dake Snowshoe Hike

空沼岳南東アプローチ Snowshoe Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination: 9° 42' 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		Water
	Hut		



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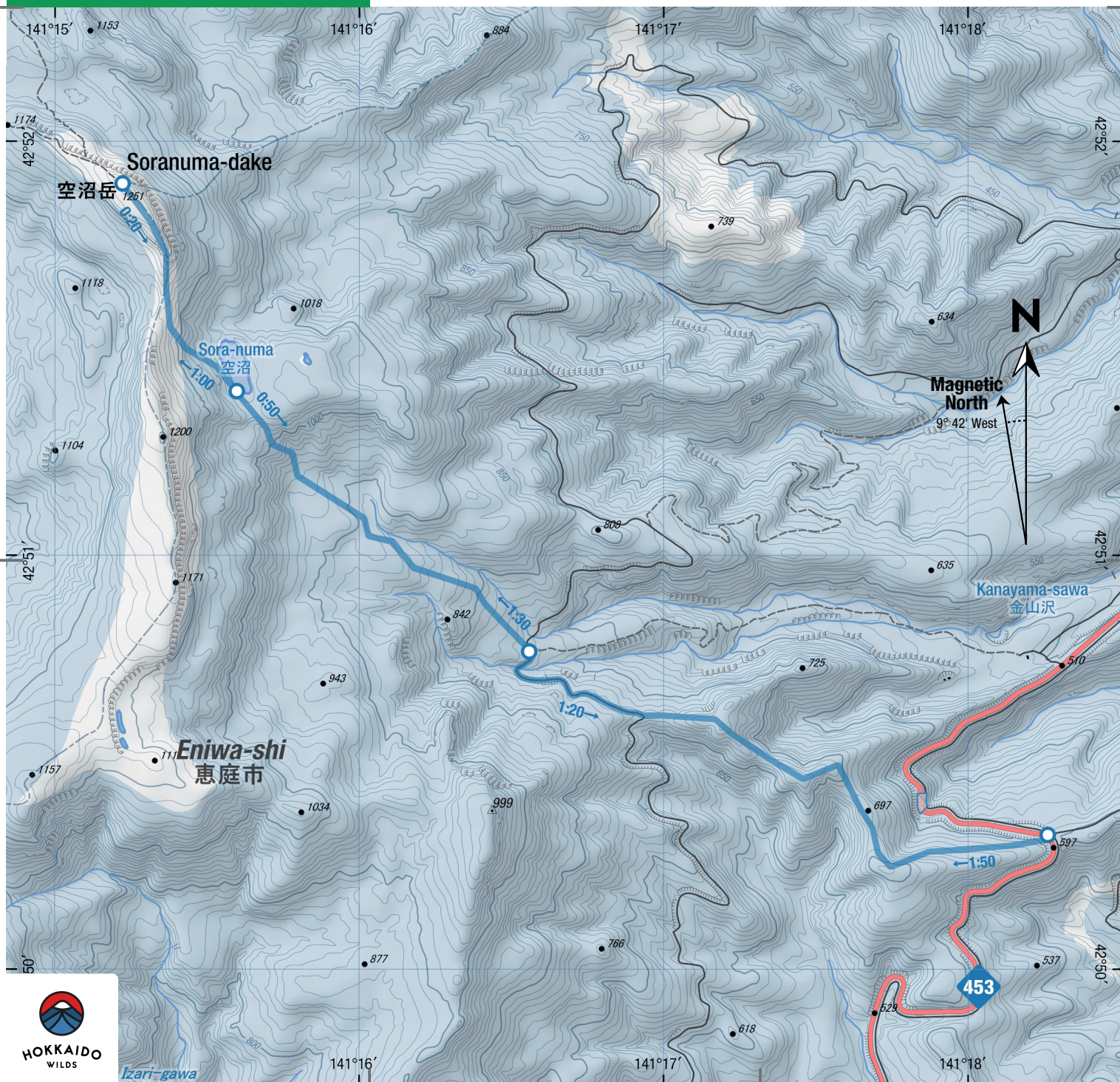


## Japanese Map Glossary

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 ike</i>	小屋 避難小屋 池	hut shelter pond
<i>kawa/gawa</i>	川	river
<i>kako</i>	火口	crater
<i>ko/mizumi</i>	湖	lake
<i>sawa</i>	峡	gorge
<i>numa</i>	沼	pond
<i>onsen</i>	温泉	hot spring
<i>sawa</i>	沢	stream
<i>taira/daira tani/dani</i>	平 谷	plateau valley
<i>taki</i>	滝	waterfall
<i>toge</i>	峠	pass
<i>yama/san/zan</i>	山	mountain

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# Soranuma-dake Southeast Snowshoe Hike

 7hrs Time	 686m Total Climb	 1251m Highest point
 12.5km Distance	 7/10 Difficulty	 Jan-Apr Best season

The popular mountain of Soranuma-dake 空沼岳 (1251m) has a number of picturesque small lakes, or tarns, dotted on its upper slopes, though there is no trail to the one that gives the mountain its name, Soranuma 空沼. The summer trade route up the mountain climbs from the north-east via Bankei-numa 万計沼 tarn and its huts, but once winter arrives it is possible to explore the mountain from other directions on snowshoes. This route climbs up the wild southeast slopes and past the eponymous tarn to reach the summit on a long but satisfying winter day out.

## LOCATION

Soranuma-dake lies southwest of Sapporo's southern suburbs. This hike approaches from the southeast from a high point (Eniwa-toge Pass, 恵庭峠, 597m) of around 600m along Route 453 towards Lake Shikotsu 支笏湖, around 20km south of Sapporo.

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

Please visit the full route guide for GPS file, interactive map, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/sorase>



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## GENERAL NOTES

This is a winter only hike as there is no summer trail. The equipment, skills, navigational ability and level of experience required are a level well above the normal summer route. It is possible to do it on skis, but this would not be so enjoyable due to the undulating nature of the route and occasionally thick forest, the only skiing potential being at the very top on the slopes above the small tarn (lake) of Soranuma. A good pair of snowshoes makes for more efficient travel.

## ROUTE NOTES

This is not a walk in the park - expect around 7 hours for the full route. Note that daylight hours are quite limited in the Hokkaido winter months.

There is no trail, though the route joins a forest road for a short distance and there may be occasional pink tape markers in the middle section. But it is safer to assume that there will be no visible markers and you will have to be confident in your map, compass and GPS skills to navigate. From the car parking area at the 597m shoulder cross the road and head a few meters back towards Sapporo to pick up the traces of a forest track heading west up the hillside. From here climb up to gain the ridge on your left up to a minor summit at 710m, then turn north to follow the ridge (possible cornice) to another minor top at 730m where it again turns west and then north once more to another top at 770m. From here go west for a few hundred meters to join a forest road by a curve mirror. This whole section should take about an hour and a half.

Follow the forest road northwest for another 20 minutes or so until another forest road comes in from the right, shortly after crossing a bridge. From this junction head up the hillside on a roughly northwesterly heading. The topography is a little complicated around here so it would be wise to take an accurate compass bearing from the map and/or use the

GPS. There may be the odd bit of red or pink tape tied to branches. Head up the hillside with occasional steep sections until at 1100m it levels out and you arrive at the small tarn (lake) of Soranuma 空沼 in an hour and a half. Cross the ice with care, or if it looks unsafe follow the shoreline then branch up the hillside aiming for a low point in the ridge above, then turn north and follow the ridge up to the summit, about an hour from the lake. Return the same way.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** From Sapporo head south along Route 453 for about 20km from the last suburbs to a minor pass at 597m, where the road makes a sharp curve to the right. On the left (east) side of the road there is a cleared parking space for a number of cars.

**Public transport:** There is no public transport to the trailhead.

## SAFETY NOTES

This route is not for those with no experience of winter mountains. It requires the same safety equipment and skills as backcountry ski touring. It is not a route for a poor weather forecast as navigation could be tricky in the middle section in bad visibility. It is a long day out so make sure there is enough time. Be wary of cornices on the final ridge, and possibly on parts of narrower ridges on the first section.

## ONSEN NEARBY

Unfortunately there are no onsen close by, though Marukoma Onsen (丸駒温泉, 1000 yen) can be reached by continuing along towards Lake Shikotsu. It closes to outside guests at 15.00 though. If heading back to Sapporo, then cutting across to Koganeyu Onsen (小金湯, 850yen) on Route 230 out to Jozankei is also feasible. ■

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### 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 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)

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

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