



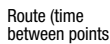
別狩岳 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



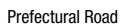
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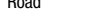
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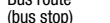
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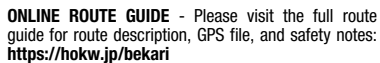
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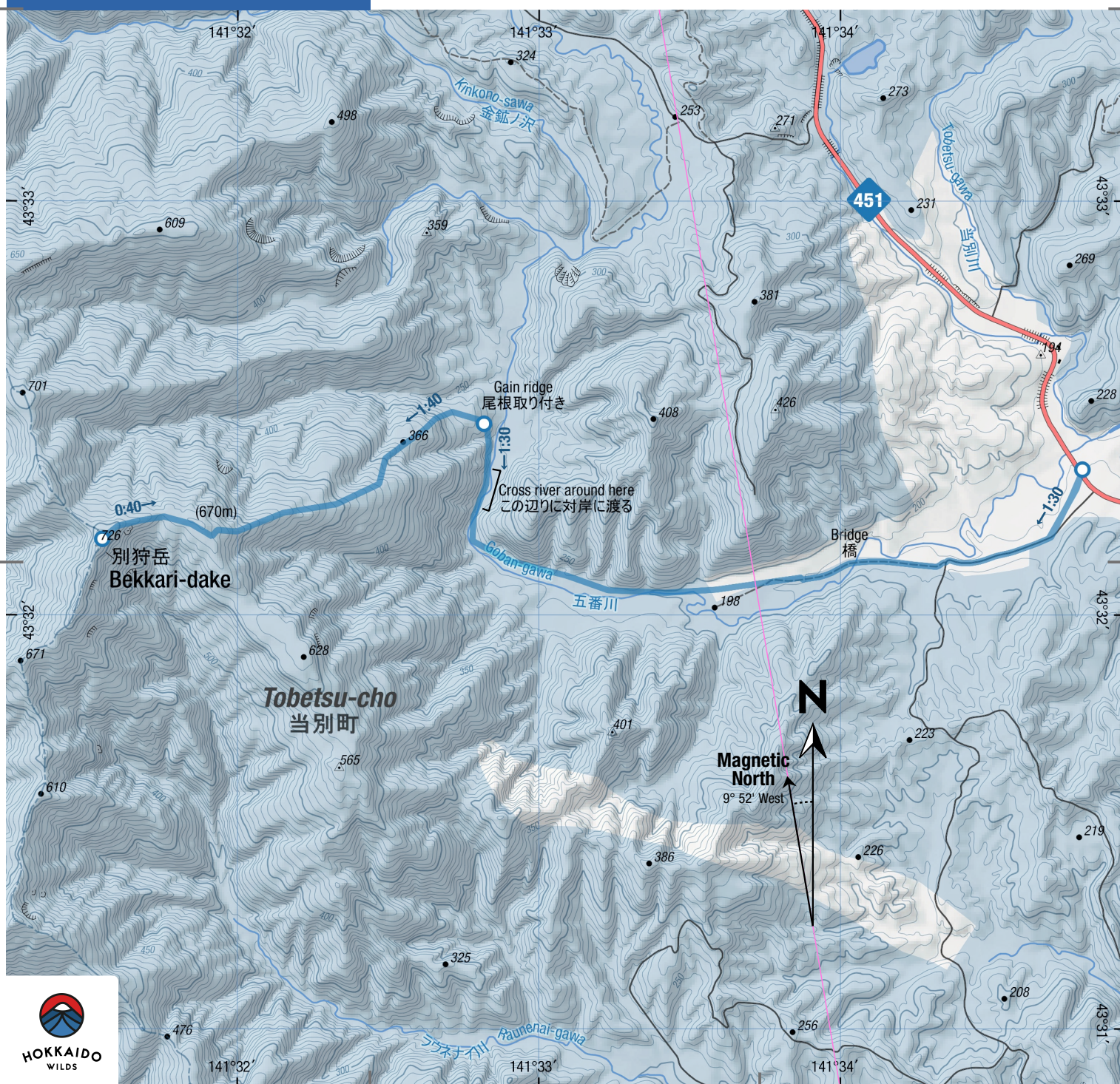


Japanese Map Glossary


Romaji	Kanji	English
<i>bunki</i>	分岐	junction
<i>cho</i>	町	town
<i>dake/mine</i>	岳/峯	peak
<i>eki</i>	駅	station
<i>goya/koya</i>	小屋	hut
<i>hinangoya</i>	避難小屋	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>	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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Bekkari-dake

 5.5hrs Time	 540m Total Climb	 726m Highest point
 11km Distance	 5/10 Difficulty	 Jan-Mar Best season

Bekkari-dake 別狩岳 (726m) sits in the southern Mashike Range 増毛山地, commanding inspiring views across to the larger stalwarts of the range further north. The eastern slopes offer sublime skiing through well-spaced old-growth forest, all while keeping a magnificent view of those larger objectives. The approach is gorgeous flat-land skin along the Goban-gawa riverside. Expect native ezo deer and an abundance of birdlife. This seldom-traveled route is a perfect getaway into a slow-paced winter wonderland.

LOCATION

Bekkari-dake (726m) sits at the southern end of the wild Mashike Range on the Japan Sea coast, about 1.5hrs drive north of Sapporo City. The peak marks the border between Ishikari City 石狩市 and Tobetsu Town 当別町. This route starts here, near a forestry road heading up the Goban-kawa 五番川 valley, off Route 451 connecting Takikawa City 滝川市 to Hamamasu Village 浜益村 on the coast. Curiously, there's another Bekkari-dake 別狩岳 (666m) just 7km to the south along



the ridge.

GENERAL NOTES

This is a classic deep backcountry Hokkaido ski tour in the sense that there's a decent flat-land approach involved; 3km one-way for 6km total return on the flat. Unlike other long Hokkaido approaches, however, most of the flat-land approach is not on a forestry road. It's a wide, remote-feeling valley floor teeming with wildlife, animal tracks, and birdlife. To make the trip worthwhile, however, you'll want a lightweight touring setup, rather than downhill-oriented boots and skis. Don't let the prospect of flat-land skinning put you off though – the skiing on the broad, eastern ridge is really quite spectacular, with fantastic views.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect just over three hours on the ascent, including the 1.5hrs on the flat. On the descent, it's about 2 hours in total.

Park well to the side of the road, and start skinning west across the open field. This will funnel you onto the forestry road. After about 800m from Route 451, it's tempting to start climbing up and away from the river. However, the road drops down towards the river, carrying on west, towards a bridge over the river. After crossing the bridge, it's just under 2km of very pleasant skinning along the floor of the valley, with the river on your left. At just after 3km, when the river bends northwards, keep a lookout for a suitable snowbridge to cross the river. Don't be tempted to start climbing too soon; the main eastern ridge ends in a nice mellow ramp down to the valley floor, negating the need for steep kickturns.

Once you gain the ridge, climb in earnest towards the 670m false peak. From the false peak there's still 500m or so of exposed ridge to cross before getting to the summit proper. This also involves a slight drop to a minor col before the final climb to the summit. Return the way you came. We chose to remove skins at the summit proper, which required a short boot-pack back up to the 670m false peak on the return.

TRANSPORT

By car: This route is accessible by car from Route 451 connecting the inland Takikawa City and Hamamasu on the Rumoi coast. There's no parking area in the vicinity, so visitors to the area will be parking on the road. The road is a well-maintained, frequently snow-ploughed two-lane road, but as always, make sure to park well to the left of the road so as to not obstruct traffic. **Public transport:** There is no public transport to this route.

SAFETY NOTES

While this is a relatively straight forward route, it does involve a long day out – make sure to start early in order to keep a margin of safety and time on your side. Also, despite the peak being relatively low altitude, it's in close proximity to the wild Japan Sea coast. The valley floor is much more sheltered than the upper alpine areas, so make sure to carry appropriate layers.

ONSEN NEARBY

For a nice local onsen experience, try the Hamamasu Onsen 浜益温泉 (500yen), about 20 minutes by car west towards the coast along Route 451. They have nice open-air pools (closed over winter, open in April). ■



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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)

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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