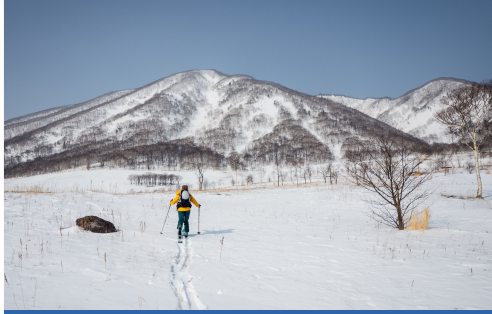




# Higashinupukaushi-nupuri

東ヌプカウシヌプリ Ski Tour Map 1:25000



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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground  
Magnetic declination: 9° 28' 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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# Higashi-nupukaushi-nupuri



4hrs Time	590m Total Climb	1252m Highest point
3.4km Distance	6/10 Difficulty	Feb-Mar Best season

Situated at the southern end of the Daisetsuzan National Park, the tongue-twisting Higashinupukaushi-nupuri 東ヌプカウシヌプリ (1252m) makes for an easily accessed backcountry ski route on the edge of the Tokachi Plain. With nothing obstructing the view from the summit, expect epic views south across the expansive plains to the Pacific Ocean, as well as views across the eastern reaches of the Daisetsuzan range. Just north of the peak is Hokkaido's highest altitude lake, Lake Shikaribetsu 然別湖. Snow conditions are notoriously unreliable here, however, with relatively little snowfall in the area. This is a late winter or early spring peak, and skiers need to be well versed in assessing snowpack stability.

## LOCATION

Higashinupukaushi-nupuri is just



southwest of Lake Shikaribetsu, to the north of Obihiro in southern central Hokkaido. This ski touring route up the mountain approaches the peak from the east, starting at the Shihoro Kogen Nupuka-no-sato.

## GENERAL NOTES

In theory, this should be an all-time popular backcountry skiing route. It's beautifully accessible, the ascent is relatively safe along a prominent ridge, and there are a few moderately wide gullies allowing skiers to choose their exposure on the descent. By the time weather systems hit this area of Hokkaido, however, they've generally dumped all their snow on Niseko and Furano, leaving only wisps of snow clouds to squeeze out a few more pitiful snow flurries before they dissipate completely across the expansive Tokachi plains. Even in mid-February, during one of Hokkaido's better winters, we were punching through the snow to the undergrowth. With all that said, however, for keen ski tourers who happen to find themselves in the area to visit the gorgeous Lake Shikaribetsu or Lake Nukabira, we'd heartily recommend this route as a nice way to get a bird's eye view of the Tokachi plains. Pick a nice clear day and enjoy.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect about 2.5hrs on the ascent and about 30 minutes on the descent.

Given the topography of the area, it's debatable whether one should start from the Nupuka-no-sato carpark, or further up the road. Starting from Nupuka-no-sato will require crossing the road at one point, but starting further up may complicate things on the descent – skiers may need to do a relatively flat traverse at the end. Starting at Nupuka-no-sato ensures an official parking spot, and it's a consistent downhill all the way on the return. This is all to say that our advice is to start from Nupuka-no-sato.

Ski uphill along side the road, and keep heading straight after the sharp bend, crossing the road. Cross the open field, heading due west. Enter the forest, and keep climbing due west along an increasingly narrowing ridge –

broad at first, and then narrowing to a distinctive spur at around 1000m.

From where the ridge narrows it's quite steep in places, the ridge thick with thin trees. You'll spend up to 50 minutes or so from here weaving your way up the ridge. Just below the summit is a cornice – the summit can usually be accessed at a low point at the northern (looker's right) end of it. The view from the summit is quite inspiring, across the Tokachi plain.

A descent via the ascent route would not be impossible, but the thick trees would make any meaningful skiing impossible. Most skiers descent via the wide gully to the skier's right of the ascent route. This gully is steep in places, and is no place to be in unstable snowpack conditions – make conservative decisions. At some point on the descent, at around 750m in altitude, cut across back to the uptrack and return to the carpark via the uptrack.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There's plenty of parking at the Nupuka-no-sato carpark. Note, however, that this car park may not be cleared promptly after heavy snowfall. It is possible to drive further up the road to the closed gate, but there's a large sign asking people not to park in front of the gate, as snow clearing machinery uses this space as a turn-around.

**Public transport:** There is no public transport to this route.

## SAFETY NOTES

The ascent portion of this route has relatively little exposure to avalanche activity, but the decent route along the gully most certainly does. While the area doesn't see a huge amount of snow, special care should be taken to assess the snowpack.

## ONSEN NEARBY

You'll be close-ish to the Lake Shikaribetsu Onsen area, about 30 minutes drive from Nupuka-no-sato. The Shikaribetsu Kohan Onsen Hotel Fusui 然別湖畔温泉ホテル風水 (1000yen) has outdoor baths with good views of the frozen snow-covered lake. The onsen is open to day visitors from noon till 5pm daily. If you're up for an adventure, the Shikaribetsu Gorge wild onsen are a 45 minute drive + 15 minute snowshoe away (see links in online route details). ■

## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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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