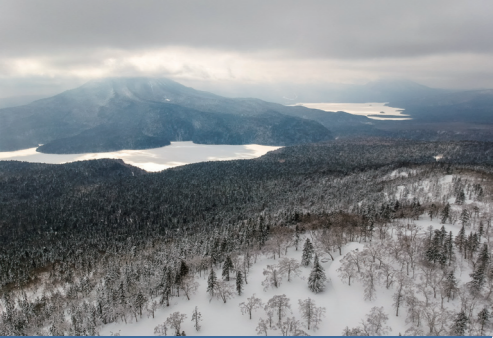



Ponsamakkenupuri


ポンサマッケヌプリ Ski Touring Map 1:25000






5hrs

Time




532m

Total Climb




931m

Highest point




12km

Distance



5/10

Difficulty



Jan-Mar

Best season

Ponsamakkenupuri ポンサマッケヌプリ (931m) is a peak on the Akan Caldera 阿寒カルデラ, right on the border of the Akan-Mashu National Park 阿寒摩周国立公園 in eastern Hokkaido. Through the trees near the summit, there's views south to the impressive Oakan-dake 雄阿寒岳 (1370m) volcano, and Panketo Lake below. The approach is a bit bland along the forestry road, but there's a good steep northern-aspect slope part way up



which offers great snow and skiing. The final approach to the summit is very mel-low, but the prehistoric feel of the forest is worth the visit.

LOCATION
Ponsamakke-nupuri sits on the northern caldera rim of the Akan volcanic group in eastern Hokkaido. Oakan-dake is directly south of the summit, separated by Panketo

Lake. The tour up to Ponsamakke-nupuri starts on the northern side of the caldera, however, at Tsubetsu Onsen. It's about 1 hour drive from Kitami City.

GENERAL NOTES
It's hard to overstate how unique and prehistoric feeling the forest is in and around Akan-Mashu National Park, particularly at this southern end of the park, near the Akan volcanic group.

While this route does have some nice downhill skiing in the middle of the route, it's best to do this route in anticipation more of the forest walk than the downhill. Navigating across the high plateau to the summit is fun – with no clear defining features, it's a nice challenge to keep on an efficient bearing for the summit.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Expect just under four hours on the ascent, and about 1 to 1.5 hours on the descent.

Head southeast along the snowed in forestry road from Tsubetsu Onsen, and take the first right – this new forestry road crosses a bridge before climbing steadily to its terminus at around 555m. This road seems to be frequented by snowmobiles, so you may have a firm trail to follow.

At the terminus of the forestry road, carry on south, veering right to follow a wide gully, soon opening out into a large forested bowl. The slope here becomes steeper as you climb, aiming for the saddle at around 800m. At the saddle, most of the climbing is done, and it's just a matter of making the gradual climb up a broad plateau to the summit. Mercifully, this plateau has enough of an incline to allow a skin-free ski back down on the descent.

Trees at the summit block the view somewhat, so most visitors will drop a little to the west

where a clearing allows a better view of Oakan-dake. Return back to Tsubetsu onsen the way you came.

TRANSPORT
By car: Tsubetsu Onsen is about 25km south-east from central Tsubetsu. Note that Tsubetsu Pass 津別峠 is not open in winter. If approach-ing from the Teshikaga or Lake Kussharo side, expect about one hour to drive around to Tsub-etsu via Bihoro.
Public transport: There is no public transport to this route.

SAFETY NOTES
Navigation on this route can be a little tricky at times, with a gradual approach on broad

slopes mostly in the forest. The open slope dropping northwest from the 802m knob near the saddle offers some excel-lent skiing, but is avalanche prone after snowfall – check snowpack stability if skiing this slope. Note that despite the low altitude, visitors should expect very cold temperatures and come suitably prepared.

ONSEN NEARBY
The route starts and finishes from the Tsubetsu Onsen Lamp-no-Yado 津別温泉ランプの宿森つべつ (600yen). This is a gorgeous onsen tucked into the for-est, with relaxing outdoor bathing too. There's an attached restaurant. ■



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

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



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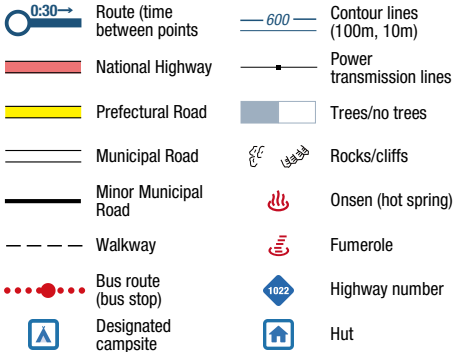


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PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

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)

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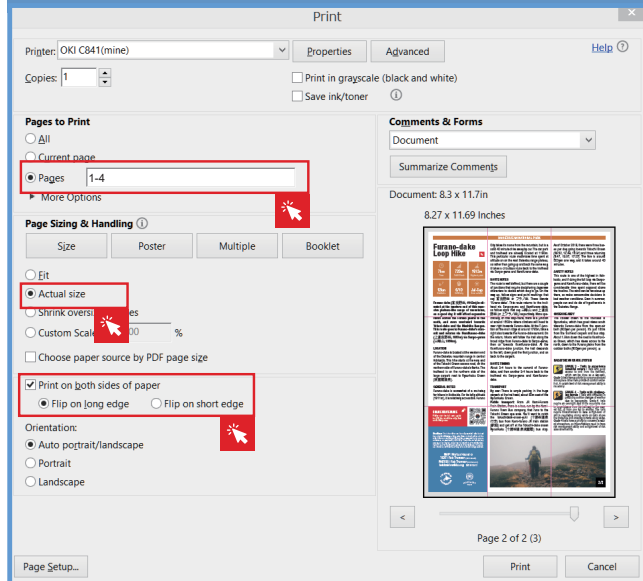
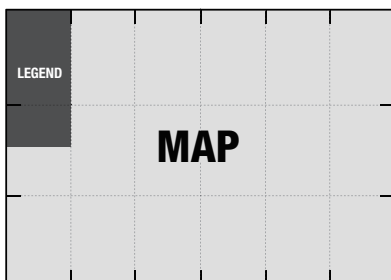


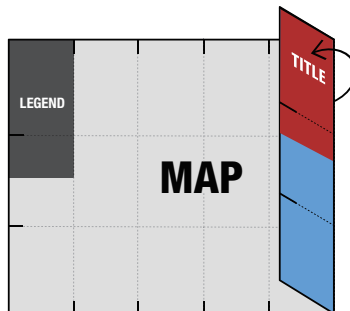
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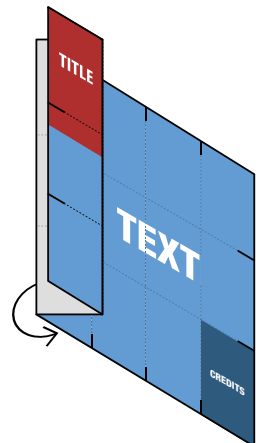
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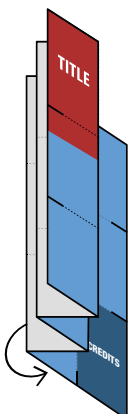
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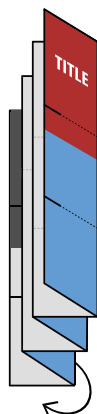
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