


Ochacha-dake


(via Yufure Hut)

御茶々岳

Ski Touring Map


1:25000






9hrs

Time




975m

Total Climb




1331m

Highest point




14km

Distance



8/10

Difficulty



Mar-Apr

Best season

Ochacha-dake 御茶々岳 (1331m) is a high peak in the Yubari range (夕張山地), commanding inspiring views of Ashibetsu-dake 芦別岳 (1726m) directly to the south, and the Daisetsuzan Range to the east. This route assumes you’re staying at the rustic Yufure-goya Hut ユーフレ小屋. You’ll travel through a gorgeous valley, approaching Ochacha-dake from the southeast. This valley offers some playful and interesting skiing on the descent back to the hut. Getting to the hut is the difficult part. The route along the Yufure River gorge involves multiple river crossings and dangerous high traverses. Arguably, this Ochacha-dake diversion is best coupled with an attempt on Ashibetsu-dake for a fine overnight spring adventure.

LOCATION
Ochacha-dake is directly north of Ashibetsu-dake in the central Yubari Range near Furano, central Hokkaido. The route starts here, at the start of the forestry road heading up the Yufure River gorge.

GENERAL NOTES
This is by far one of the most convoluted ways to get to the summit of Ochacha-dake. Most sane people would access the summit via Juhachisen-gawa 十八線川, one valley to the north. Via Juhachisen-

gawa, there’s no river crossings, no sketchy high traverses above the river, much lower exposure to avalanche...but! There’s no hut along the way via Juhachisen-gawa. And the Yufure-goya Hut is, for some, worth the adventure in getting there. Rustic would be putting it nicely. The hut does, however, make for a remote base for exploring this relatively compact but varied area surrounding Ashibetsu-dake, the Yufure Hontani Gorge, and Ochacha-dake.

The hut is essentially at the bottom of a very picturesque valley heading up to the 1196m col, and this valley is a dream to ski back down. Just watch out for large wet slide avalanches in the warming months of spring.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Expect between 2 and 3 hours to the hut, and then another 2.5 hours or so to the summit of Ochacha-dake from the hut. The descent from the hut can take just as long as the ascent, so bank on a solid four hours from summit back to the trailhead.

Start from the forestry road entrance to the Yufure River gorge, and enjoy a blissful 1km of easy travel before the utter mayhem of the Yufure River gorge begins. There is no right way to get to the hut. It’s about 3.5km along the gorge from the trailhead, and that’s about all the information that will help you. Make it up as you go along. Arguably, the safest way to approach the gorge is to accept you’ll be

walking across and/or in the river, and adapt your footwear accordingly. Depending on the snow conditions, the final 1km or so may involve some steep traversing high above the river – take care not to fall.

The location of the hut is quite miraculous – it’s a wonderful little clearing and flat plateau. We’d recommend dropping in for a break. Retrace your steps from the hut about 200m,

FURANO AREA

and start up the valley heading northwest towards the 1196m saddle.The valley is clear at first, but then widens into a convoluted mass of small spurs and gullies. Keep heading uphill while taking opportunities to cross to spurs to the climber’s right when possible.

The saddle is framed by cornices, so find the opening between them to access the ridge-top. On top of the saddle, you’ll have impressive views south towards Fufu-iwa (Meoto-iwa 夫婦岩 1429m). The final 30 minute grunt up to the summit plateau can be steep, but eventually you’ll find yourself atop another line of cornices. Follow this north for 100m or so where they disappear and it’s possible to head across the plateau to the summit. Return the way you came, taking full advantage of the playful topography down the valley towards the hut.


TRANSPORT
By car: The Yamabe Shizen Park 山部自然公園 has a very large carpark, cleared from late March onwards. If attempting the route before the Yamabe Shizen Park carpark is cleared, make sure to park well off the road, so as to not obstruct traffic or snow-clearing, and be sensitive to locals’ wishes regarding parking, if approached. Parking in deep winter for the various Ashibetsu-dake trailheads is somewhat of a bottle-neck at present, with very little options in the months of Dec-Feb.
Public transport: The JR Yamabe Station 山部駅 is a 40 minute walk (3.5km) from the


Yamabe Shizen Park 山部自然公園. Yamabe Station is a 14-minute train ride from Furano Station.


SAFETY NOTES
This route sits well within the Avalanche Terrain Exposure Scale’s Complex rating – “exposure to multiple overlapping avalanche paths [and] minimal options to reduce exposure [to avalanche risk]”. Travel through the deep valley on the ascent to the hut, as well as the lower part of the wider valley above the hut involves exposure to considerable run-out paths of avalanche from higher up on the valley walls. This route is best suited to spring, so try to coincide the ascent portions of the days


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

YUFURE-GOYA HUT









Details: Remote, basic, stone-walled, dirt floor hut. May be fully buried in winter. Wood stove, but no wood supplied. River nearby. Trail access to hut is tricky in winter.

Capacity: 10 persons.

Cost: Free.


Contact: Furano City Council, TEL: 0167-39-2312.

with early morning when temperatures are still cold, and avoid periods of rapid warming.

ONSEN NEARBY
If there’s just one thing that the immediate Furano area lacks, it’s good natural onsen. Drive 40 minutes up to the Tokachi Onsen area, and you’ll be in heaven – our pick is Hakuginso’s massive outdoor onsen complex. But if you’re headed back to Furano, try out the pokey but cute Hotel Naturwald Furano ホテルナトゥールヴァルト富良野 (600yen), right next to the Furano ski area. ■

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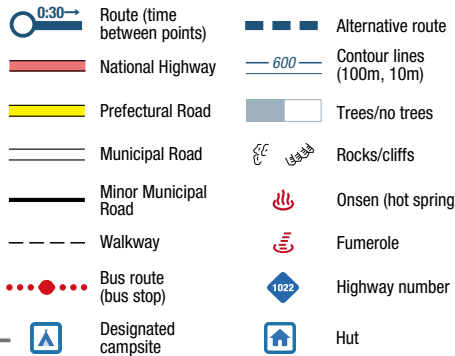



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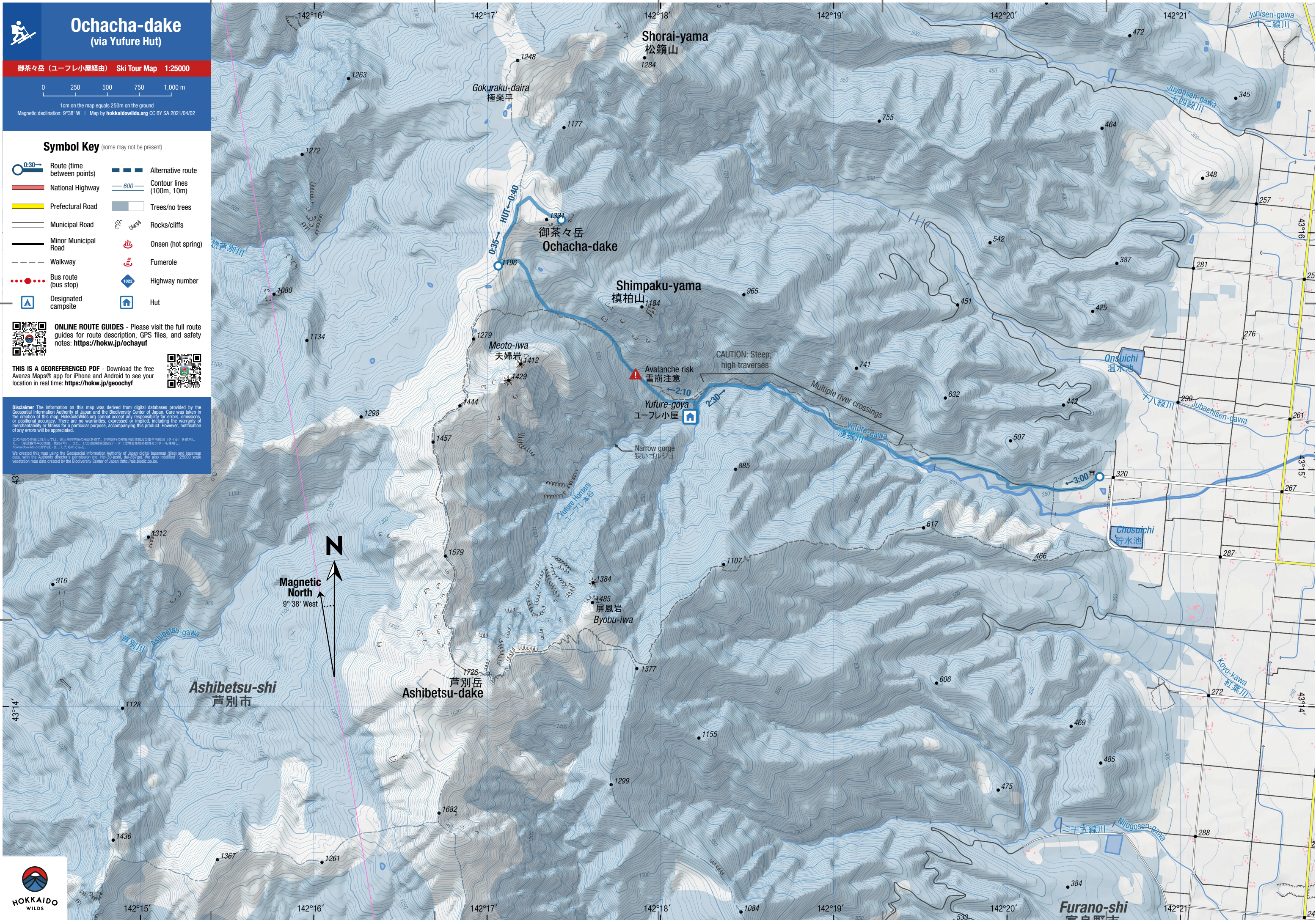
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PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

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".

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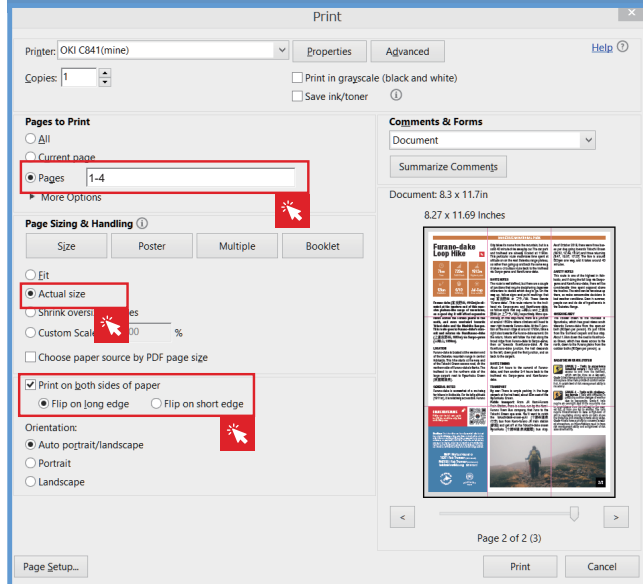
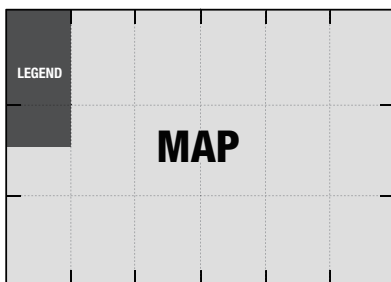


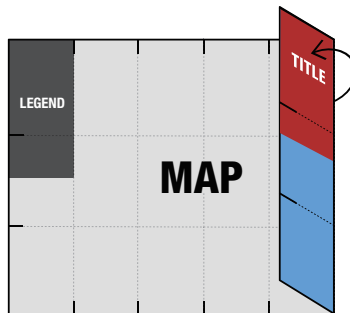
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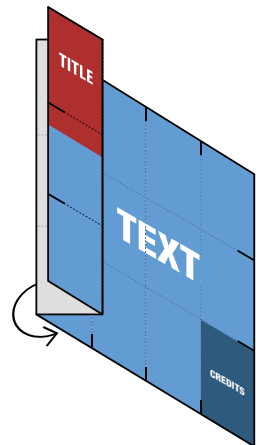
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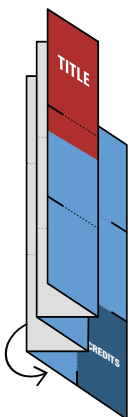
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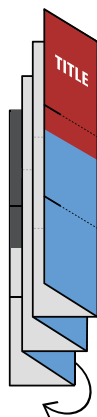
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