



Teine Neopara


手稲ネオパラSki Touring Map1:25000






3.5hrs

Time




700m

Total Climb




838m

Highest point




7.6km

Distance



5.5/10

Difficulty



Jan-Mar

Best season

Neopara ネオパラ (838m) is an otherwise unmarked peak on official topomaps, just east of Teine-yama 手稲山 (1023m). In the past, Neopara used to have a ski slope as part of the Teine ski area. This ski slope is now gone, and the eastern side of the peak is a popular destination for Sapporo resident backcountry skiers keen for some good backcountry skiing close to town. From about half way up the route, there are expansive views of the sprawling metropolis below. The skiing is excellent on the descent, with a number of good lappable slopes for those with plenty of time.

LOCATION
This 838m peak sits just east of the main Teine ski area next to Sapporo City. The peak itself used to be home to one extra lift as part of the ski area itself, but it's no longer running. The ski touring route up the peak starts in the small hamlet of Nishino, on the eastern side of the mountain.

GENERAL NOTES
Teine Neopara is a classic favourite for backcountry skiers in Sapporo City. It is extremely accessible, and navigation is, for the most part, relatively straightforward. In addition to great snow, the route offers fantastic views across the city. As such, it's not uncommon

to see plenty of skiers on this route even on weekdays. The peak is variously referred to locally as Neopara or Dai-ni-teine (2nd Teine).

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
Skiers familiar with the route will generally complete a quick up-and-back trip in three hours. If the weather and snow is good, however, the upper slopes are well suited to lapping, so allow plenty of time.

Start hiking from just west of the Nishino Water Treatment Plant. Skiers will generally follow the forestry road to around the overhead transmission lines. Here the road heads north, but keep heading west-northwest along the stream. At around 315m altitude, you'll encounter the forestry road again, but just keep heading along the stream.

At 420m, you'll hit another forestry road but again keep on heading along the stream northwest. There's usually an open stream at this point, marked clearly with ribbons and rope. At around the 450m point, the gully widens out, and you're now at the base of what's known as the No. 3 Slope (第三斜面), to the climber's left. You can either zigzag straight up the slope, but it's easier to wrap around the climber's right of the slope.

Continue west-northwest, crossing a small stream, before arriving at the No. 2 Slope (第二斜面), a large open slope starting at around 650m in altitude. Climb to the right of this



slope in the trees. This part of the route has unobstructed views of the city, Ishikari Bay, and the Kabato Range far in the distance to the east. Beyond the No. 2 Slope, the forest gets a little tighter as you approach the summit, and the No. 1 Slope is quite steep – kickturn your way up to the flat, non-descript summit.

Once on the summit plateau, either hunt for the summit sign, or head west for 50m to the abandoned but well-loved summit rest house. The door is not locked. There's no heating or toilets in the resthouse, but it can be a good respite from the wind.

On the descent, take care not to end up heading too far to the east (i.e., north of the uptrack). At the bottom of slopes, keep heading towards the southeast. Also take care in March and April on the No. 2 Slope – deep glide cracks are common.

TRANSPORT
By car: There is a limited amount of space along the road, just before the end of the snow clearing, for car parking. We recommend getting to the trailhead early (before 9am) in order to get a spot to park.
Public transport: This route is accessible by public transport. Take one of the following JR buses headed for Nakasubashi (中州橋行), from either the Miya-no-zawa, Hassamu-minami, or Kotoni subway stations on the

SAPPORO AREA

Tozai line: *Miya*43 (宮43), *Hatsu*43 (発43), or *Koto*43 (琴43). You'll get off at the Nishino 8-jo 8-chome (西野8条8丁目) bus stop. From there, it is a 800m walk to the trailhead.

SAFETY NOTES
Watch out for glide-cracks in the snow around the 650m mark later in the season. At around 420m in the gully, watch out for weak snow bridges over the stream.

ASPECT
The main aspect skiers are exposed to on the descent and/or ascent is East. Other aspects that may also be encountered while following the route include Northeast. Therefore, keep an eye on the weather forecast a few days ahead of your trip to monitor wind, snow, and temperature. Also, since this route is in the general vicinity of the Shiribeshi area, consider looking at the three-times per week Japan Avalanche Network avalanche bulletins or the daily Nise-ko Avalanche Information website. These may give extra insight into avalanche conditions in the greater area around the route.


ONSEN NEARBY
There is a small super-local public bath near Kotoni Station called Fumi-no-yu 文の湯 (450yen), or a larger public bath even nearer the station called Ogi-no-yu 扇の湯 (450yen).



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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Teine Neopara
and Tenie Ski Area surrounds

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Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 9°59' W | MGRS Zone: 54TWN
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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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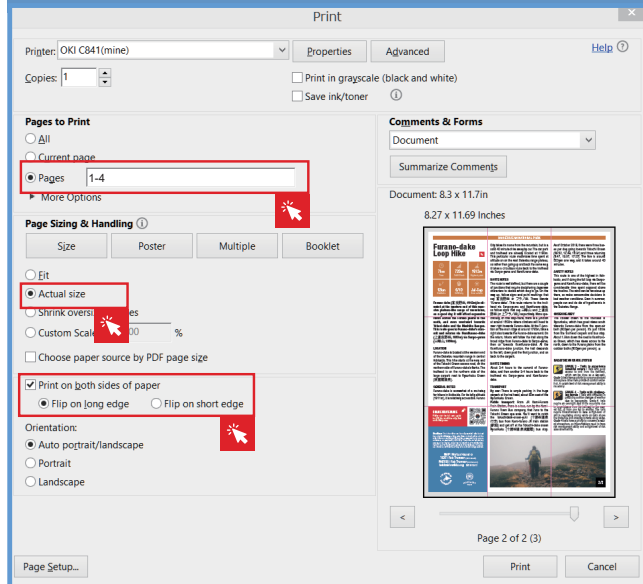


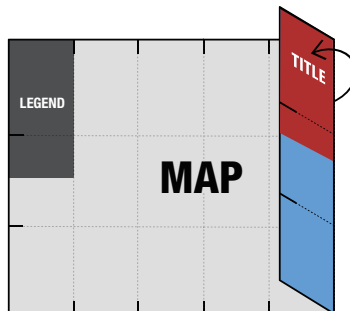
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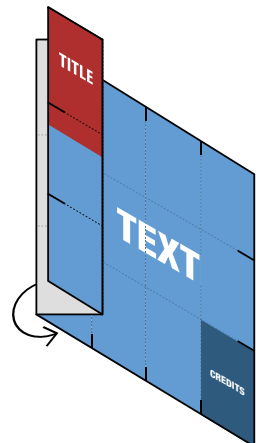
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