



# Naganuma Pond Shakunage-dake

シャクナゲ岳長沼 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 9°48' W | MGRS Zone: 54TVN

Grid spacing: 1000m | Projection: WGS 84 / UTM zone 54N

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## Symbol Key

3:00	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *	600	Contour lines (100m, 10m)
Red dashed line	Freeride Route *	Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks	
Purple dashed line	Advanced Route *	Trees / No trees	
Blue line with '5'	National Highway	Buildings	
Yellow line with '66'	Prefectural Highway / Gate	Backcountry gates	
Black line	Municipal Road	Ploughed parking / Onsen facility	
Thin black line	Minor Municipal Road	Shop / Public toilet	
Black line with 'F'	Forestry Road	Hut / Campground	
Red line with bus icon	Bus route / Stop	Shrine / Temple	
Blue line with ski lift icon	Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift	Hot spring / Fumerole	
Blue dashed line	Municipal boundary	Transmission tower	
Black line with dots	Power lines		

\* Dashed route line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanche/falls etc).



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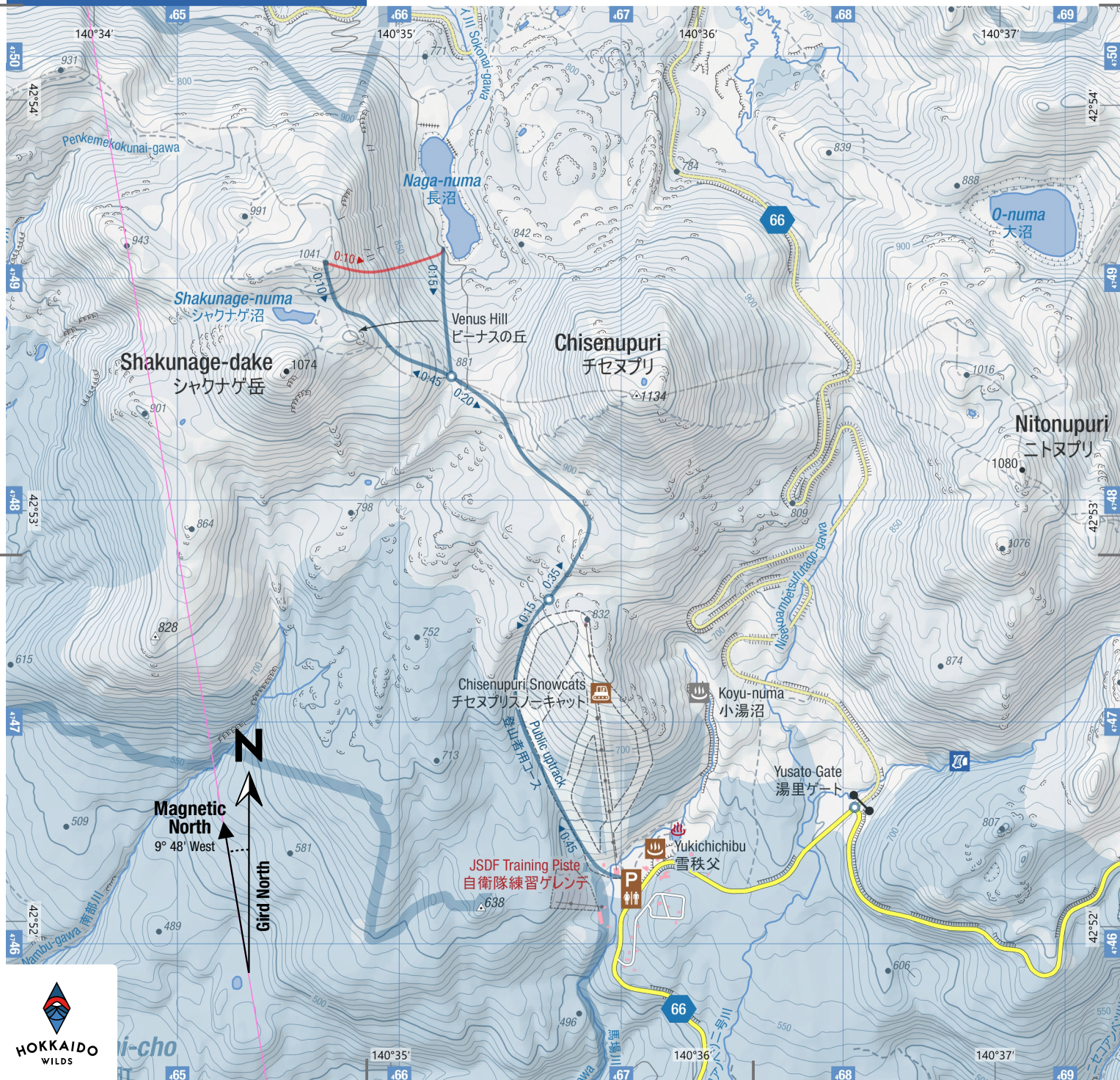


## Japanese Map Glossary

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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# Naganuma Pond (Shakunage-dake)

 <b>4.5hrs</b> Time	 <b>530m</b> Total Climb	 <b>1041m</b> Highest point
 <b>7.5km</b> Distance	 <b>5.5/10</b> Difficulty	 <b>Jan-Apr</b> Best season

**Naganuma 長沼** is a picturesque mountain tarn located in the vast backcountry playground that is the greater Chisenupuri/Shakunage-dake area at the eastern end of the Niseko Range. There's a broad east-facing slope above the tarn, offering an extraordinary aschorage of skiing. The drop is about 200m, offering good lapping potential in the right conditions. It's more or a trek to get to compared to other zones in the area, but it rewards with a remote, uncrowded experience, off the beaten track.

## LOCATION

Naganuma Pond 長沼 is a large mountain tarn sandwiched between the popular Niseko Range backcountry peaks of Shakunage-dake シャクナゲ岳 and Chisenupuri チセヌプリ. It's relatively close to the international ski resort area of Niseko, in southwestern Hokkaido. This route up to the peak to the west of Naganuma starts at the Chisenupuri parking area.

## GENERAL NOTES

This broad slope makes up part of the grand backcountry playground that is the greater Chisenupuri/Shakunage area. It's suited to more settled weather due to the broad plateau that needs to be navigated, but it's a great, remote-feeling backcountry zone. Take a picnic and



enjoy a leisurely lunch on the frozen, snowed-over tarn.

## ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

A simple out-and-back mission would likely take a fit party around 4.5 hours.

Park up at the Chisenupuri parking area. Make sure to arrive early (before 9am-ish), as this parking area fills up fast, particularly at the weekends. Head west from the parking lot towards the Hokkaido Backcountry Club (HBC) Chisenupuri Snowcats base. The legends at HBC have provided a public uptrack to the far west of the old ski area. It's marked to the upper part of the ski area, so follow your nose. It's about a 40 minute climb to the top of the ski area.

About 500m before you get to the top of the ski area while the uptrack veers climbers' right (to the east), carry on straight north to gain the large plateau at the southern base of Chisenupuri. If the weather is clear, you'll see the conical peak of Shakunage-dake to the northwest. Essentially follow the summer trail marked on the map to the 881m point on the broad saddle between Chisenupuri and Shakunage-dake.

From the 881m point, climb west-northwest, past the northern side of the small knob, referred to locally as Venus Hill ビーナスの丘. Carry on north, climbing to the no-name peak at around 1043m. We would recommend skiers check the snowpack on the aspect they intend to ski, so consider wrapping around the east side of the peak, to get a feel for snow conditions on that broad eastern face.

If everything looks stable, ski east off the peak down to the pond. Return to the start point at Chisenupuri parking via your trail up – just make sure to keep off



the cleared runs on the old Chisenupuri ski area. They're for paying catski users only.

## TRANSPORT

**By car:** There is plenty of parking at the Chisenupuri parking area, but note that this parking lot fills up fast on weekends and public holidays. Aim to be there no later than 9am, if you want a spot to park.

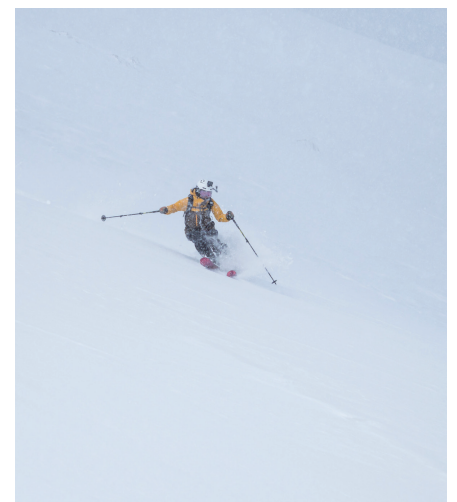
**Public transport:** This route is not accessible by public transport.

## SAFETY NOTES

Take care when crossing the large featureless plateau-like saddle between Chisenupuri and Shakunage-dake. This would be a bad place to be caught out in a whiteout if you haven't got a good form of navigation (GPS and/or GPS-enabled smartphone app with maps pre-loaded). Note that the main attraction of this route – the broad eastern face above Naganuma – is somewhat in the lee of the seasonal northwesterly storms. This slope will be heavily loaded after storm events. Large cornices form at the top of the slope at the northern half of the slope.

## ONSEN NEARBY

Yukichichibu Onsen 雪秩父温泉 (700yen) is just 200m up the road from the Chisenupuri parking lot. This sulfurous, silty onsen is a must-visit in the area. Nice outdoor pools, and there's an attached restaurant serving meals during the daytime (lunch-focussed). ■



## ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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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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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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