



Onuma-yama

大沼山 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° 90' W | MGRS Zone: 54TWN

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

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Symbol Key

	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *		Contour lines (100m, 10m)
	Freeride Route *		Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks
	Advanced Route *		Trees / No trees
	National Highway		Buildings
	Prefectural Highway / Gate		Backcountry gates
	Municipal Road		Ploughed parking / Onsen facility
	Minor Municipal Road		Shop / Public toilet
	Forestry Road		Hut / Campground
	Bus route / Stop		Shrine / Temple
	Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift		Hot spring / Fumerole
	Municipal boundary		Transmission tower
	Power lines		

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



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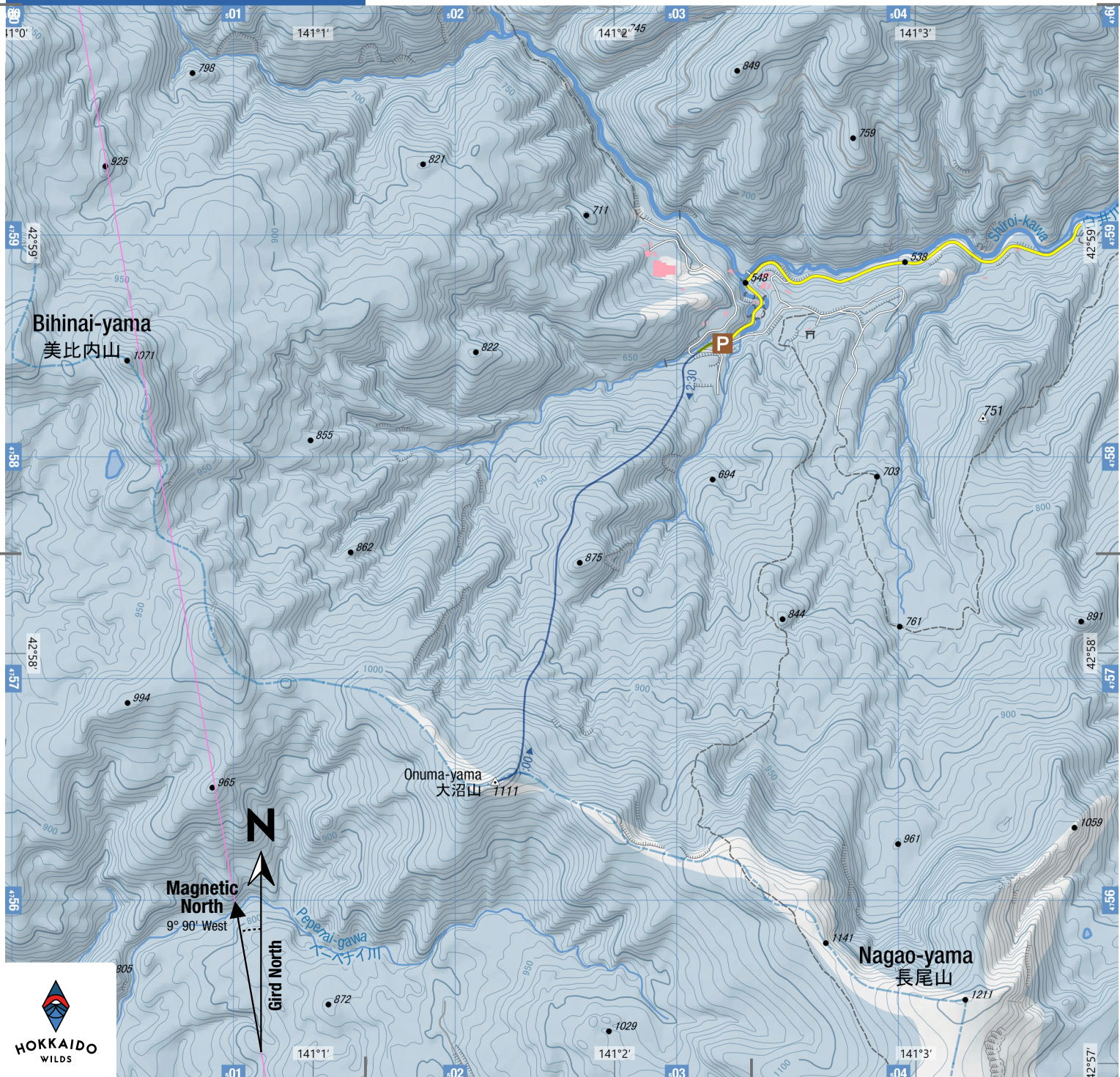


Japanese Map Glossary

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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Onuma-yama (Jozankei)



3.5hrs Time	511m Total Climb	1111m Highest point
4.8km Distance	4.5/10 Difficulty	Dec-Mar Best season

The route up Mt. Onuma (大沼山 - 1,111m) near the Toyoha Mine in Jozankei (south-western Sapporo City) may become your next favorite Hokkaido backcountry ski touring route. It is close to Sapporo City. The climb up is short; only about 2 hours or so. The terrain is suitably varied. On a clear day it boasts some magnificent views. But the real cherry on the cake is its downhill slopes. The upper, mostly tree-free slope is worthy of a few exhilarating laps, while the second half of the route back down to the carpark is a glorious dodge-em ride through nicely spaced woods.

LOCATION

This route starts at the Muine-yama winter trailhead on the public access road (Route 95) up to the Toyoha Mine in the upper Jozankei area, near the south-western border of Sapporo City. Onuma-yama is just one of the many minor peaks along a ridge connecting Mt. Yoichi, Mt. Muine, Mt. Kimobetsu-dake and Nakayama Pass.

GENERAL NOTES

There are a number of fantastic backcountry ski routes accessible from the old Toyoha Mine access road in Jozankei. While the mine is now closed (since 2005), the road is still cleared in



winter due to ongoing treatment of wastewater from the mine, and research into possibilities related to geothermal power. While the Hokkaido Development Department keeps the road open in winter, it will continue to be a popular place for access to the backcountry.

In order to maintain goodwill with the Hokkaido Development Department, skiers are asked not to park on the side of the road, and not to park further uphill than the Muine-yama trailhead. There are cleared pullout areas along the road where skiers are welcome to park.

Mt. Onuma is not marked as such on maps, but the trig station is officially labeled Onuma, so that's where the popular name comes from.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Fit parties can expect about 2.5hrs from trailhead to summit, and about 1hr back down. Add on at least an hour if lapping the upper sloped.

There are sporadic, unofficial route markers in the form of pink tape on trees. There is no summer trail on this peak, so winter is a great time to tag the summit. Park up at the Muine-yama winter trailhead, and walk the short 200m up the road to the hard 90-degree bend. This is where the snowclearing equipment turns around, and there are often very high snow walls from the road to the top of the snowpack. Clamber up onto the snowpack and first start along the gully for about 50m before finding a suitable spot to gain the main ridge to the southwest.

Follow the broad ridge up to the first of two false peaks. Either head to the summit of those false peaks, or carefully contour around them to avoid having to put skins back on on the descent. The 875m false peak is particularly difficult to contour around effectively.

From the minor saddle southwest of the 875m peak, continue to follow your nose south-southwest through very nicely spaced glades to the summit. At the 1000m contour line there is a fantastic steep slope of about 100m vertical that is the main downhill highlight of the route. It's highly recommended to do this route with enough time up your sleeve to be able to lap this slope at least twice. It's short but sharp.

From the summit, expect great views towards Yoteizan and Shiribetu-dake, as well as the imposing hulk of Muine-yama. Return the way you came. If you set your skin track right, you might be in the minority few to return without putting skins back on for the 875m false peak. For most others, it's better to accept one's fate and re-don skins, ascend to the 875m peak, and

enjoy the remainder of the descent from there.

TRANSPORT

By car: The company that runs the Toyoha Mine kindly clears a few small areas off the road for winter mountain users. The closest of these to the trailhead for this route up Onuma-yama is the Muine-yama winter trailhead, here. It's about 200m downhill from the Onuma-yama trailhead. Note that on weekends, this parking area will be full from early morning. Overall, this is an area where winter mountain users need to be extra careful to comply with the wishes of the private company that clears the road, in order to ensure continued access. If the Muine-yama trail head parking area is full, there's a few other cleared pull-outs further down the road (downhill from the Muine-yama trailhead). The Toyoha Mine company expressly requests that no one parks on the road, and no one parks further uphill than the Muine-yama trailhead pullout. Previously, mountain users were permitted to park at the Onuma-yama trailhead, as well as further up the road in the clearing in front of the mine gate – as of 2023, this is no longer allowed (disrupts snow clearing work).

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

SAFETY NOTES

The main risk noted in the Hokkaido Yuki-yama Guide (ISBN: 978-4894538047) is the risk of avalanche in unstable conditions on the last steep section approaching the summit. Also noted are cornices on the summit ridge. When descending, it is very important to make sure you're headed in the right direction, particularly when visibility is low and up tracks are no longer visible. It is quite easy to drop down too far to the skier's right from the summit, into the gully to the east of the ridge you came up on. This gully has high avalanche risk and there are multiple cliffs and bluffs.

ONSEN NEARBY

If you are headed back towards Sapporo City, you'll be passing through Jozankei Onsen area. A favourite of ours is the down-to-earth Matsuno-yu Onsen on the Sapporo City side of Jozankei Onsen. There's another onsen right next door (Kogane-yu Onsen), but Matsuno-yu has a view of the river and hills. Both onsen have cheap and cheerful restaurants attached. If you have time, you might want to check out the Ainu Culture Center just across the road from the onsen. ■

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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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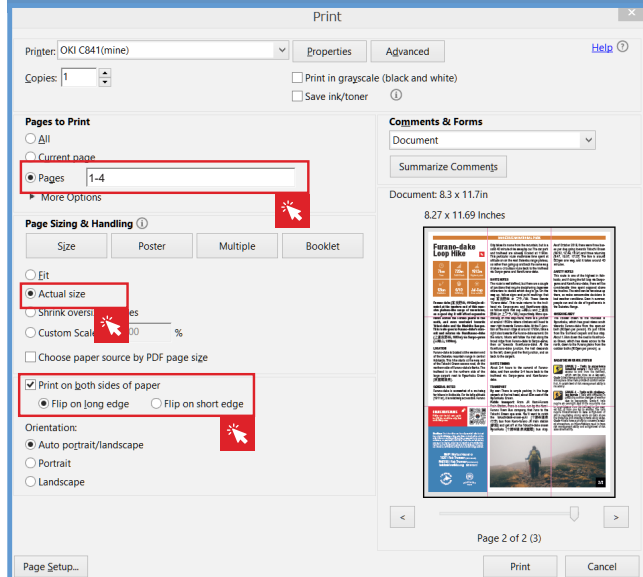


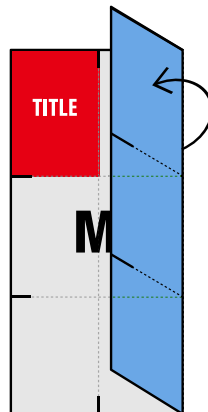
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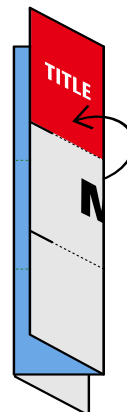
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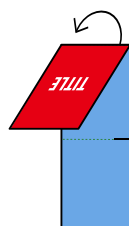
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