



Shakunage-dake South Face

シャクナゲ岳南面 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

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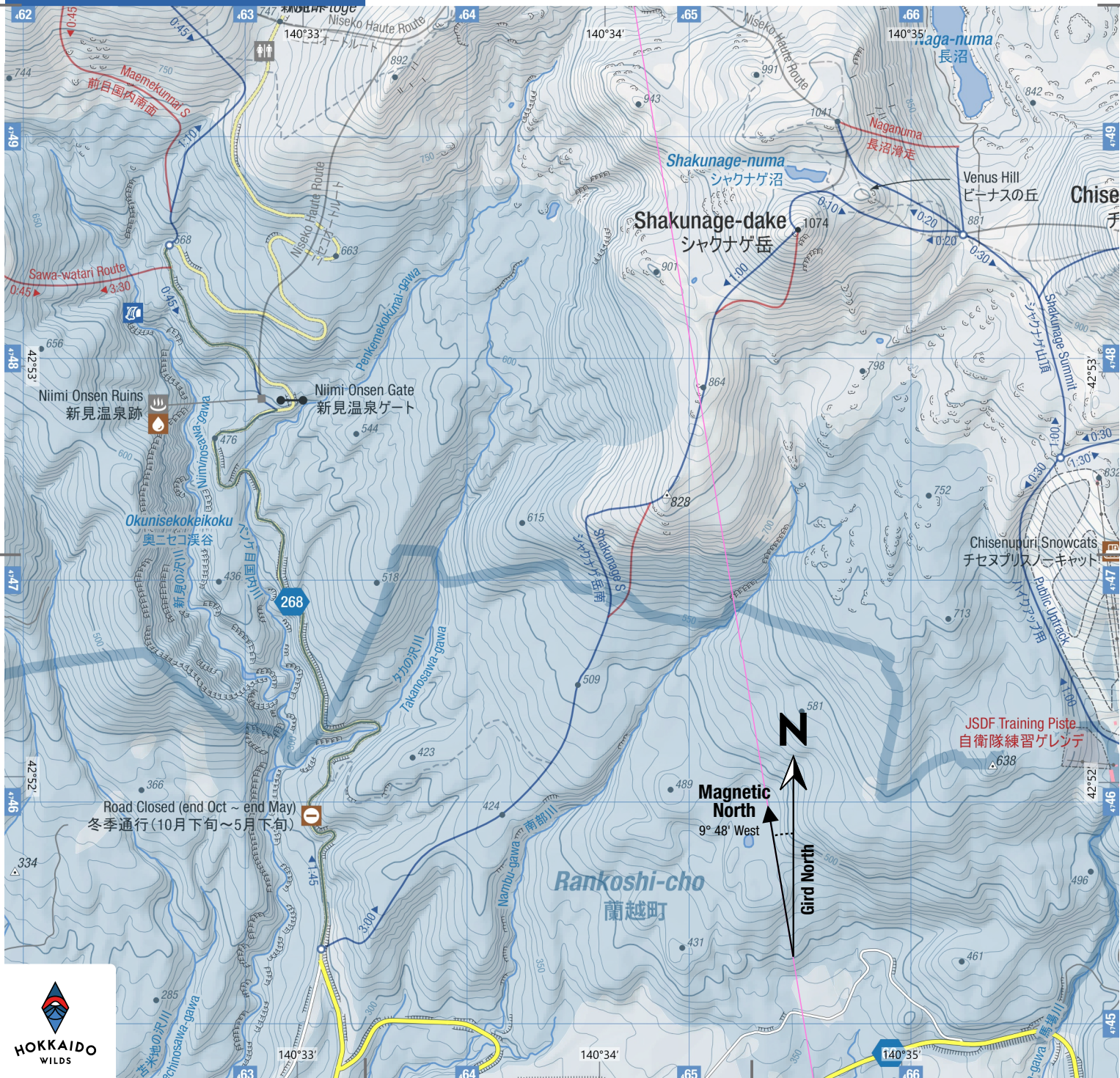


Japanese Map Glossary

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	平谷	plateau
tani/dani	谷	valley
taki	滝	waterfall
toge	峠	pass
yama/san/zan	山	mountain

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Shakunage-dake South Face



 4hrs Time	 729m Total Climb	 1074m Highest point
 9,2km Distance	 6/10 Difficulty	 Jan-Apr Best season

The south face of Shakunage-dake シャクナゲ岳 (1074m) is a short but sharp, gorgeously consistent downhill run, that can be practically accessed from two different directions. Here, we outline a south-southwest approach along a quiet ridge through old-growth forest. Expect a relatively easy approach with some nice downhill pitches that keep this ski tour interesting. The views along the way and from the top are stellar - Yotei-zan, Niseko Annupuri, Chisenupuri, and south towards Shimamaki. This variation on a classic Niseko Range peak allows for a new perspective on a familiar zone.

LOCATION

Shakunage-dake sits to the west of Chisenupuri at the eastern end of the Niseko Range in southwest Hokkaido. This route approaches the peak from the south-southwest, from Route 268 (the Niimi Pass road).

GENERAL NOTES

This winter route up Shakunage-dake is, for some reason, not all that often traveled – the more common route goes via the Chisenupuri catski area. For those who have done the more common route, we'd heartily recommend giving this route a go. Like the more common route, there is some mild flat-land travel along the



way, but there's also some good downhill pitches, including the fun southern face below the peak and a feature-rich, lappable face further down below.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

Expect around 3hrs for the ascent from car to peak, then about 1hr on the return.

From the end of the snow clearing on Route 268 (road to Niimi Pass), head along the snowed-in road for about 50m before finding a suitable spot to gain the ridge to the climber's right of the road. This ridge is ridge-like for about 500m or so before widening out to a large plateau. You'll be cutting through plantation-like white birch glades, before hitting a steep wall-like slope to gain the main ridge that will take you to the south face of Shakunage-dake. This lappable slope below the 828m point on the map is arguably a decent destination in its own right – it's steep and there are features. Those keen on getting some airtime may enjoy spending an afternoon here.

Those keener on a ski tour will continue on, however. Once you've gained the ridge at the 864m knob, you'll have expansive views along the Niseko Range. You'll also see the broad south face of Shakunage-dake. Descend ever so slightly from the 864m knob to cross the remainder of the flat ridge to the south face of Shakunage-dake proper. This final pitch is steep in places, so cutting a long climbing skin track, wrapping around to the east of the summit might be the best option. If the snowpack appears not stable enough to be on the steep south face proper, it's also possible to wrap around the west side of Shakunage-dake peak, via the Shakunage Tarn.

For the descent, if the snow pack is stable, drop the fall line on the south face, and drop as far as you're willing to hike back up to the main ridge. If the south face isn't looking suitable or safe to ski, it's possible to ski further to the wind-scoured southwest spur from the summit back down to the plateau.

Return to the trailhead the way you came.

TRANSPORT

By car: There's no dedicated parking at this trailhead. If you don't have someone to drop you off or pick you up, skiers will typically park on the side of the road. If doing so, know that this is technically illegal. There's

not much traffic around this trailhead however, so make sure to park as far to the side of the road as possible and you'll be fine. Park about 50m down the road from the snow-clearing end proper – there are signs reminding people not to park at the very end of the snow clearing.

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

SAFETY NOTES

At first glance, this might seem like a fairly easy route with little exposure. Note however that the south face below the summit and the south face below the 828m point are steep – avoid these when avalanche ratings are high, or there's other evidence of instability. Also note that in low visibility, it would be fairly easy to get lost up in the alpine here without the aid of a GPS. Ridges are wide and non-descript at times. Drainages will not take you where you expect.

ONSEN NEARBY

The closest onsen to the trailhead is Yukichichibu Onsen 雪秩父温泉 (700yen). This 'muddy' onsen is a must-visit in the area, with good outdoor baths. They also have a lunch-oriented restaurant. For the hardy, it's also not impossible to have a soak in the Niimi Onsen ruins, but beware of broken glass and other remains in the concrete channel. The spring water is also unregulated and therefore very hot. For most, using it as a foot bath will suffice. ■



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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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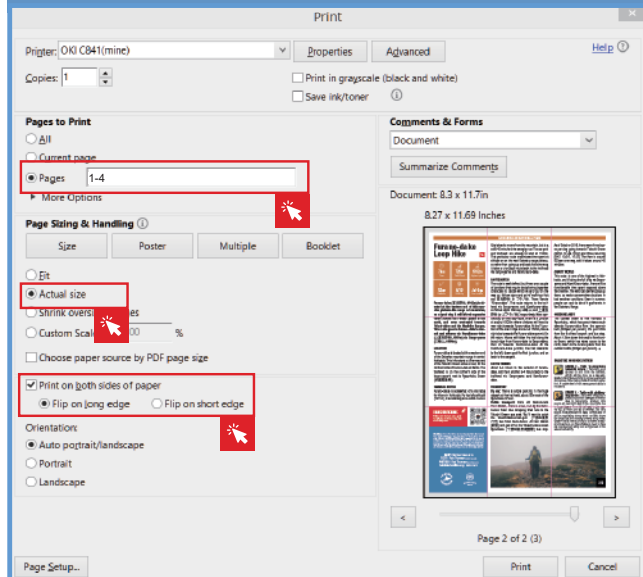


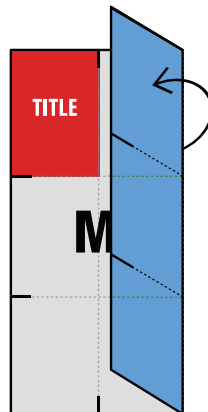
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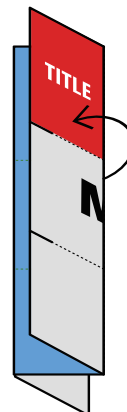
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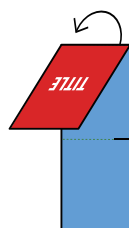
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