



Urausu-yama

浦臼山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Mag. decl. from GRID NORTH: 9°54' W (-3' p.a.) | MGRS Zone: 54TVN

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

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Symbol Key



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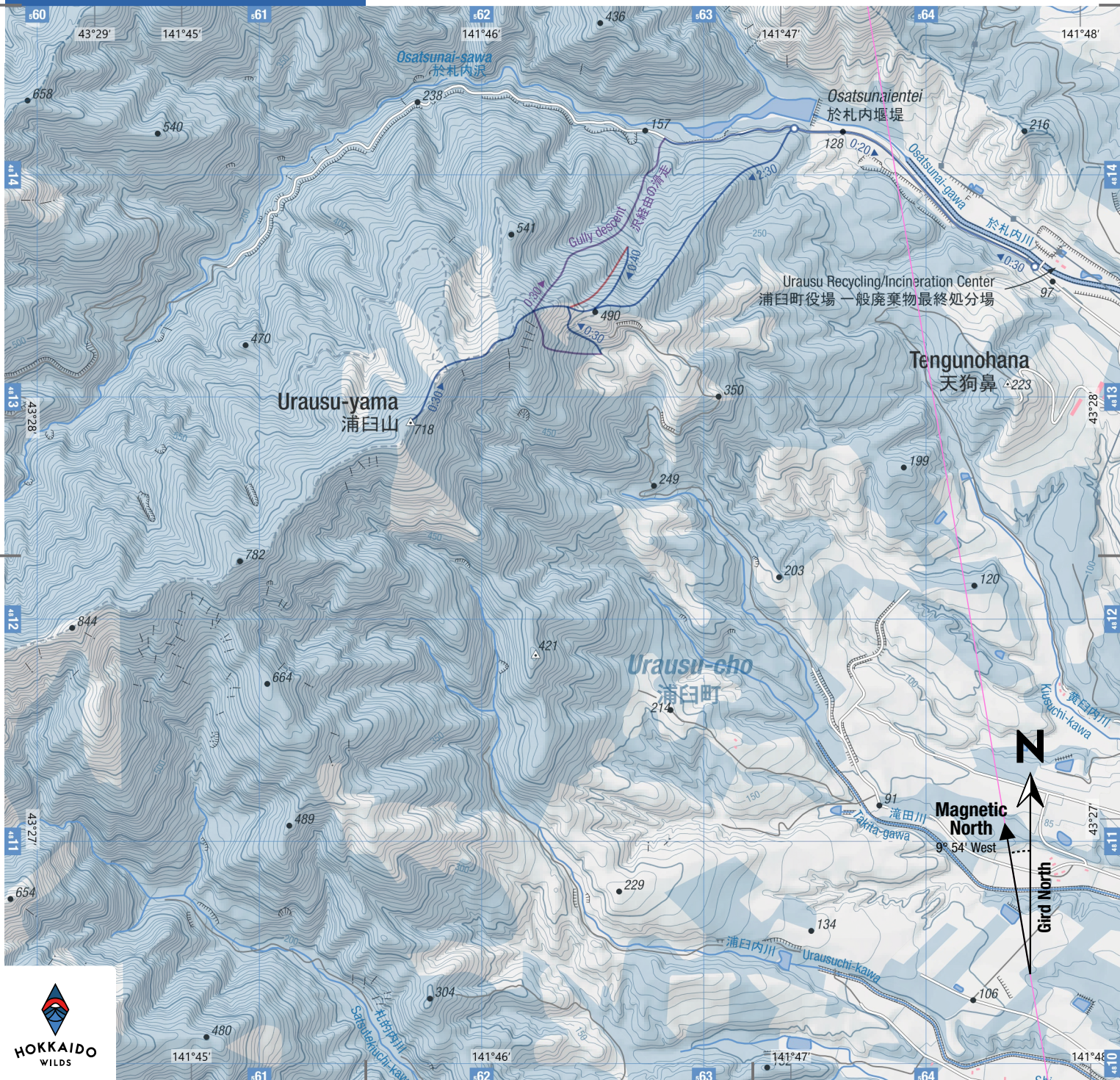


Japanese Map Glossary

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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Urausu-yama



4hrs
Time



600m
Total Climb



718m
Highest point



9.5km
Distance



6/10
Difficulty



Jan-Mar
Best season

Urausu-yama 浦臼山 (718m) is low in altitude but packs a heck of a punch. Situated to the west of the Iwamizawa Plains, this area receives some of the highest and most frequent snowfall in Hokkaido. The snow here from late January to end of February is as deep as it gets in Hokkaido. There is a plethora of terrain options to explore for the more adventurous skier, from mellow bowls to very exposed, very steep faces. Even for the beginner, however, a simple up-and-back along the ridge will allow for a great day out.



LOCATION

Urausu-yama sits to the west of the long north-south Ishikari River plains, between Iwamizawa and Takikawa cities, about 60km northeast of Sapporo City. There's a summer trail to the summit approaching from the west, but this winter route approaches the summit from a northwest ridge via a snowed-in forestry road. The route starts from the end of the snow clearing near the Urausu Town Recycling/Incineration Center.

GENERAL NOTES

The hills to the west of the Takikawa Plains get an inordinate amount of snow. Access and terrain can be tricky though. Approaches can be long, and slopes can be densely wooded and steep. Urausu-yama, however, bucks the trend with relatively easy access, and some beautiful bowl and ridgeline skiing. Being relatively low altitude means anything up to around 650m in altitude in the area will be relatively sheltered from wind, so this can be a good storm-skiing zone (but, note the cautions regarding the southeast aspects).

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

A simple mission to the summit and back along the ridge will likely take a fit party about 3-4 hours. If your focus is on lapping slopes, it's quite possible to spend up to 6 or 7 hours in the area.

Starting from the end of the snow clearing near the Municipal Recycling Center, skin northwest along the snowed-in road for about 30 minutes. Just after the Osatsunai-entei Dam, gain the spur on your left (to the south), and follow this up towards the 490m point on the map. From the 490m point, keep heading along the heavily corniced ridge to the summit at 718m. On either side of the ridge are great slopes for lapping. Generally, the southern slopes are steepest, but also the most hazardous – lots of glide cracks. There are some great bowl-like broad gullies dropping to the northeast off the ridge at around the 500-600m mark which offer less hazardous runs. Gullies lower down in this area are classic Hokkaido terrain traps, and will give diminishing returns for all but the hardest of skiers.

The return along the snowed-in road is just steep enough to pole, instead of putting skins back on – at least some of the time. Your mileage may vary.

TRANSPORT

By car: There is a small, cleared snow-dumping area just across from the entrance to the Urausu Municipal Recycle Center. It's large enough to park four or five cars. Try to park in a manner that doesn't completely block snowplows' access to the sides of the dumping area.

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

SAFETY NOTES

The southern aspects on this route are steep, corniced, and full of very deep glide cracks that may or may not be visible. It's very important to get eyes on these aspects prior to considering skiing them. There are also glide cracks down lower in the gullies – make conservative decisions when selecting descent routes.

ONSEN NEARBY

Close to the trailhead is the lovely Urausu Onsen 浦臼温泉 (450yen). There's no outdoor bath, but the indoor bath has amazing views, high above a snowed-in pond. There's also an attached restaurant. ■



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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

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STEP 7

Click "Print".

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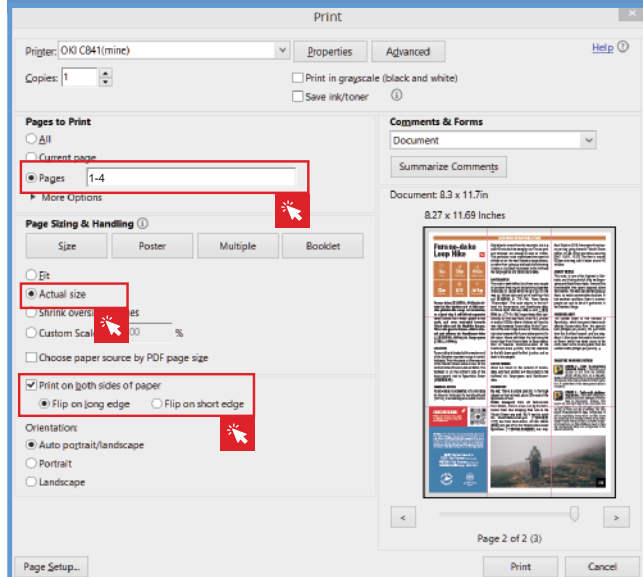


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