



Ansei Crater


Kamihorokamettoku-yama

安政火口Ski Touring Map1:25000







4hrs
Time




500m
Total Climb




1600m
Highest point



5km
Distance



6.5/10
Difficulty



Jan-May
Best season

Ansei/Nukkakushi Crater ヌッカクシ (安政)火口 (1450m) is a steaming, active geothermal valley high above Tokachi-dake Onsen area near Fura-no-dake in the Tokachi Range in central Hokkaido. With a parking area and trailhead at 1260m, this area can be a veritable playground for the discerning backcountry skier. You'll need to be willing to explore and scramble somewhat, but given a few days of snowfall with little wind, this entire valley can be a smorgasbord of deep, steep, and lappable skiing. Apre ski hotspring options also abound here, with some of the best in Hokkaido.

LOCATION
Ansei Crater sits at the head of the valley east (uphill) from Ryouunkaku Onsen in the Tokachidake Onsen area, at the southern end of the Daisetsuzan National Park in central Hokkaido. The start of this route is at the large snowplowed public parking area adjacent to Ryouunkaku Onsen.

GENERAL NOTES
Usually on HokkaidoWilds.org, ski touring routes generally have some sort of destination or specific skiing zone in mind. This route is a bit different. Here, we're simply making an attempt at documenting some of the exploratory backcountry ski options in the valley east of Ryouunkaku Onsen in the Tokachi



Range. Being entirely in the alpine, this area will be very condition-dependent, but on the right day will offer some superbly accessible terrain ripe for the lapping.

Generally speaking, vertical gain and descent are fairly limited in this valley, but it does offer some compact, relatively protected, and sometimes steep bowls and gullies.

This area is very popular among winter mountaineers, with the entire rocky, craggy, cliff-bound western side of Kamihorokamettoku-yama 上ホロカメットク山 a veritable smorgasbord of mildly technical winter climbing opportunities. As such, this area has a large number of named features, which we have tried to include in our printable PDF topomap of the area.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
This ski tour doesn't really have a specific goal or destination in mind – just skiing up to the



crater and then back via your skin track will likely take less than two hours. On the other hand, with good snow and good visibility, you could happily make a full day out of this area, lapping slopes and exploring the various nooks and crannies.

Head east from the public car park adjacent to Ryounanaku Onsen, keeping high, following the summer trail marked on maps. Follow the summer trail to where it crosses the Nukkakushi-furano River ヌッカクシ富良野川, and then head east along the valley from there to the 'crater'. The crater is less a crater than a steaming bit of gully. Explore slopes as you desire on either side of the valley, as well as at the head of the valley. Return the way you came.

TRANSPORT
By car: The trailhead is easily accessible by vehicle – it's at the large snowplowed public parking area adjacent to the Ryouunkaku onsen



at the very top of the Tokachidake Onsen area. There's room to park at least 30 cars in this car park.
Public transport: The trailhead is accessible by public bus from Kamifurano JR train station – get off at the Ryouunkaku Bus Stop 凌雲閣バス停. The trip will take about 40 minutes from the train station. The bus is run by the Kamifurano Town council. Timetable information is here: <http://www.town.kamifurano.hokkaido.jp/index.php?id=1522>. As of March 2023, the earliest bus bound for Ryouunkaku Onsen was at 8:52am (arriving at Ryouunkaku Onsen at 9:37am). There are only three buses per day heading up to the onsen (last one at 4:31pm). From Ryouunkaku Onsen, as of March 2023, there were buses heading back down to the train station at 9:47, 13:37, and 17:27. Note that the bus goes via Hakuginso Lodge.

SAFETY NOTES
At HokkaidoWilds.org, we typically post routes on terrain with relatively low complexity when it comes to avalanche exposure. Much of the interesting skiable terrain in this Ansei Crater valley, however, is fairly high exposure, with some complexity when on the valley floor. Skiers should keep highly cognizant of the terrain in the area and should be particularly confident in their ability to assess snowpack stability on the aspects and in the terrain features they intend to ski. Note also that access to drop-in points higher up the valley walls will likely be via wind-scoured spurs – measures should be taken to reduce exposure to fall hazards.

ONSEN NEARBY
The natural choice for a post-ski onsen hot-spring soak is Ryouunkaku Onsen 凌雲閣温



泉 (800yen) next to the car park. The outdoor baths look east, out over the valley you've just skied. Just down the road is Kamihoroso カミホロ荘 (600yen), with wood-lined outdoor baths that look west across the Furano plains. Slightly further afield is the wildly popular Hakuginso Lodge 白銀荘 (700yen), with the largest outdoor bath facility in the area. If you'd prefer a wilder experience, there's the Fukiage Onsen 吹上温泉, a free wild onsen in the woods, accessed via a short 3 minute walk from the carpark. ■



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

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE
Please visit the full route guides for GPS files, interactive maps, and extra safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/ansei>



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Ansei Crater
Kamihoro Valley

安政火口周辺 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Map, declination from GRID NORTH: 9°43' W (-3' per year) | MGRS Zone: 54TXP
Grid spacing: 1000m | Map by hokkaidowilds.org CC BY SA 2023/03/06

Symbol Key

3:00

Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *

Freeride Route *

Advanced Route *

5

National Highway

66

Prefectural Highway / Gate

Municipal Road

Minor Municipal Road

Forestry Road

Bus route / Stop

Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift

Municipal boundary

Power lines

600

Contour lines (100m, 10m)

Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks

Trees / No trees

Buildings

Backcountry gates

Ploughed parking / Onsen facility

Shop / Public toilet

Hut / Campground

Shrine / Temple

Hot spring / Fumerole

Transmission tower

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

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Features 地点名

1 - Kita-one TGR 北尾根TGR

2 - Kita-one 北尾根

3 - Nishi-shamen 西斜面

4 - Hoko-iwa Chokusen Chute ホコ岩直線シュート

5 - Hoko-iwa Ku-no-ji Chute ホコ岩くの字シュート

6 - Beberui-sawa ベベルイ沢

7 - L-ji Chute L字シュート

8 - Kumagera Chute クマゲラシュート

9 - Kaun Bowl 華雲ボウル

10 - Onsen Slope 温泉スロープ

11 - D-one D尾根

12 - Yatsude-iwa 八手岩

13 - Yatsude-one 八手尾根

14 - Hokusei-ryo 北西稜

15 - Kako-runse 下降ルンゼ

16 - Furiko-sawa フリコ沢

17 - Yon-danme 四段目

18 - Gake-one 崖尾根

19 - Meoto-iwa 夫婦岩

20 - Nihon-matsu 二本松

21 - Byobu-iwa 屏風岩

22 - Sho-terrace 小テラス

23 - Dai-terrace 大テラス

24 - Osawa 大沢

25 - Nishi-no-tani 西の谷

26 - Sandan-kako 三段火口

27 - Ichi-danme 一段目

28 - Ni-danme 二段目

29 - Namida-kabe 涙壁

30 - San-danme 三段目

31 - Roka Corridor 廊下

32 - Higashi-no-tani 東の谷

33 - Higashi-kabe 東壁

34 - Namako-one ナマコ尾根

35 - Kujira-one くじら尾根

36 - Kabawara-one カバワ尾根

37 - Chiharu-zawa 千春沢

38 - Shomen Slope 正面スロープ

39 - Bowl-shamen ボウル斜面

41 - Yu-no-sawa 湯の沢

CAUTION: Chute naming does not guarantee possibility to ski.

Waterfalls 滝

A - Hokke-no-taki 法華ノ滝

B - Yuima-no-taki 維摩ノ滝

C - Shoman-no-taki 勝鬘ノ滝

D - Ojika-no-taki 雄鹿ノ滝

E - Meijika-no-taki 雌鹿ノ滝

F - Kokonoe-no-taki 九重ノ滝

G - Kaun-no-taki 華雲ノ滝

This topographic map depicts the Ansei Crater and Kamihoro Valley region in Hokkaido, Japan. The map features a grid system with coordinates ranging from 142°37' to 142°43' East and 43°23' to 43°26' North. Key geographical features include the Kamifurano-cho (上富良野町) and Maefurano-dake (前富良野岳) in the west, and the Daisetsuzan National Park (大雪山国立公園) in the east. The map shows a network of roads, including National Highway 5 and Prefectural Highway 66, as well as various trails and routes marked with different colors and symbols. Notable peaks and ridges are labeled, such as Sandan-yama (三段山), Maetokachi (前十勝), and Kamifurano-dake (上富良野岳). The map also includes a detailed symbol key for various features like ski routes, freeride routes, advanced routes, and various types of roads. A scale bar indicates a distance of 1,000 meters. A note at the bottom left states that the map is georeferenced and provides a link to the full route guides. A disclaimer at the bottom right states that the map is provided as a service and that the user assumes all responsibility for its use.

PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS

STEP 1

Load your printer with A3 printer paper (297mm x 420mm). If you've only got Tabloid or Ledger size (279mm x 432 mm), just follow the instructions below. You'll achieve an accurate scale, but the map will be clipped a little at the top and bottom.

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".

PLEASE PRINT AT 'ACTUAL SIZE' (NO SCALING)

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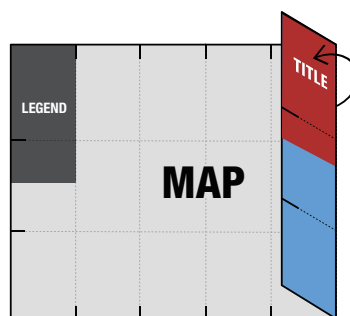
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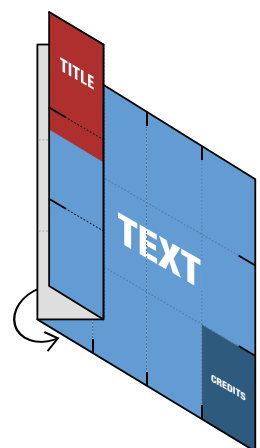
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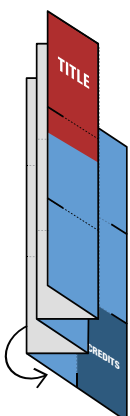
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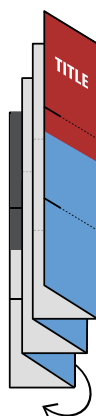
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