



Hanmen-yama


Ashibetsu-dake

芦別岳半面山 Ski Touring Map 1:25000







6hrs
Time




1060m
Total Climb




1377m
Highest point



10km
Distance



7/10
Difficulty



Jan-Mar
Best season

Ashibetsu-dake 芦別岳 (1726m) is a serious alpine peak in the Yubari Range 夕張山地 near Furano City in central Hokkaido. It's a fine ski mountaineering objective, but it requires a good weather window to attempt. Hanmen-yama 半面山 (1377m) is a minor peak serving as an advance-guard of sorts - a necessary transit point for both this Winter Ridge route 冬尾根 and summer trail 夏道 on the way to the main prize. On stormy days, however, Hanmen-yama becomes a worthy objective in its own right, particularly via this winter ridge. There are a number of lappable slopes at the upper part of the route which hold snow well. If the weather is putting a damper on other larger objectives in the area, a walk up Hanmen-yama might be the antidote.



LOCATION

Hanmen-yama sits just east of the summit of Ashibetsu-dake in the middle of the Yubari Range near Furano City in central Hokkaido. This route up the “Winter Ridge” 冬尾根, as it’s referred to some, starts at the entrance of the Karamatsu-rindo forestry road カラマツ沢林道 next to the Furano Recycling Center, on the eastern side of the range.

GENERAL NOTES

Ashibetsu-dake is somewhat of a unicorn in the mountains around Furano City. The summit facilitates access to some committing and challenging terrain. It’s a rare day, however, that the weather will allow a summit in deep winter. This winter ridge to the transit-peak that is Hanmen-yama, however, fills the gap when seeking a backcountry adventure when visibility or wind might preclude a summit attempt. In particular the slopes on the south side of the ridge, in the upper portion of the ridge, offer some great lappable terrain.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES

The timing above applies to a leisurely, simple up-and-back mission in very deep mid-winter powder snow. It doesn’t take into account lapping terrain.

From the main road, skin about 800m west up the Karamatsu-rindo forestry road カラマツ沢林道. About 100m after the gate, at the hard left hairpin bend, continue westwards. You’ll walk along a very gently rising clearing

in the plantation forest before gaining the ridge at around 460m. The ridge is compact and disturbingly bushy until around the 950m mark, where things finally open up considerably.

Keeping an eye on possible lappable zones on the climber’s left (south) as you climb, continue along the ridge. You may need to cut steep kickturns out on the southern slopes at times to effectively gain altitude – the ridge can be narrow in places. The summit of Hanmen-yama (1377m) comes all of a sudden. It’s a featureless summit, with no clear high point. There’s a summit sign, but you’ll have to search for it.

From Hanmen-yama, make the call to either continue on to the Ashibetsu-dake summit or descend and make the most of the



YUBARI RANGE

lappable terrain off the winter ridge towards Ichinosawa-gawa 一の沢川. The return to the trailhead is back along the ascent ridge.

TRANSPORT

By car: The trailhead is a 20 minute (14km) drive from central Furano City via National Highway 38. There is no dedicated parking at the trailhead. Skiers will typically park in a small cleared area at the very start of Karamatsu-rindo forestry road. There’s room to park two cars at a pinch. This spot is in fact a place for snowplows to push snow when clearing roads after heavy snow. If parking after heavy snow and before plows have come through, be sensitive to snowplow access (avoid parking on the side of the road).

Public transport: The JR Yamabe Station 山部駅 is a 40 minute walk (3km) from the trailhead. Yamabe Station is a 14-minute train ride from Furano Station.

SAFETY NOTES

The slopes on the south side of the winter ridge all drop into a deep and narrow gully (the Ichino-sawa-gawa gully). This is a serious terrain trap where skiers would get buried very deep if caught in an avalanche. Ski with caution and be aware of what the snowpack is doing. If shooting for the Ashibetsu-dake summit, see the Ashibetsu-dake Shindo route ski touring post on HokkaaidoWilds.org for safety notes.

ONSEN NEARBY


If there’s just one thing that the immediate Furano area lacks, it’s good natural onsen. Drive 40 minutes up to the Tokachi Onsen area, and you’ll be in heaven – our pick is Hakuginso’s massive outdoor onsen complex. But if you’re headed back to Furano, try out the pokey but cute Hotel Naturwald Furano ホテルナトゥールヴァルト富良野 (600yen), right next to the Furano ski area. ■



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/ashbhan>



Disclaimer


The information on this map was derived from digital databases provided by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and the Biodiversity Center of Japan. Care was taken in the creation of this map. HokkaidoWilds.org cannot accept any responsibility for errors, omissions, or positional accuracy. There are no warranties, expressed or implied, including the warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, accompanying this product. However, notification of any errors will be appreciated.

TEXT, PHOTOS, MAP | Rob Thomson

hokkaidowilds.org 2023/03/15

MAP FOLD & LAYOUT CONCEPT | @welldonegan

Unless indicated otherwise, all content on this PDF is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-ShareAlike 4.0 International License (CC BY-SA 4.0). Please attribute <author-name> (hokkaidowilds.org), and let us know so we can link to your work. E.g., “Photo by Rick Siddle (hokkaidowilds.org)”



Hanmen-yama

Ashibetsu-dake

芦別岳半面山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1 cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

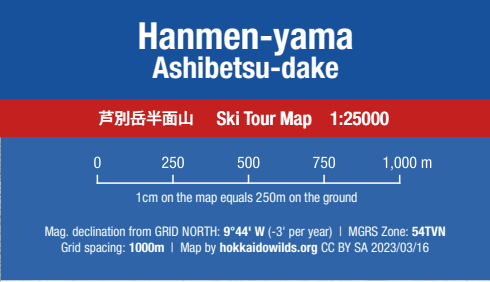
Hanmen-yama

Ashibetsu-dake

芦別岳半面山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000

0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1 cm on the map equals 250m on the ground



Hanmen-yama
























Ashibetsu-dake

芦別岳半面山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000
























0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1 cm on the map equals 250m on the ground
























Symbol Key

	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (line) *		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 / Fumole
	Municipal boundary		Transmission tower
	Power lines		

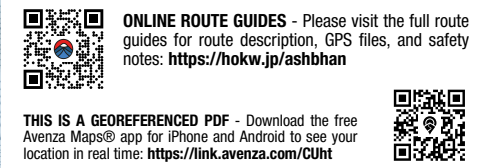
* Denotes tower line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanches/falls etc).

- ## Symbol Key
- | | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|
|  | Ascent/Ski-tour Route (line) * |  | 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 / Fumole |
|  | Municipal boundary |  | Transmission tower |
|  | Power lines | | |
- * Denotes tower line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanches/falls etc).

Symbol Key

	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (line) *		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 / Fumole
	Municipal boundary		Transmission tower
	Power lines		

* Denotes tower line denotes technical skill required (adverse surface conditions, very high exposure to avalanches/falls etc).

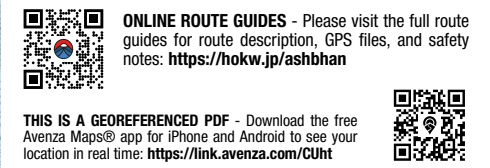


ONLINE ROUTE GUIDES - Please visit the full route guides for route description, GPS files, and safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/ashbhan>

THIS IS A GEOREFERENCED PDF - Download the free Avenza Maps® app for iPhone and Android to see your location in real time: <https://link.avenza.com/Cuht>

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDES - Please visit the full route guides for route description, GPS files, and safety notes: <https://hokw.jp/ashbhan>

THIS IS A GEOREFERENCED PDF - Download the free Avenza Maps® app for iPhone and Android to see your location in real time: <https://link.avenza.com/Cuht>



Disclaimer The information on the map was derived from digital databases provided by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and the Biodiversity Center of Japan. No warranty was taken in the creation of this map. HokkaidoWilds.org cannot accept any responsibility for errors, omissions, or positional accuracy. There are no warranties, expressed or implied, including the warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, accompanying this product. However, notification of any errors will be appreciated.

この地図の作成に当たっては、国土地理院の国土地理院データ、国土地理院の電子地図データ（イデム）を使用し、環境省の2009年度版「日本の生物多様性」データベース（日本生物多様性センター）を利用し、HokkaidoWilds.orgが作成、加工したものである。

We created this map using the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan digital base map (Ideam) and the Biodiversity Center of Japan's director's specimen list. No 30-point, the 800-point, the 1500-point scale vegetation map data created by the Biodiversity Center of Japan (<http://gis.biodic.jp/>).

Disclaimer The information on the map was derived from digital databases provided by the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan and the Biodiversity Center of Japan. No warranty was taken in the creation of this map. HokkaidoWilds.org cannot accept any responsibility for errors, omissions, or positional accuracy. There are no warranties, expressed or implied, including the warranty of merchantability or fitness for a particular purpose, accompanying this product. However, notification of any errors will be appreciated.

この地図の作成に当たっては、国土地理院の国土地理院データ、国土地理院の電子地図データ（イデム）を使用し、環境省の2009年度版「日本の生物多様性」データベース（日本生物多様性センター）を利用し、HokkaidoWilds.orgが作成、加工したものである。

We created this map using the Geospatial Information Authority of Japan digital base map (Ideam) and the Biodiversity Center of Japan's director's specimen list. No 30-point, the 800-point, the 1500-point scale vegetation map data created by the Biodiversity Center of Japan (<http://gis.biodic.jp/>).

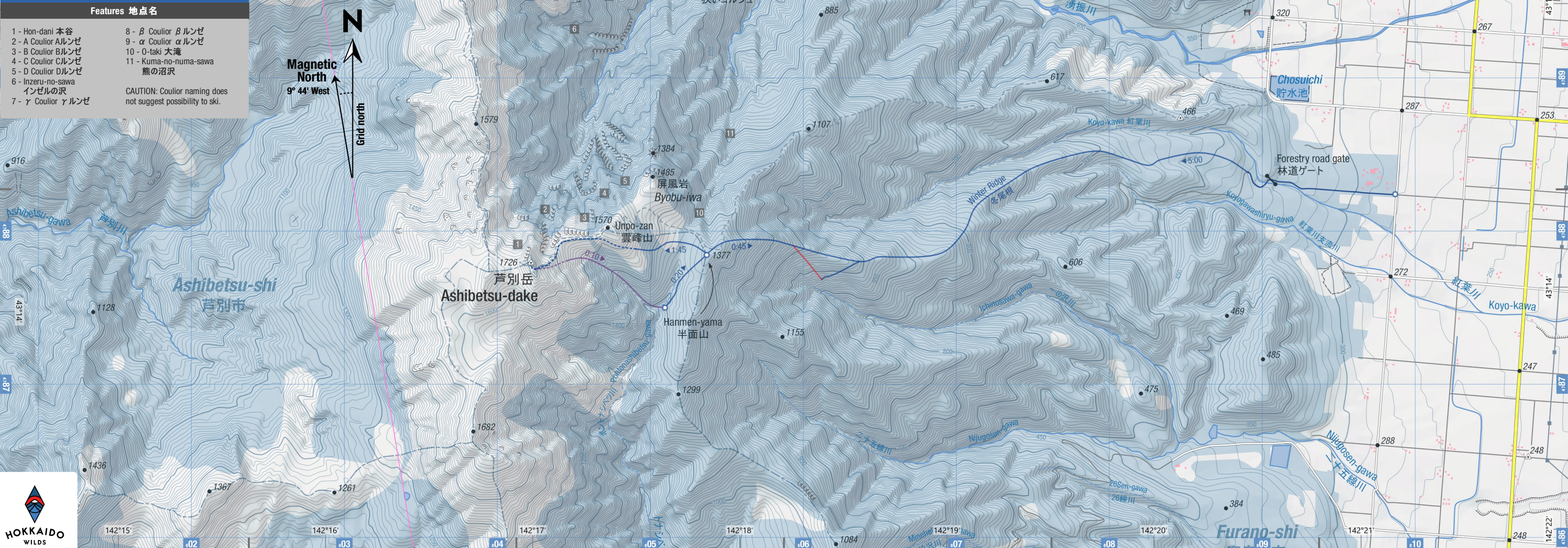
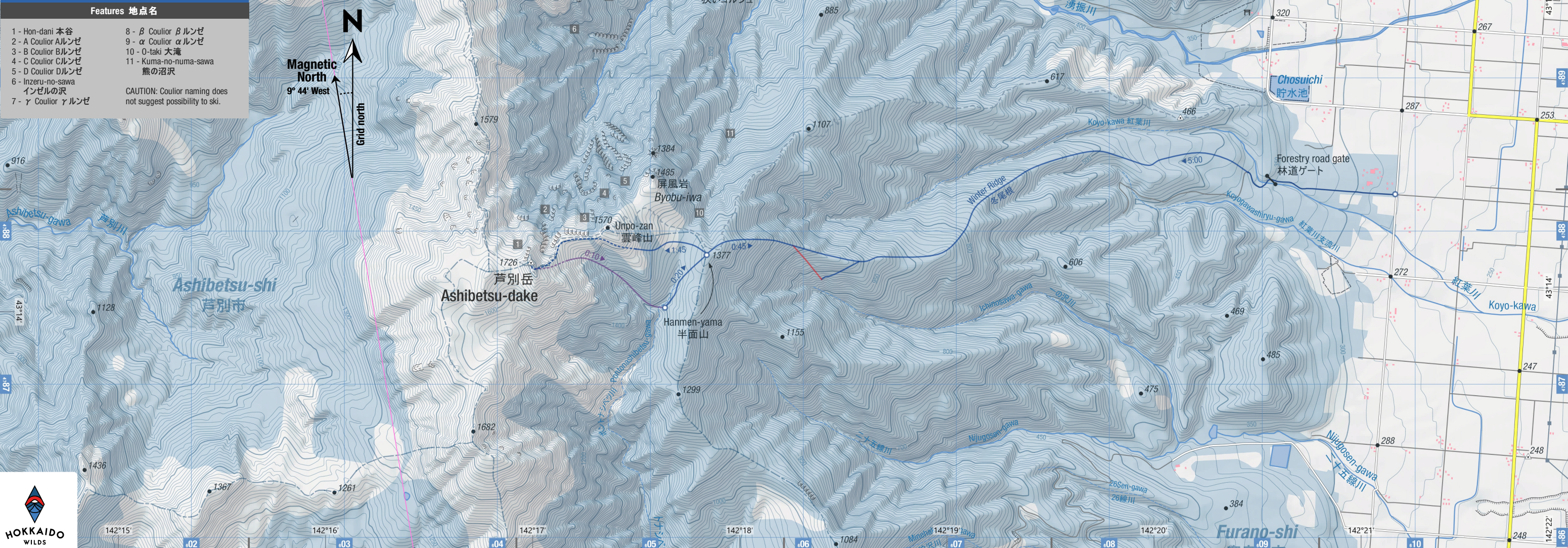
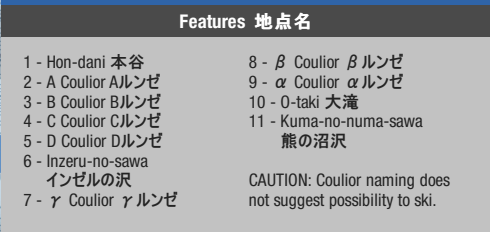
Features 地名

1 - Hon-dani 本谷	8 - β Coulior β ルンゼ
2 - A Coulior α ルンゼ	9 - α Coulior α ルンゼ
3 - B Coulior β ルンゼ	10 - O-taki 大滝
4 - C Coulior γ ルンゼ	11 - Kuma-no-numa-sawa 熊の沼沢
5 - D Coulior δ ルンゼ	
6 - Inzeru-no-sawa インゼルの沢	CAUTION: Coulior naming does not suggest possibility to ski.
7 - γ Coulior γ ルンゼ	

- ## Features 地名
- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 - Hon-dani 本谷 | 8 - β Coulior β ルンゼ |
| 2 - A Coulior α ルンゼ | 9 - α Coulior α ルンゼ |
| 3 - B Coulior β ルンゼ | 10 - O-taki 大滝 |
| 4 - C Coulior γ ルンゼ | 11 - Kuma-no-numa-sawa
熊の沼沢 |
| 5 - D Coulior δ ルンゼ | |
| 6 - Inzeru-no-sawa
インゼルの沢 | CAUTION: Coulior naming does
not suggest possibility to ski. |
| 7 - γ Coulior γ ルンゼ | |

Features 地名

1 - Hon-dani 本谷	8 - β Coulior β ルンゼ
2 - A Coulior α ルンゼ	9 - α Coulior α ルンゼ
3 - B Coulior β ルンゼ	10 - O-taki 大滝
4 - C Coulior γ ルンゼ	11 - Kuma-no-numa-sawa 熊の沼沢
5 - D Coulior δ ルンゼ	
6 - Inzeru-no-sawa インゼルの沢	CAUTION: Coulior naming does not suggest possibility to ski.
7 - γ Coulior γ ルンゼ	



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)

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.

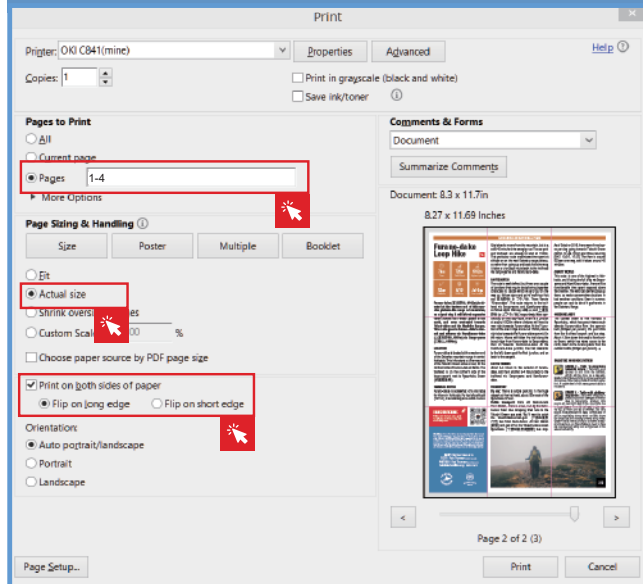
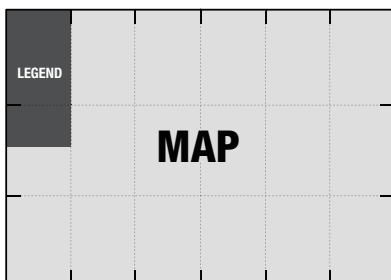


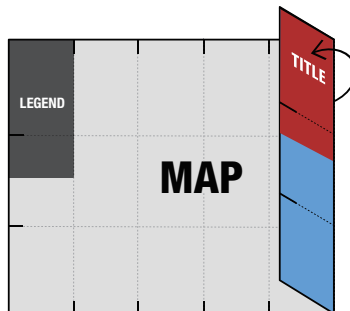
Figure 1. Ensure "Actual Size" is selected (Windows).

ORIGAMI INSTRUCTIONS

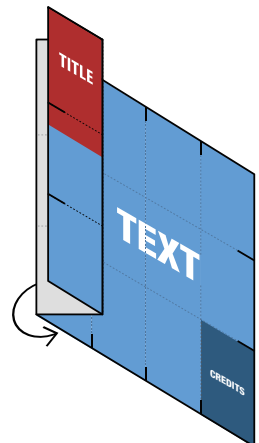
1



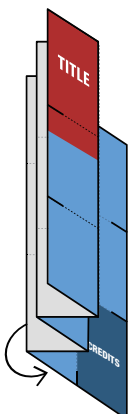
2



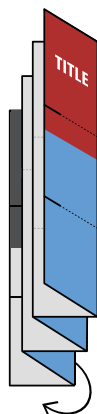
3



4



5



6



7

