



Ansei Crater


Kamihorokamettoku-yama

安政火口 Ski Touring Map 1:25000







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

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Tokachi Range

Southern Reaches

十勝連峰 (南方) Ski Tour Map 1:25000

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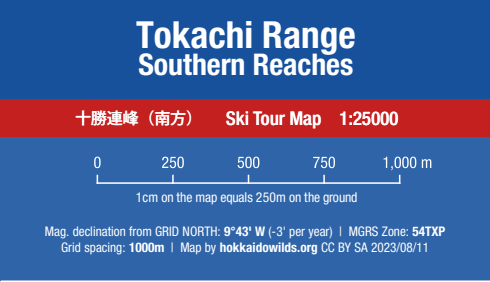
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

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

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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		

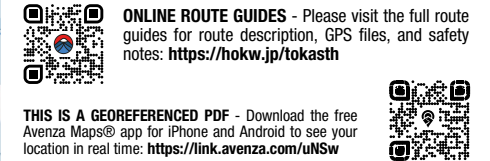
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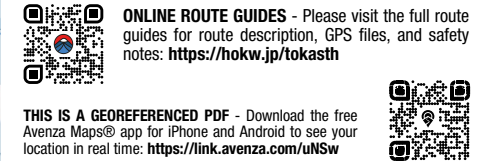
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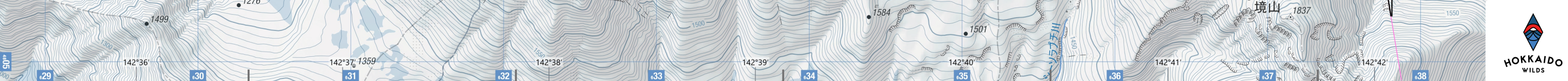
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Features 地点名

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| 1 - Kita-one TGR 北尾根 TGR | 21 - Byobu-iwa 屏風岩 |
| 2 - Kita-one 北尾根 | 22 - Sho-terrace フラテラス |
| 3 - Nishi-shamen 西斜面 | 23 - Dai-terrace デテラス |
| 4 - Hokiwiwa Chokusen Chute | 24 - Osawa 大沢 |
| 5 - 北岩 直線シュート | 25 - Nishi-no-tani 西の谷 |
| 6 - Hokiwiwa Ku-no-ji Chute | 26 - Sandan-kako 三段火口 |
| 7 - 北岩くの字シュート | 27 - Ichi-danme 一段目 |
| 8 - Beberui-sawa ベバレイ沢 | 28 - Ni-danme 二段目 |
| 9 - L-ji Chute L字シュート | 29 - Namida-kabe 涙壁 |
| 8 - Kumagera Chute | 30 - San-danme 三段目 |
| クゲラシュート | 31 - Roka Corridor 廊下 |
| 9 - Kaun Bowl 華雲ボウル | 32 - Higashi-shi-no-tani 東の谷 |
| 10 - Onsen Slope | 33 - Higashi-kabe 東壁 |
| 温泉スロープ | 34 - Namako-one ナマコ尾根 |
| 11 - D-one D尾根 | 35 - Kujira-one くじら尾根 |
| 12 - Yatsude-iwa 八手岩 | 36 - Kabawara-one カバワラ尾根 |
| 13 - Yatsude-one 八手尾根 | 37 - Chiharu-sawa 千春沢 |
| 14 - Hokusei-ryo 北西稜 | 38 - Shomen Slope 正面スロープ |
| 15 - Kaka-runse 下降ルンゼ | 39 - Shomen-shamen ボウル斜面 |
| 16 - Furiko-sawa フリコ沢 | 40 - Yu-no-sawa 湯の沢 |
| 17 - Yon-danme 四段目 | 41 - Ponpi-sawa ポンピ沢 |
| 18 - Gake-one 崖根 | |
| 19 - Meoto-iwa 夫婦岩 | CAUTION: Chute naming does not |
| 20 - Nihon-matsu 二本松 | guarantee possibility to ski. |

Waterfalls 滝

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| A - Hokke-no-taki 法華ノ滝 | E - Mejika-no-taki 蜷鹿ノ滝 |
| B - Yulima-no-taki 維摩ノ滝 | F - Kokonoe-no-taki 九重ノ滝 |
| C - Shoman-no-taki 勝鬚ノ滝 | G - Kaun-no-taki 華鬘ノ滝 |
| D - Ojika-no-taki 雄鹿ノ滝 | |



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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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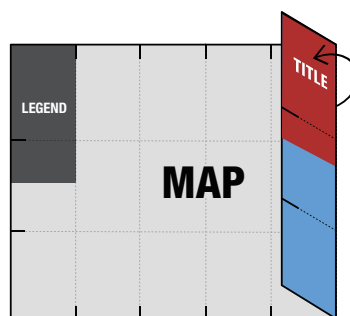
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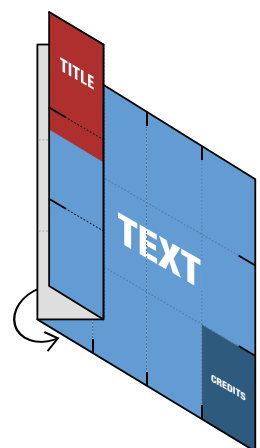
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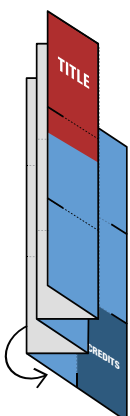
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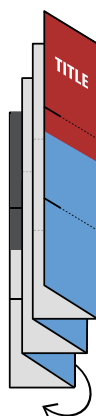
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