



Nishi-shamen


Furano-dake

富良野岳西斜面Ski Touring Map 1:25000







4hrs
Time




500m
Total Climb




1400m
Highest point



5km
Distance



6.5/10
Difficulty



Jan-Mar
Best season

Furano-dake’s 富良野岳 (1912m) Nishi-shamen 西斜面 (literally West Slope) is a beautiful powder run off the skier’s left of the popular Giant Ridge ジャイアント尾根. In perfect conditions, skiers could have up to 500m of vertical descent, from well in the alpine to well below the treeline. In most cases, the skiing from the ridge down into the gully at around 1350m will allow for some fine lappable tree skiing even when the alpine is too blustery to get beyond the treeline.



LOCATION
Furano-dake is the final tall peak before the Daistsuzan Range in central Hokkaido terminates in the south of the range. Note that the *Daisetsuzan Range* is the moniker for the 80km north-to-south range in totality, while the *Tokachi Range* refers to the southern half of the Daisetsuzan Range, with Furnao-dake at it’s southern terminus. This route starts and finishes at the main, busy winter trailhead for Furano-dake, at the turn-off to Hakuginso Lodge.

GENERAL NOTES
If Furano-dake’s Giant Ridge is the bread-and-butter up-and-back route on this impressive peak, then this Nishi-shame, dropping into the Nijurinpan-sawa Gully 二十林班沢, is the delicious topping. It requires a hike back up to the ridge after you’ve squeezed up to 500m of vertical descent out of the large gully, but it’s well worth it. Fit parties will find that if they set a suitable skin track back up to Giant Ridge, they’ll be able to enjoy multiple laps of this slope over about five to six hours of skiing.

Worth noting is that the large guided ski tour groups generally start at around 9am. It’s not uncommon to share Giant Ridge with multiple parties of 10 skiers or more. Independent skiers may want to get to the mountain much earlier – winter daybreak is around 7am in this area.

ROUTE TIMING AND NOTES
For a simple up and back trip, exepct about 2 hours from the trailhead to the 1,500m point on the Giant Ridge. From there, it’s just over

an hour back to the trailhead, via a ski down the Nishi-shamen and then hike back up to the ridge. Add on as much time you want depending on how many times you want to lap the slope.

This route is not marked. From the carpark, walk downhill on the main road about 50m, and clamber over the snowbank on the left, just next to the large erosion dam on the river. From the dam there’s a road heading upstream, down to the shallow braids of the river. Mid-season should see most of the creek covered, but either way, there are small wooden foot-bridges in place to ease the crossings (best



tackled with skis off).

Once across the creek, wrap your way south-ish around the spur just next to the dam to a small gully, and follow this up to around 1000m. From there, cross the gully to gain the Giant Ridge, and follow this uphill to around the 1500m point, or where the snow deteriorates. As mentioned above, it is rare for skiers to ascend anywhere near the summit of Furano-dake via this route, as the snow and climbing conditions deteriorate considerably.

At a convenient location, drop down the northeast aspect (skier’s left of Giant Ridge) of Nishi-shamen. Traverse a couple of times to skier’s right as you drop, to get the most downhill before hitting the gully.

Once you’ve squeezed out as much descent from the northeast aspect as possible, hike back up to the Giant Ridge for the ski back out to the trailhead. This ski back out is generally heinous, with lots of trees and thick new growth to contend with.

TRANSPORT
By car: There is a large plowed parking area across the road from the trailhead here, just at the turnoff to Fukiage Onsen. There is more than enough room for two cars to park head-to-tail along the depth of the parking area – parties with more than one vehicle should strive to park each other in in order not to take up too much space. If this car park is full, vehicles should not be parked on the road at the

intersection, or on the road leading towards Fukiage Onsen. There are a couple of small cleared spots along the road here and there, but if they’re all full, drive along the road 2km to the Fukiage Onsen carpark. It’s only 20 minutes extra skin back to the trailhead, and when you return, you’re in prime position to enjoy one of Hokkaido’s best wild onsen. As this area becomes more popular, parking at the trail-head here is becoming more of an issue.


Public transport: From JR Kami-Furano Train Station (上富良野駅), there is a bus, run by the Kami-Furano Town Bus company, that runs to the Hakuginso Lodge. You’ll want to catch the tokachidake-onsen-yuki (十勝岳温泉行き) bus from the train station and get off at the Okinakouen (翁公園前) bus stop. The Okinakouen bust stop is right at the winter trailhead for Furano-dake. As of January 2023, there were three buses per day there (08:52, 12:49, 16:31) and three returning (9:54, 13:44, 17:33). The fare is around 500yen one way, and it takes around 30 minutes. Note that skis should be packed in a bag of some sort . We use simple plastic ski bags on buses here, as they back down to nothing when touring.

SAFETY NOTES
The main Giant Ridge can be considered relatively safe in regards to avalanche risk, particularly below 1400m (treeline). Skiing off this ridge either skier’s left (Nishi-shamen) or right (Beberui-sawa), however, gets the skier well within classic avalanche terrain – take appropriate precautions. Also note that above treeline, surface conditions on Giant Ridge may get very hard-packed. Skiers may appreciate carrying ski crampons.


ONSEN NEARBY

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

The Ryouunkaku inn at the end of the road at Tokachi Onsen has one of the best views from their open-air hot springs that we’ve ever seen. If you’d rather go full dirtbag, then head along the road towards the Hakuginso Lodge and try out the mixed-gender open-air wild hot springs, Fukiage Onsen, here. The ultra-affordable Hakuginso Lodge also has a really nice, large outdoor onsen area, with mixed bathing (swimsuits required for the mixed bathing area). ■



HAKUGINSO



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Details:

Fully serviced mountain lodge. Massive onsen attached with mixed bathing area (swimsuits OK). Full self-catering kitchen, bunk beds, basement drying room and ski racks. Basic foodstuffs available.

Capacity:

70 persons.

Cost:

3,250yen per night.

Contact:

Hakuginso Lodge (吹上温泉保養センター 白銀荘), TEL: 0167-45-4126.

Booking details:

Lodge busy on weekends - booking highly recommended.

ONLINE ROUTE GUIDE

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



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Tokachi Range

Southern End

十勝連峰 (南方)

Ski Tour Map 1:25000

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1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

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Grid spacing: 1000m | Map by hokkaidowilds.org CC BY SA 2024/01/23

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

40 - Yu-no-sawa 湯の沢

41 - Ponpi-sawa ポンピ沢

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

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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".

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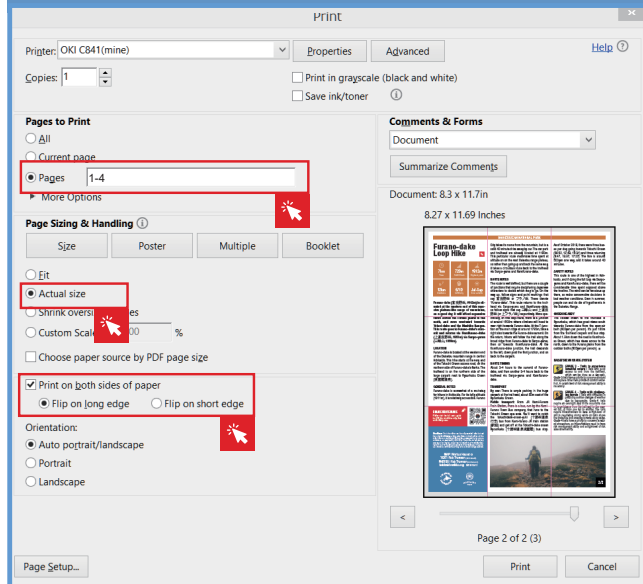
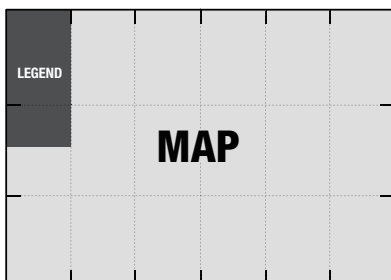


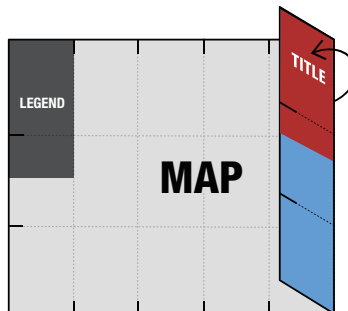
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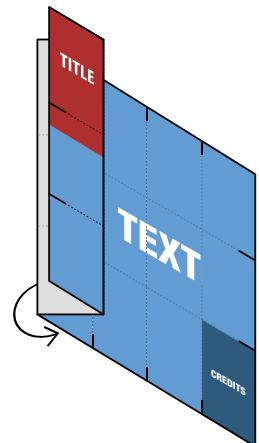
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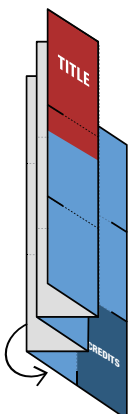
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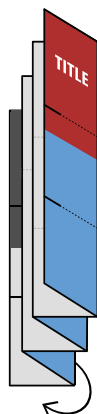
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