



Fuyuji-yama Horokanai

幌加内町 冬路山 Ski Tour Map 1:25000



0 250 500 750 1,000 m

1cm on the map equals 250m on the ground

Magnetic declination from GRID NORTH: 10° 1' W | MGRS Zone: 54TWP

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

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Symbol Key

3:00	Ascent/Ski-tour Route (time) *	600	Contour lines (100m, 10m)
Red dashed line	Freeride Route *	Cliffs / Bluff / Rocks	
Purple dashed line	Advanced Route *	Trees / No trees	
Blue line with 5	National Highway	Buildings	
Yellow line with 66	Prefectural Highway / Gate	Backcountry gates	
Black line	Municipal Road	Ploughed parking / Onsen facility	
Thin black line	Minor Municipal Road	Shop / Public toilet	
Black line with cross-ticks	Forestry Road	Hut / Campground	
Red line with bus icon	Bus route / Stop	Shrine / Temple	
Black line with cross-ticks	Ski lift / Abandoned ski lift	Hot spring / Fumerole	
Blue dashed line	Municipal boundary	Transmission tower	
Black line with cross-ticks	Power lines		

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



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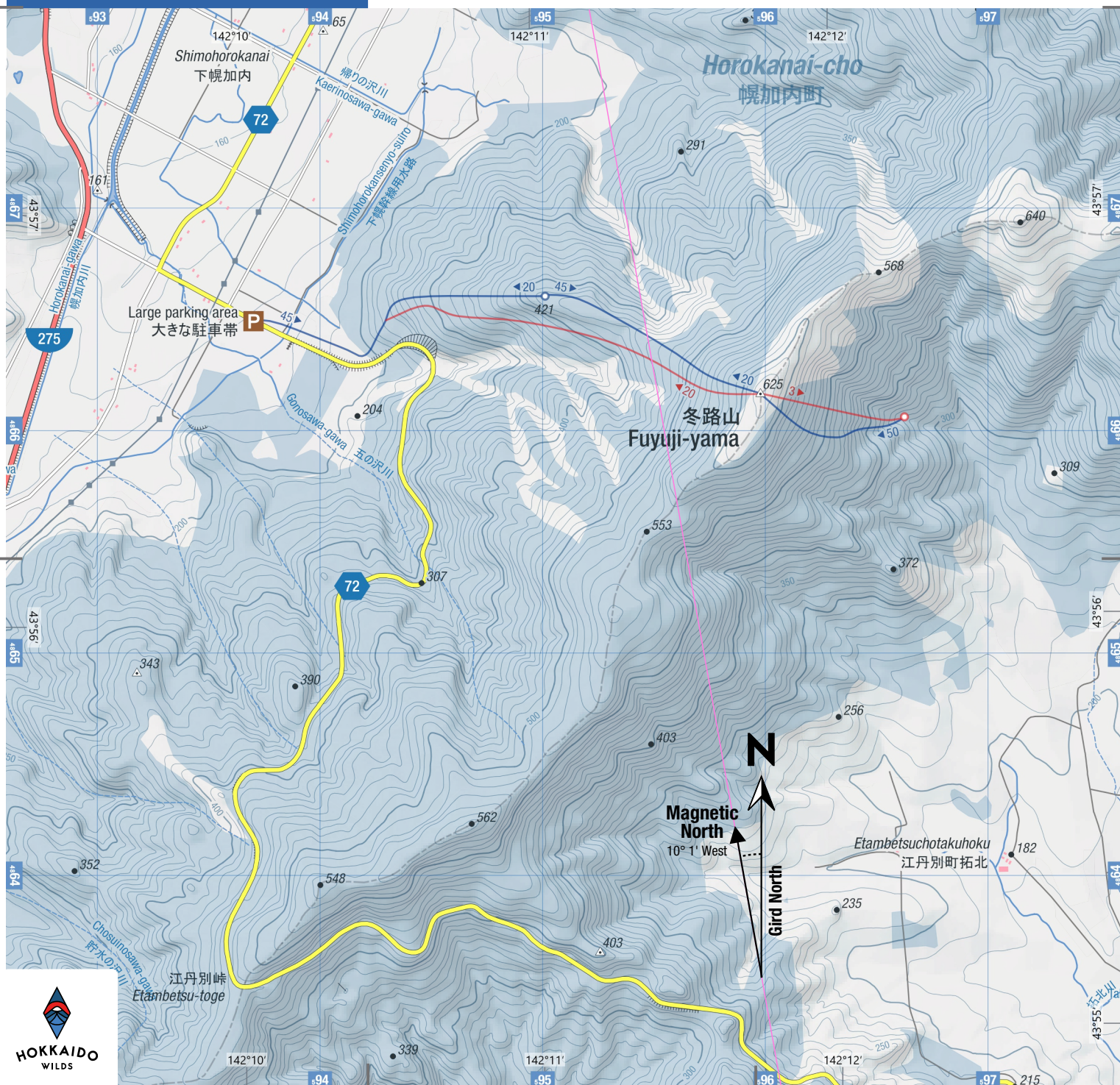


Japanese Map Glossary

Romaji	Kanji	English
bunki cho	分岐町	junction town
dake/mine eki	岳/峯 駅	peak station
goya/koya hinangoya	小屋 避難小屋	hut 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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Fuyuji-yama



5hrs Time	640m Total Climb	625m Highest point
6.5km Distance	5.5/10 Difficulty	Dec-Feb Best season

Fuyuji-yama 冬路山 (625m) is a low-lying peak in the sprawling northern Hokkaido backcountry playground, the Horokanai valley. Don't let its low altitude fool you. Horokanai consistently gets Hokkaido's lowest temperatures and holds the record for Japan's lowest recorded temperature of -41.2°C. Despite this, the area also gets enormous snowfall, with none of the high winds of higher alpine areas of Hokkaido. Fuyuji-yama offers easy access to supremely lappable slopes. Slopes are relatively low-angle, but the north-to-south ridgeline offers a huge acreage of skiable terrain on the eastern side.

LOCATION

Fuyuji-yama is located just north of Etanbetsu Pass 江丹別峠, southeast of Horokanai Town center. Horokanai Town itself is about 30km northwest of Asahikawa City in northern Hokkaido. This route up to the Fuyuji-yama summit approaches from the Horokanai side (western side) of the hills.

GENERAL NOTES

Horokanai is somewhat of a geographical,

climatological, and natural anomaly. Situated in the northern half of inland Hokkaido, it gets some of Hokkaido's lowest temperatures – daytime temperatures of below -20°C are not at all uncommon. This is despite it only being 150m above sea level. It also gets an enormous amount of snow during the winter season – as much or more than Niseko.

Fuyuji-yama is one of the sub-1000m peaks in the Horokanai basin/valley. The summit doesn't even break through the treeline. This means that it's relatively sheltered from any strong alpine winds – snow here tends to fall straight down, settling beautifully on Fuyuji-yama's low-angle perfect-for-skiing slopes. While the snow in the Horokanai area will be more easily affected by any large warming trends across Hokkaido, warming trends don't happen as often as further south in Hokkaido. Keep an eye on the weather, and if you see a few days of cold weather and snowfall in Horokanai, you will have a good time there.

Difficulty: Locally in Hokkaido, Fuyuji-yama has somewhat of a reputation as being a beginner-friendly peak. We would agree with this assessment – beginner backcountry skiers will appreciate the mellow slopes and easy approach. That said, experienced skiers will also enjoy the eastern slopes of Fuyuji-yama. Walk a few hundred meters north along the ridge, and you'll find some steeper pitches, and some fun gullies to explore. More than anything, the high quality and consistency of the powder snow will keep most folks very happy.

ROUTE NOTES

From the parking bay on Route 72, skin alongside the road atop the snow banks towards the forest. Once in the forest, navigate your way across the mess of small streams in earnest up to the 421m point on the topo. It's not a steep climb up the broad ridge. Long ascending traverses with just a couple of kick-turns will make short work of it.

From the 421m point, there is a section of the ridge that is flat, and if anything, ever so slightly downhill. You can avoid this flat section on the descent by skiing skier's left of the ridge.

Where the ridge joins the main western 'face' of Fuyuji-yama is a beautifully consistent low-angle slope. Old-growth trees are wonderfully spaced. To the climber's left of the ridge are some short, steeper downhill slopes that took all our collective discipline not to rip skins and ski. For better skiing, carry on to the summit and ski the eastern face.

From the summit, rip skins and get your first descent in. From the summit proper, we'd say you really can't go wrong no matter where you end up skiing – more left, more right, right down the middle, it's all very good. The eastern face of Fuyuji-yama is a fairly popular backcountry spot though, so you may find walking a few hundred meters north or south along the ridge before dropping in will allow for a more untracked experience.

Once you've had your fill of the eastern face, hike back up to the summit and ski the western side back to Route 72. Head just skier's left of the flat ridge and make a high traversing descent, keeping on contour as much as possible. Doing so will allow you to return to your vehicle without donning skins.

TRANSPORT

By car: Horokanai is a 50 minute drive north from Asahikawa City center, or a 2 hour drive north of Sapporo City center via the expressway (2hr 45m on the low roads). Parking is easy and generous in the plowed parking area on Route 72 (the Etanbetsu Pass road).

Public transport: There's no public transport to this route.

SAFETY NOTES

It's easy to forget just how cold Horokanai can get. Come well prepared for temperatures well below -10°C, even at the trailhead, despite the low altitude. Generally, slopes are low-angle on the main faces (around 30° or ever so slightly less), but there are some isolated steep terrain traps lower down on the eastern face – the broadly consistent eastern face splits up into a labyrinth of steep gullies and spurs that should be approached with caution. Horokanai is popular among backcountry skiers, but it's a very sparsely populated area. Police and fire brigade are not versed in backcountry rescue. Expect emergency response times to be even slower than in other locales.

ONSEN NEARBY

20 minutes north of the trailhead along Route 275 is the newly refurbished and surprisingly modern Seiwa Onsen Luonto せいわ温泉ルオント (500yen), right next to the Horokanai Michi-no-eki. They've got an attached soba noodle restaurant with some of the most delicious soba noodles you'll eat in Japan (they have rice dishes as well). The onsen has outdoor pools, sauna, cold plunge pool, and a large relaxation area. ■

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STEP 2

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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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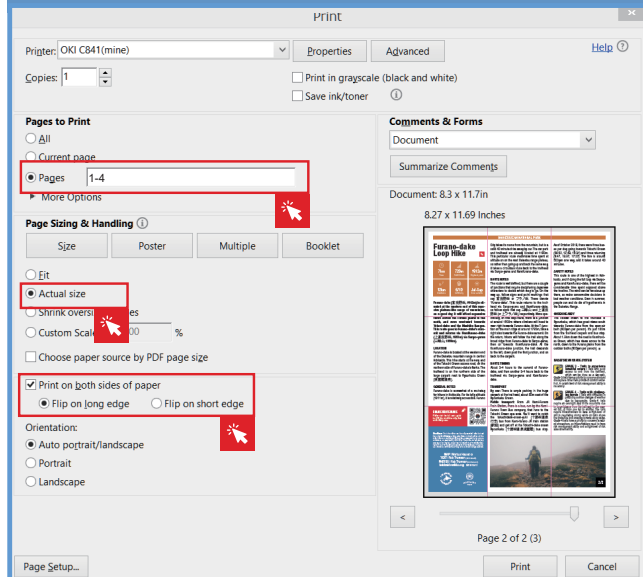


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